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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31 *Am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to an Arctic closed area  
6 to the taking of game and fur  
7 animals.

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

9 WHEREAS once construction of the pipeline haul road from Livengood to  
10 its terminus has begun, there will be a vast influx of resident and non-  
11 resident hunters, trappers and tourists into this Arctic area; and

12 WHEREAS there has been little trapping or hunting in the proposed road  
13 area for many years; and

14 WHEREAS because of the latter fact, the increased accessibility, and  
15 the pressure of population, animals in this Arctic area would be particularly  
16 vulnerable to trapping and hunting during the construction period; and

17 WHEREAS activities such as hunting and trapping in an area of heightened  
18 construction activity pose additional safety threats to personnel and equip-  
19 ment; and

20 WHEREAS one of the highest duties imposed on the state is adequate  
21 protection of its people and game resources;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that immediately after  
23 a permit is issued by the Secretary of the Interior for the construction of  
24 the trans-Alaska pipeline the Commissioner of Fish and Game is urgently  
25 requested to close, by emergency order, an area to the taking of game by  
26 trapping or hunting within a strip five miles wide from a center line which  
27 runs through an area designated by the United States Bureau of Land Manage-  
28 ment, land office serial numbers AA 5847, F 12505 and AA 6116 for at least  
29 the time necessary for completion of the trans-Alaska pipeline and its

1 accompanying haul road.

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