

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the use of herbicides on road-
6 sides.

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

8 WHEREAS the division of highways, Department of Transportation and Pub-
9 lic Facilities, is spraying herbicides on foliage on roadsides in an attempt
10 to maintain an unobstructed view of the road ahead for the safety of motor-
11 ists; and

12 WHEREAS this program flies in the face of experience which has shown that
13 herbicides only cause unwanted plants to drop their leaves, without killing
14 them; and

15 WHEREAS, regardless of the degree of care with which this program is
16 undertaken, the wind can carry the spray to areas outside the highway right-
17 of-way; and

18 WHEREAS herbicides also indiscriminately kill grass and flowers, to the
19 detriment of the appearance and resistance to erosion of roadsides; and

20 WHEREAS the use of herbicides can result in damage to the beekeeping
21 industry;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the Governor to direct the division of highways, Department of Transportation
24 and Public Facilities, to halt its herbicide spraying program.

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