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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

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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 SENATE:

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WHEREAS during the spring and summer of this year the division of lands,

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Department of Natural Resources, will begin preparation of state land within

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the Point MacKenzie agricultural development project for sale of agricultural

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rights to qualified individuals; and

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WHEREAS state land within the Point MacKenzie agricultural development

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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-

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ting, removal, and sale of all commercially valuable timber on the land

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before the sale of agricultural rights; and

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WHEREAS the removal of all timber from the land in the Point MacKenzie

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agricultural development project may not be the best agricultural practice

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because standing timber affords shade for livestock, prevents soil erosion,

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and provides a natural windbreak;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the governor is respectfully requested

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to direct the director of the division of lands, Department of Natural Re-

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sources, to appraise and dispose of the agricultural land in the Point

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MacKenzie agricultural development project with the timber intact to allow

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purchasers of the agricultural interest in the land to either leave or remove

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the timber in a manner that is consistent with sound agricultural land use

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practices.

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