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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 Prudhoe Bay has begun, there will be a vast influx of resident and
11 non-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 particular-
16 ly vulnerable to trapping and hunting during the construction period; and

17 WHEREAS activities such as hunting and trapping in an area of heighten-
18 ed construction activity pose additional safety threats to personnel and
19 equipment; 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 re-
25 quested to close, by emergency order, an area to the taking of game by trap-
26 ping, fishing or hunting within a strip five miles wide on either side of a
27 center line which runs through an area designated by the United States Bureau
28 of Land Management, land office serial number AA 6116 for at least the time
29 necessary for completion of the trans-Alaska pipeline and its accompanying

1 haul road.

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