

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the federal appropriation to  
6 the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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

8 WHEREAS, from the time the Land and Water Conservation Fund was estab-  
9 lished in 1975, money from the fund has been distributed through the states  
10 to local governments for use in the purchase of recreational property or the  
11 development of playgrounds, parks, trails, and other outdoor sites; and

12 WHEREAS Congress is now considering President Carter's request for an  
13 appropriation to the fund which would apportion only \$306 million to the  
14 states, down from the \$450 million anticipated; and

15 WHEREAS, since inception of the fund, Alaska has received over \$17  
16 million, which, when matched 50 per cent with local money, has created \$34  
17 million worth of jobs and recreational enjoyment; and

18 WHEREAS, if the \$144 million necessary to bring the state's share of  
19 the appropriation up to its anticipated level were added to the appropria-  
20 tion, an additional \$1.3 million would be apportioned to Alaska;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
22 Congress to appropriate \$750 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund,  
23 with 60 per cent of that amount being apportioned to the states.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sidney R. Yates,  
25 Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee of the U.S. House  
26 Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
27 Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
28 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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