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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the Secretary of the Interior to
6 adequately protect the public interest
7 when reserving local easements under the
8 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

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

10 WHEREAS the clear intent of sec. 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims
11 Settlement Act was that the public interest be protected by the granting of
12 public easements within and across land patented under the Act; and

13 WHEREAS many valuable and necessary recommendations for maximizing that
14 protection have been made during the public participation phase of the Bureau
15 of Land Management's easement identification process; and

16 WHEREAS there is substantial concern among citizens' groups and others
17 about whether Order No. 2982, issued February 5, 1976, by the Secretary of
18 the Interior, establishes policy and guidelines which conform to the intent
19 of the Act, particularly regarding the specific protection of public recrea-
20 tional uses; and

21 WHEREAS it must be emphasized that in the ongoing deliberations on final
22 easement determinations, it is of the utmost necessity to consider and pro-
23 tect the public interest of all citizens;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
25 the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director, Bureau of Land Manage-
26 ment, or his delegate, to adequately protect the public interest in the
27 process of granting local easements under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
28 Act, particularly by assuring to the maximum extent possible, that recrea-
29 tional uses are perpetuated and preserved, and that future contingencies

1 for the public use of land are considered; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum degree of specificity be employed in
3 the local easement designation process.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
5 President of the United States, the Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary of
6 the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Curtis V. McVee, State Direc-
7 tor, Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.