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CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to H.R. 39, the Alaska National
Interest Lands Conservation Act, as intro-
duced in the 95th Congress.

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

WHEREAS passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 has
resulted in numerous bills being introduced in subsequent sessions of Con-
gress; and

WHEREAS various studies have been made, particularly relating to Section
17(d)(2) of that Act, to determine the impact of the continuing withdrawal
of large areas of land from resource development on the nation's needs for
certain strategic energy and non-energy raw materials; and

WHEREAS such withdrawals can also prevent the development of excess raw
materials for export, which could substantially reduce the nation's current
balance-of-payments deficit; and

WHEREAS H.R. 39 would add 115 million acres of land to the 57 million
acres of federal land already closed to entry and development under the
mining and mineral leasing laws in Alaska; comprising 46 per cent of the
land and inland water area of the state; and

WHEREAS the structure for subsistence management in sec. 701(a) of H.R.
39 seriously erodes the state's authority to manage fish and game resources
over this tremendous acreage; and

WHEREAS the restriction of recreational uses of this land would com-
pletely upset the traditional lifestyle of Alaskans, Native and non-Native
alike; and

WHEREAS the considerable expenditure of time and money on comprehensive

1 land use planning by both federal and state governments would be completely
2 wasted; and

3 WHEREAS sec. 704(b) of H.R. 39 destroys the state's effective right to
4 select substantial areas of land under the provisions of the Alaska Statehood
5 Act by revoking any existing state selections within the land described in
6 the bill, providing for selection of "equal acreage" from public land outside
7 of the land withdrawn, but without specifying that the land should be of
8 "equal value" or "like character";

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature believes the provisions
10 of H.R. 39 are not in the best interest of the state and nation, and is
11 therefore opposed to its passage.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
13 President of the United States; the Honorable Robert S. Bergland, Secretary-
14 Designate of the Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus,
15 Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Chairman of the Senate Interior &
16 Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Morris Udall, Chairman, House Interior
17 & Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Henry Jackson, Chairman, Senate
18 Energy Committee; Mr. Curt Berklund, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Mr.
19 Curtis McVee, State Director, Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable
20 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
21 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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