

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the exemption of Alaska from
6 section 603 of the BLM Organic Act.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Bureau of Land Management is applying the
9 provisions of section 603 of the Federal Land Planning and Management Act of
10 1976 to Alaska; and

11 WHEREAS application of section 603 requires interim management as
12 wilderness of roadless areas greater than 5,000 acres which have not already
13 been federally withdrawn; and

14 WHEREAS such management confines the use of land to those uses in effect
15 between October 21, 1976 and the present, thus preventing any increase in
16 development activities; and

17 WHEREAS section 603 appears to nullify state selections made since
18 October 21, 1976 and prevents further state selections until a formal wilder-
19 ness review is completed; and

20 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior had given prior assurance that
21 Alaska would be exempted from section 603 pending final action on H.R. 39;
22 and

23 WHEREAS H.R. 39 as it passed the U. S. House of Representatives would
24 exempt the state from the provisions of section 603;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of the
26 Interior is strongly urged to direct the Bureau of Land Management to halt
27 the application of section 603 of the Federal Land Planning and Management
28 Act of 1976 to the State of Alaska.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cecil D.

1 Andrus, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Frank
2 Gregg, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
3 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
4 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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