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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to development of Alaska's
6 reindeer industry.

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

8 WHEREAS in 1969 the State of Alaska approved plans for a cooperative
9 reindeer program to be implemented by the State of Alaska, the federal
10 government, and the Reindeer Association; and

11 WHEREAS at that time the State of Alaska considered the reindeer
12 industry as an agricultural pursuit and an integral segment of the red meat
13 industry in the state and recognized the necessity of state direction for
14 any program's success and viability; and

15 WHEREAS in 1969 the state made a reindeer program proposal to the
16 federal government for a federal-state coordinated program and to date this
17 proposal has not been accepted or even recognized by the federal government;
18 and

19 WHEREAS the myriad problems of the reindeer industry continue to exist
20 and, in fact, are multiplying since neither the federal government nor the
21 state has taken active steps to revitalize the industry; and

22 WHEREAS it is vital to the continued existence and development of the
23 reindeer industry in Alaska that the state take immediate and strong action
24 to develop a viable reindeer program;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
26 requested to direct the Departments of Commerce, Economic Development,
27 Natural Resources, and Fish and Game to immediately undertake a coordinated
28 planning effort designed to aid the reindeer industry in Alaska and to
29 outline a firm state reindeer development program plan; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor instruct all appropriate departments
2 of the state to immediately compile and forward to the Legislative Council
3 all reports concerning any facet of the reindeer industry in Alaska that
4 have heretofore been accomplished; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that a fully documented written report outlining a
6 plan for improved development of the reindeer industry in Alaska be sub-
7 mitted to the Eighth Legislature - Second Session.

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