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1 IN THE SENATE

BY TILLION AND RODEY

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Encouraging the Alaska Congressional
6 delegation to work together to re-
7 solve the problems created by the
8 President's imposition of the
9 Antiquities Act on lands in Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS, the President has used the Antiquities Act to resolve Alaska's
12 d-2 land issue; and

13 WHEREAS, the President in using the Antiquities Act failed to convey
14 entitled lands to either the State of Alaska or the Natives; failed to pro-
15 vide adequate access across federal lands; made unacceptable incursions into
16 state management of fish and game; virtually prohibited the possibility of
17 developing certain known highly valuable mineral resources and foreclosed
18 many traditional land uses; and

19 WHEREAS, Alaskans believe these actions illegal and find presidential
20 imposition of the Antiquities Act a totally unacceptable resolution of the
21 d-2 issue; and

22 WHEREAS, although important in the long run, heavy reliance on court
23 challenges before Congressional action is strategically inappropriate; and

24 WHEREAS, until Congress acts on d-2 legislation, the Antiquities Act
25 will remain the law of the land;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges our Congressional
27 delegation to work together towards passage of d-2 legislation this session
28 which will revoke the President's imposition of the Antiquities Act; convey
29 all lands to which Alaska and the Natives are entitled; eliminate federal

1 incursion into the state's right to manage its fish and game resources;
2 exempt highly valuable mineral deposits from inclusion in federal systems
3 which obviate development; provide access across federal lands to state and
4 private lands; and retain, to the maximum extent, traditional usage of
5 federal lands; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that our Congressional delegation support passage of
7 d-2 legislation this year so long as it is an improvement in all the above
8 categories over conditions which otherwise will prevail under the Antiquities
9 Act should no d-2 legislation be passed.

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

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