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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to resource development.

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

7 WHEREAS the economic growth of this state is substantially dependent
8 on the wise development of its natural resources; and

9 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is engaged in a monumental struggle to
10 develop a viable resource based economy allowing responsible governmental
11 units to exist without the imposition of intolerable burdens upon their
12 citizens; and

13 WHEREAS job producing development of Alaska's resources is being
14 continually challenged and threatened on numerous fronts by certain groups
15 and organizations whose apparent objectives and interests, while assertedly
16 well-meaning, are adverse to the best interests of Alaska and its citizens;
17 and

18 WHEREAS enormous financial loss is daily accruing to the State of
19 Alaska and its citizens due to the inordinate delays often brought on by
20 baseless, irresponsible and costly court actions brought solely to delay,
21 impede or stop altogether the orderly job producing development of Alaska's
22 resources;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is
24 respectfully requested to direct the Attorney General or to retain indepen-
25 dent counsel to institute actions against the Sierra Club and all other
26 groups and parties seeking to thwart the orderly development of Alaska for
27 the benefit of its citizens; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that such actions be brought as class actions on
29 behalf of the state and all the people of Alaska for compensatory damages

1 of not less than one billion dollars to cover losses to date and for
2 injunctive relief from further vexatious litigation on the part of such
3 organizations, groups or parties.

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