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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the forthcoming action by the
6 U.S. Congress regarding (d)(2) land with-
7 drawals.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, Section
10 17(d)(2), specified that the Secretary of the Interior may withdraw up to 80
11 million acres of Alaska federal land for possible addition to the national
12 park, forest, wildlife refuge, and wild and scenic river systems; and

13 WHEREAS the U.S. Congress is addressing this issue during the current
14 session; and

15 WHEREAS a careful inventory of the mineral potential of the land that
16 may be included in a management category, which would foreclose mineral
17 exploration and development, must be undertaken and completed; and

18 WHEREAS access for transportation, recreation, and utilities must be
19 guaranteed in all preservation system designations in Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS, before there is a blanket designation of large areas of Alaska
21 as wilderness, the traditional, careful environmental and economic impact
22 study must be made on each wilderness proposal; and

23 WHEREAS large blocks of land with identifiable agricultural potential
24 should be included in management systems which would allow for future agri-
25 cultural development; and

26 WHEREAS any valid selections made by the state or Natives under the
27 Statehood Act or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act should be honored;
28 and

29 WHEREAS state management of resident game on federally owned land in

1 Alaska must be guaranteed, as the state is in a better position to manage
2 this game and such management was provided for under the Statehood Act; and

3 WHEREAS cooperative federal-state procedures or institutions should be
4 established to make future recommendations or designations on policy, plan-
5 ning, and management of Alaska's federal and state land; and

6 WHEREAS, while it is recognized that there is an existing need for
7 certain land in the State of Alaska to be classified in traditional preser-
8 vation system categories, the areas under consideration are too large; and

9 WHEREAS municipalities in the state support the multiple-use concept,
10 which provides a professionally thorough and unbiased analysis of land-use
11 potential and compatibility of uses, giving appropriate weight to economic,
12 social and environmental factors; and

13 WHEREAS municipalities in the state oppose any legislation that would
14 create instant land-use classifications severely restricting land and re-
15 sources without consideration for other land-use potential;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate formally opposes the provi-
17 sions of H.R. 39 as originally submitted, the recommended changes proposed by
18 Secretary Andrus, and the committee substitute proposed by Congressman
19 Sieberling, which will designate vast Alaska acreage in single-purpose use
20 systems, precluding the opportunity to further evaluate these areas to
21 satisfy national needs or the opportunity for state selections; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the passage of this bill without (1) a careful
23 mineral inventory and guaranteed access provisions; (2) traditional environ-
24 mental and economic impact studies; (3) provisions for future agricultural
25 development; (4) completion of the selection process by the state and Natives;
26 (5) state game management as guaranteed under the Statehood Act; and (6)
27 cooperative federal-state planning and development, would be against the best
28 interests of the citizens of the state and nation alike; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate urges the United States

1 Congress to adopt a version of the Alaska National Interest Lands Act which
2 will incorporate the desires and needs of Alaskan citizens, as expressed in
3 this resolution.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
5 President of the United States; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman,
6 Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and all members of that com-
7 mittee; Representative Morris K. Udall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular
8 Affairs Committee, and all members of that committee; and to the Honorable
9 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
10 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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