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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the implementation of  
6 the Surface Mining and Reclamation  
7 Control Act by the Secretary of the  
8 Interior.

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

10 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior is directed by sec. 708 of the  
11 Surface Mining and Reclamation Control Act to determine whether any of  
12 the provisions of the Act should be modified with respect to surface coal  
13 mining operations in Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior is directed to report to Congress  
15 his proposals for legislation to implement his recommendations to the Act  
16 relating to surface coal mining operations in Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior has not reported to Congress his  
18 recommendations with respect to the implementation of the Act with respect  
19 to surface coal mining operations in Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS it is in the public interest for the Secretary of the Interior  
21 to review and reconsider any recommendations prepared by the former adminis-  
22 tration before making his proposals to Congress; and

23 WHEREAS the coal mining industry has great potential in the State of  
24 Alaska but is presently a relatively small industry; and

25 WHEREAS it is the goal of the State of Alaska to seek a reasonable and  
26 orderly development of the coal resources of the state; and

27 WHEREAS it is in the interest of both the United States and the State  
28 of Alaska to avoid the enactment of inappropriate laws and regulations; and

29 WHEREAS the legislature will consider the enactment of a meaningful and

1 responsive system for the control of surface coal mining operations in  
2 Alaska during the 1982 session of the legislature;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of  
4 the Interior is respectfully urged to defer the recommendation to Congress  
5 under sec. 708 of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Control Act until the  
6 legislature has had a chance to enact a state system for the control of  
7 surface coal mining during the 1982 session of the legislature.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James G. Watt,  
9 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
10 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representa-  
11 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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