

Introduced: 2/10/78  
Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COWPER

2 CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

3 SCS IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the federal government to re-  
6 move solid waste on land in Alaska in  
7 accordance with the Resource Conservation  
8 and Recovery Act (P.L. 94-580).

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

10 WHEREAS there is no greater blight on the land than solid waste in the  
11 form of discarded and abandoned machinery and materials; and

12 WHEREAS this accumulation, largely a result of early military, indus-  
13 trial, and exploratory development, has in many cases been a hazard and eye-  
14 sore for several decades; and

15 WHEREAS the debris problem is compounded by the fact that land in Alaska  
16 is often treeless and underlain by permafrost; and

17 WHEREAS the initial federal study of solid waste on federal land in  
18 Alaska required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (P.L.  
19 94-580) has inventoried all the solid waste sites on Alaska's federal land  
20 and land transferred to Natives under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
21 (P.L. 92-203), listing the type and quantity of abandoned debris for all  
22 sites; and

23 WHEREAS the final version of this report, due in April 1978, will pro-  
24 vide an additional inventory, recommend methods for cleanup, and estimate  
25 costs, suggest administrative actions, and establish cleanup priorities among  
26 sites; and

27 WHEREAS cleanup of solid waste debris deposited as a result of federal  
28 activities on federal and Native transfer land in Alaska properly remains the  
29 responsibility of the federal government;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature strongly urges the Environ-  
2 mental Protection Agency to implement the preliminary and final reports  
3 prepared under the dictates of Sec. 3 of the Resource Conservation and  
4 Recovery Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-580) so that solid waste debris on Alaska's  
5 federal land and land transferred under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
6 Act (P.L. 92-203) can be expeditiously eliminated.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,  
8 President of the United States; the Honorable Douglas M. Costle, Administra-  
9 tor, Environmental Protection Agency; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
10 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.  
11 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the  
12 Honorable Ernst W. Mueller, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental  
13 Conservation.

14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29