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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

3 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 all federal
2 agencies administering public land in Alaska to take swift action to remove
3 or dispose of solid wastes identified in the preliminary and final reports
4 prepared under the dictates of Sec. 3 of the Resource Conservation and Re-
5 covery Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-580) so that solid waste debris on Alaska's
6 federal land and land transferred under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
7 Act (P.L. 92-203) can be expeditiously eliminated; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature strongly supports the
9 Department of Environmental Conservation in its regulatory programs.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
11 President of the United States; the Honorable Douglas M. Costle, Administra-
12 tor, Environmental Protection Agency; the Honorable Jennings Randolph, Chair-
13 man of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; the Honorable
14 Harley O. Staggers, Chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign
15 Commerce; the Honorable John Seiberling, U. S. Representative; the Honorable
16 Morris Udall, U. S. Representative; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
17 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Repre-
18 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable
19 Ernst W. Mueller, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conserva-
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