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Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the sale of agricultural

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land in the Point MacKenzie agricul-

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tural development project.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS during the spring and summer of this year the division of lands,  
10 Department of Natural Resources, will begin preparation of state land within  
11 the Point MacKenzie agricultural development project for sale of agricultural  
12 rights to qualified individuals; and

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WHEREAS state land within the Point MacKenzie agricultural development  
14 project is heavily forested with timber of commercial value; and

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WHEREAS the current development plan for that project includes the cut-  
16 ting, removal, and sale of all commercially valuable timber on the land  
17 before the sale of agricultural rights; and

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WHEREAS the removal of all timber from the land in the Point MacKenzie  
19 agricultural development project may not be the best agricultural practice  
20 because standing timber affords shade for livestock, prevents soil erosion,  
21 and provides a natural windbreak;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the governor is re-  
23 spectfully requested to direct the director of the division of lands, Depart-  
24 ment of Natural Resources, to appraise and dispose of the agricultural land  
25 in the Point MacKenzie agricultural development project with the timber  
26 intact to allow purchasers of the agricultural interest in the land to either  
27 leave or remove the timber in a manner that is consistent with sound agricul-  
28 tural land use practices.

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