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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE
BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the upgrading to state
6 standards of the BIA's rural schools.

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

8 WHEREAS the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs currently owns many of the
9 school facilities in rural Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS for so long as these schools are owned by the Bureau of Indian
11 Affairs they will enjoy an exemption from the state's fire and other appli-
12 cable safety codes; and

13 WHEREAS the state fire marshal has inspected some of these schools and
14 found recurring patterns of fire safety and other deficiencies which pose an
15 extreme threat to the safety of the children who attend these schools; and

16 WHEREAS it is the belief of the legislature that the Bureau of Indian
17 Affairs has the responsibility to upgrade these schools to meet applicable
18 state fire and other safety codes thereby assuring the safety of the children
19 who attend them;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska delega-
21 tion in Congress is requested to intercede with the Bureau of Indian Affairs
22 and request that it renovate all of its schools in Alaska so as to meet the
23 state's fire and other safety codes; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the state fire marshal's report for each of the
25 schools serve as the guideline for needed renovation.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
27 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
28 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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