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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Recommending that the western watershed of
6 Glacier Bay National Monument be removed
7 from the effects of S. 2371, pending the
8 results of a federal mineral study.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

10 WHEREAS Glacier Bay National Monument was created by Presidential
11 Proclamation No. 1733 of February 26, 1925; and

12 WHEREAS in 1936 the Congress of the United States adopted the Act of
13 June 22, 1936 which rendered the mineral deposits in the Monument, exclusive
14 of the land containing them, subject to location entry, patent and disposal
15 under the mining laws of the United States and under regulations by the
16 Secretary of the Interior; and

17 WHEREAS in reliance on this law, 270 unpatented mining and millsite
18 locations and 20 patented claims have been established within the Monument;
19 and

20 WHEREAS nickel is one of the critical minerals in which the nation is in
21 short supply from domestic sources; and

22 WHEREAS the National Commission on the Materials Policy in its latest
23 report, as well as the Secretary of Interior, has stressed the need for
24 development of domestic resources now; and

25 WHEREAS mining claims within the Monument are said to contain resources
26 of one billion pounds of nickel and 600 million pounds of copper; and

27 WHEREAS the bulk of this deposit is in the western watershed country
28 west of a line extending north-northwesterly from the west shoreline of
29 Taylor Bay, along the easterly limits of the rock outcrops and nunataks on

1 the west side of Brady Glacier, to the large rock outcrop (elevation 4,148)
2 at the divide between Brady Glacier and Reid Glacier; and

3 WHEREAS the Senate of the United States has passed S. 2371 which would,
4 allow the continuance of existing valid claims but would repeal the Act of
5 June 22, 1936 relating to further entry in Glacier Bay National Monument; and

6 WHEREAS the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska,
7 at a meeting held during the week of February 2, 1976, unanimously adopted a
8 resolution which recommended that consideration of the repealer with respect
9 to the western portion of the Monument be postponed pending the results of a
10 mineral survey scheduled to be completed in 1978 to be conducted by the U. S.
11 Bureau of Mines and the U. S. Geological Survey; and

12 WHEREAS the portion of the Monument subject to the recommendation of the
13 Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission is located in areas not
14 frequented extensively by the public; and

15 WHEREAS the exclusion of the western watershed from the repealer is
16 supported by all members of the Alaska Congressional delegation; and

17 WHEREAS if this area were actually mined, jobs would be created in an
18 area characterized by chronically high unemployment; and

19 WHEREAS such use of those sections of the Monument would have little or
20 no adverse permanent effect on the splendor and spectacular beauty of this
21 magnificent area;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
23 that the United States Congress, pending the results of the mineral survey
24 conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Mines and the U.S. Geological Survey, exclude
25 the following Glacier Bay National Monument lands from the repealer of the
26 Act of June 22, 1936 now included in S. 2371: that portion of Glacier Bay
27 National Monument described as the area between the following described line
28 on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west, comprising approximately
29 531,000 acres: the area bounded on the east by a line extending north-

1 northwesterly from the west shoreline of Taylor Bay, along the easterly
2 limits of the rock outcrops and nunataks on the west side of Brady Glacier,
3 to the large rock outcrop (elevation 4,148) at the divide between Brady
4 Glacier and Reid Glacier; thence westerly to Mount Bertha; thence west north-
5 westerly to Mount Orville; thence northwesterly and northerly along the
6 divide of the Fairweather Range to Mount Wilbur, Lituya Mountain, Mount
7 Salisbury, and Mount Quincy Adams.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
9 President of the United States; the Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary of
10 the Interior; the Honorable James A. Haley, Chairman, House Committee on
11 Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
12 able Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Repre-
13 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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