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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing S. 499 and S. 500, as introduced
6 in the 95th Congress.

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

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

11 WHEREAS various studies have been made, particularly relating to Section
12 17(d)(2) of that Act, to determine the impact of the continuing withdrawal of
13 large areas of land from resource development on the nation's needs for
14 certain strategic energy and non-energy raw materials; and

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

18 WHEREAS S. 499 and S. 500, subject to valid existing rights, would add
19 approximately 83 and 116 million acres, respectively, to the 57 million acres
20 of federal land already closed to entry and development under the mining and
21 mineral leasing laws in Alaska; and

22 WHEREAS the structure for subsistence management in S. 499 and S. 500
23 seriously erodes the state's authority to manage fish and game resources over
24 this tremendous acreage; and

25 WHEREAS restrictions on recreational uses within land withdrawn under
26 these bills would substantially upset the traditional lifestyle of Alaskans,
27 Native and non-Native alike; and

28 WHEREAS the considerable expenditure of time and money on comprehensive
29 land use planning by both federal and state governments would be completely

1 wasted; and

2 WHEREAS S. 500 destroys the state's effective right to select substantial
3 areas of land under the provisions of the Alaska Statehood Act by revoking
4 state selections within the land described in the bill, made after December 18,
5 1971 and providing for selection of "equal acreage" from public land outside
6 of the land withdrawn, but without specifying that the land should be of
7 "equal value" or "like character";

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature believes the provisions
9 of S. 499 and S. 500 are not in the best interest of the state and nation,
10 and is therefore opposed to their passage.

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