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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to geological mapping in  
6 the Western Brooks Range.

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

8 WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Alaska Legislature that the  
9 United States Geological Survey has published geological maps for the  
10 Selawik and Hughes Quadrangles and also for the Candle and Bendeleben  
11 Quadrangles, but is intending during 1971 to concentrate most mapping work  
12 in Eastcentral Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the mapping of areas in Eastcentral Alaska would not benefit  
14 any nearby population center; and

15 WHEREAS, according to proven geological criteria, the Western Brooks  
16 Range has a high probability factor of economic potential; and

17 WHEREAS if the Noatak, Baird Mountains and Ambler Quadrangles were  
18 mapped, exploration would be greatly increased and facilitated in that area;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS exploration is urgently needed in the Western Brook Range area  
21 so that any industrial potential may be more immediately utilized to the  
22 benefit of the people of Northwest Alaska;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
24 Geological Survey is respectfully requested to reevaluate its 1971 mapping  
25 priorities in Alaska and to make mapping of the Noatak, Baird Mountains and  
26 Ambler Quadrangles the immediate top priority.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.  
28 Morton, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable W. T.  
29 Pecora, Director, United States Geological Survey; and to the Honorable Ted

1 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable  
2 Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
3 Congress.

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