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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting passage of S. 1562 in the
6 Congress of the United States, relat-
7 ing to provision of a comprehensive
8 national policy dealing with national
9 needs and objectives in the Arctic.

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

11 WHEREAS the Alaskan Arctic is of vital importance to the state and to
12 the nation in terms of human resources, energy production, national defense,
13 and wildlife habitat; and

14 WHEREAS there is a need to organize federal efforts in Arctic research
15 and to coordinate these efforts with state programs, university projects, and
16 efforts by private industry and Alaska Native groups; and

17 WHEREAS an adequate national Arctic science research policy should be an
18 important objective of both the state and federal governments; and

19 WHEREAS SJR 40, First Session, Twelfth Legislature, outlined the need
20 for a comprehensive Arctic science policy; and

21 WHEREAS statewide public meetings were conducted in response to SJR 40
22 by the Alaska Council on Science and Technology and a joint symposium of the
23 Alaska House of Representatives and Senate State Affairs Committees on April
24 11, 1981; and

25 WHEREAS provisions of S. 1562, recently introduced in the United States
26 Congress, incorporate public input and suggestions offered during these
27 public meetings; and

28 WHEREAS S. 1562 is a vehicle for a comprehensive and coordinated
29 approach to Arctic science policy that will foster international cooperation

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1 and exchange of information; and

2 WHEREAS S. 1562 reflects the interests of and the suggestions offered by
3 North Slope residents and by agencies directly affected by Arctic science
4 policy; and

5 WHEREAS S. 1562 would require public access to information and research
6 on Arctic science and technology developed by state, federal, university, and
7 private agencies; and

8 WHEREAS S. 1562 stipulates that the boundary service area for the Arctic
9 Research Policy Act of 1981 to the south shall be the 68° north latitude;

10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the goals and
11 objectives of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1981 (S. 1562) and
12 supports passage of that legislation; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED the Alaska State Legislature recommends that S. 1562 be
14 amended to include those lands in the Alaskan Arctic located from 66° north
15 latitude north.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas P.
17 O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Strom
18 Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Caspar W.
19 Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James B. Edwards, Secretary
20 of Energy; the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; and to the
21 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
22 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
23 delegation in Congress.

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