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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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 fish, 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 the Yukon
10 River to the road's terminus has begun, there will be a vast influx of
11 resident and non-resident hunters, trappers and tourists into this Arctic
12 area; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 at least the time necessary for completion of the trans-Alaska pipeline and
2 its accompanying haul road.

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