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on Subsistence

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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 718

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 Subsistence
11 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 however, two of the three members from each house shall be the chairman
20 of the standing committee on natural resources or his designee and one
21 other member of the committee. The membership from each house shall
22 include at least one member from each of the two major political parties.
23 The committee elects a chairman from among its members.

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

1 Sec. 24.20.630. VACANCIES. When a vacancy occurs in the member-
2 ship of the Subsistence Committee, the presiding officer of the house
3 incurring the vacancy shall choose a successor.

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

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

16 Sec. 24.20.660. DUTIES. The Subsistence Committee shall

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

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

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

24 (4) receive public comment on governmental action affecting
25 subsistence.

26 Sec. 24.20.670. POWERS. (a) The Subsistence Committee has the
27 following powers:

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

1 (2) to hold public hearings;

2 (3) to call upon all state officials, agencies, and insti-
3 tutions to give full cooperation to the council and its executive direc-
4 tor by collecting and furnishing information, conducting studies and
5 making recommendations;

6 (4) sponsor legislation in accordance with AS 24.30.060(b).

7 (b) Nothing in secs. 600 - 680 of this chapter authorizes the
8 referral by the presiding officer of either house of legislation to the
9 committee at regular or special sessions of the legislature.

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

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

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

1 approval of the governor as to policy and budget impact. The governor
2 may submit a statement of purpose and effect with each bill and appear
3 personally or through a representative before any committee considering
4 legislation.

5 * Sec. 3. The permanent interim Subsistence Committee created under this
6 Act expires December 31, 1984.