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Referred: The Special Committee
on Subsistence, Resources and
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON SUBSISTENCE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 718

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a permanent interim Subsistence
7 Committee."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 24.20.600. SUBSISTENCE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. The Subsis-
11 tence Committee is established as a permanent interim committee of the
12 legislature. The establishment of the committee recognizes the need for
13 continuous and intensive legislative study and involvement in the sub-
14 sistence issue to insure that the subsistence lifestyle remains a viable
15 way of life for those who live it through choice or necessity.

16 Sec. 24.20.610. MEMBERSHIP. The Subsistence Committee is composed
17 of three members of the house appointed by the speaker of the house, and
18 three members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate.
19 The membership from each house shall include at least one member from
20 each of the two major political parties. The committee elects a chair-
21 man from among its members.

22 Sec. 24.20.620. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP. The Subsistence Committee
23 shall be organized within 15 days after the organization of each legis-
24 lature. Members serve for the duration of the legislature during which
25 they are appointed. If they are reelected or their term of office ex-
26 tends into the next succeeding legislature, they continue to serve until
27 reappointed or the appointment of their successor.

28 Sec. 24.20.630. VACANCIES. When a vacancy occurs in the member-
29 ship of the Subsistence Committee, the presiding officer of the house

1 incurring the vacancy shall choose a successor. If the office of the
2 president of the senate or speaker of the house of representatives be-
3 comes vacant and a vacancy from the affected house occurs among the
4 membership of the committee, the remaining committee members from the
5 house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new member.

6 Sec. 24.20.640. MEETINGS. The Subsistence Committee may meet
7 during sessions of the legislature and during the interim between
8 sessions at such times and places in the state as the chairman may
9 determine. Members may receive, for the minimum time required to get to
10 and from meetings and for the period while attending meetings, the same
11 travel and per diem allowances provided by law for members of the legis-
12 lature when attending sessions, except that members of the committee
13 receive no per diem during the legislative sessions other than the per
14 diem allowance paid to other members of the legislature.

15 Sec. 24.20.650. STAFF. The Legislative Affairs Agency shall pro-
16 vide the committee with professional and clerical assistance under the
17 auspices of the Legislative Council.

18 Sec. 24.20.660. DUTIES. The Subsistence Committee shall

19 (1) gather information on all aspects of subsistence hunting
20 and fishing and the role of subsistence in the lives of the residents of
21 the state;

22 (2) monitor the activities of state officers and agencies
23 which affect the use of subsistence resources;

24 (3) evaluate the impact of federal laws, regulations, and
25 policies which affect subsistence;

26 (4) receive public comment on governmental action affecting
27 subsistence.

28 Sec. 24.20.670. POWERS. The Subsistence Committee has the follow-
29 ing powers:

1 (1) to organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its busi-
2 ness;

3 (2) to hold public hearings;

4 (3) to require all state officials and agencies of state
5 government to give full cooperation to the committee or its staff in
6 assembling and furnishing requested information;

7 (4) to act on all bills referred to it and to report back on
8 its actions and recommendations to the house from which the bill was
9 referred;

10 (5) sponsor legislation in accordance with AS 24.30.060(b).

11 Sec. 24.20.680. REPORTS. The Subsistence Committee shall submit a
12 summary report of its findings and recommendations to each legislature.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 24.30.060(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) Bills introduced by the Legislative Council shall be delivered
15 with a letter of explanation to the rules committee of either house and
16 bear the inscription "Rules Committee by Request of the Legislative
17 Council"; bills introduced by the Subsistence Committee shall be de-
18 livered with a letter of explanation to the rules committee of either
19 house and bear the inscription "Rules Committee by request of the Sub-
20 sistence Committee"; bills introduced by the Administrative Regulation
21 Review Committee shall be delivered with a letter of explanation to the
22 rules committee of either house and bear the inscription "Rules Commit-
23 tee by Request of the Administrative Regulation Review Committee"; bills
24 introduced by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee shall be de-
25 livered with a letter of explanation to the rules committee of either
26 house and bear the inscription "Rules Committee by Request of the Legis-
27 lative Budget and Audit Committee." Bills presented by the governor
28 shall be delivered with a letter to the rules committee of either house
29 and bear the inscription "Rules Committee by Request of the Governor";

1 bills so presented and inscribed shall be received as bills carrying the
2 approval of the governor as to policy and budget impact. The governor
3 may submit a statement of purpose and effect with each bill and appear
4 personally or through a representative before any committee considering
5 legislation.
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