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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (Rules) am(failed H)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the control of wolf preda-  
6 tion.

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

8 WHEREAS sound management of fish and game is critical to those state  
9 residents who are most dependent on subsistence resources; and

10 WHEREAS wolf predation has a direct affect on ungulate populations  
11 such as moose, caribou, and sheep; and

12 WHEREAS many of the animals that state residents customarily and  
13 traditionally depend on for subsistence are preyed upon by wolves; and

14 WHEREAS wolf protectionist groups have distributed a great deal of  
15 information to the public concerning wolf behavior; and

16 WHEREAS professional wildlife managers in the Department of Fish and  
17 Game are knowledgeable on wolf behavior; and

18 WHEREAS state residents should be able to rely heavily upon the  
19 expertise of state wildlife managers for information; and

20 WHEREAS state residents need reliable, accurate, unemotional informa-  
21 tion on which to base a decision concerning wolf control; and

22 WHEREAS the destruction of moose, caribou, and sheep resulting from  
23 lack of management of wolves may severely jeopardize subsistence and sport  
24 hunting opportunities for local area residents; and

25 WHEREAS Article VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
26 mandates that our game resources be managed on a "sustained yield basis,  
27 subject to preferences among beneficial uses"; and

28 WHEREAS state subsistence laws state that subsistence use of game  
29 animals is the highest and best use; and

1       WHEREAS state residents depend more heavily on moose, caribou, and  
2 sheep than on wolves for subsistence;

3       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to  
4 direct the commissioner of fish and game and the Board of Game to manage  
5 moose, caribou, and sheep stocks so that customary and traditional subsis-  
6 tence and sport hunting activities are not unduly diminished due to wolf  
7 predation; and be it

8       FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Governor to direct the  
9 commissioner of fish and game to implement a public education program on  
10 wolf behavior and the need for wolf management; and be it

11       FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature, in recognition of the harmful  
12 effects that wolves may have on subsistence lifestyles, encourages members  
13 of local rural communities to work together to help solve wolf control  
14 problems in their areas.