

Original sponsor: Hensley

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 100
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Requesting a feasibility study relating
6 to the construction of a slaughterhouse
7 on the Seward Peninsula, and agriculture
8 in the Matanuska and Tanana Valleys.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS a significant new development of the Alaska reindeer industry
11 would benefit all the people of Alaska, by providing a major source of food
12 and income to its residents; and

13 WHEREAS there are presently approximately 10,000 reindeer on the
14 northern part of the Seward Peninsula near Deering; and

15 WHEREAS a slaughterhouse facility in the area would provide an efficient
16 means for thinning out overgrazing herds; and

17 WHEREAS a new industry in this area would do much to alleviate the
18 severe poverty there; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to an expanded reindeer industry, the agricultural
20 industry demands comprehensive scrutiny, so that the most modern methods of
21 production, transportation, and marketing are instituted and maintained in
22 the state;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
24 quests the Department of the Interior in cooperation with the Department of
25 Agriculture, to conduct a feasibility study of building a slaughterhouse
26 facility on the northern part of the Seward Peninsula near Deering; and to
27 include in the study a comprehensive examination of agriculture in the
28 Matanuska and Tanana Valleys; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct

1 the Division of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, to supply all
2 available information on the existing reindeer and agriculture industry and
3 assist, when requested, in conducting the study.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.
5 Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner
6 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary
7 of Agriculture; the Honorable Charles Richmond, Area Director of the Bureau
8 of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Thomas E. Kelly, Commissioner of Natural
9 Resources; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
10 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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