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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to an amendment to the Icy
6 Cape No. 1 timber sale, contract
7 number SC-182, permitting exportation
8 of round logs.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

10 WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Natural Resources let a timber sale
11 contract in Icy Cape in 1969 which specifically prohibited the exportation of
12 round logs as a marketable commodity; and

13 WHEREAS, as a result of state policy requiring primary manufacture of
14 timber in the state, several sawmills in Alaska have established sawmill
15 operations suitable for primary manufacture of timber; and

16 WHEREAS people who work in these sawmills are permanent members of their
17 communities, and the sawmills are an integral part of the economies of the
18 communities in which they are located; and

19 WHEREAS in January, 1979 the state amended the Icy Cape No. 1 timber
20 sale contract, waiving the requirement of primary manufacture of logs in the
21 state contrary to its stated policy; and

22 WHEREAS waiving of the primary manufacture requirements for timber
23 harvested in Alaska will create great hardships not only for those people who
24 will be unemployed with the closing of the sawmills which depend on primary
25 manufacturing of logs, but also for the affected communities which will lose
26 an economically viable industry; and

27 WHEREAS the findings made by the Department of Natural Resources which
28 brought about the waiver of primary manufacture appear to discriminate in
29 favor of the company holding the timber sale contract; and

1 WHEREAS wilderness proposals under RARE II and pending (d)(2) legisla-
2 tion will most likely reduce the availability of timber in Alaska from other
3 sources;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the amendment which waived primary
5 manufacture in the Icy Cape No. 1 timber sale is not in the best interests of
6 the state and its citizens; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that round logs from the Icy Cape timber sale contract
8 continue to be made available under the timber sale contract to those saw-
9 mills in the state which are capable and willing to process these logs into
10 lumber to provide local employment as well as building materials for the
11 Alaska market; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate respectfully requests the Governor to
13 direct the Department of Natural Resources to reevaluate the amendment
14 waiving primary manufacture of timber in the state giving due consideration
15 to all parties who would be adversely affected by permitting export of round
16 logs.

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