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For Today's Calendar

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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Urging the United States Fish and Wild-
6 life Service to postpone the proposed
7 cattle slaughter on Simeonof Island.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS cattle have been on Simeonof Island since 1894; and
10 WHEREAS the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated that
11 it plans to kill the cattle on this island; and
12 WHEREAS the people in the communities near Simeonof Island are suffer-
13 ing difficult economic times due to the decline of the fishery stocks; and
14 WHEREAS the people in the communities near Simeonof Island have used
15 the cattle on Simeonof Island as a supplemental food source in the past,
16 and would like to continue to do so in the future; and
17 WHEREAS there are cattle holding pens and loading chutes on Simeonof
18 Island to facilitate removal of the cattle; and
19 WHEREAS the Shumagin Village Corporation desires to transplant the
20 cattle from Simeonof Island to Unga Island, but the Shumagin Village Corpo-
21 ration may require until September 1985 in order to do so; and
22 WHEREAS the slaughter of the cattle would constitute a waste of thou-
23 sands of pounds of beef that could be used by needy Alaskans in the immedi-
24 ate area; and
25 WHEREAS the elimination of the cattle will be very expensive; and
26 WHEREAS the cost of the destruction of the cattle could be used to
27 better advantage to help the Shumagin Village Corporation transplant the
28 cattle to Unga Island;
29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully

1 urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to postpone its ultimate
2 termination action related to the cattle until at least October 1985; and
3 be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature respectfully urges the United
5 States Fish and Wildlife Service to assist the Shumagin Village Corporation
6 in its effort to transplant the Simeonof Island cattle to Unga Island; and
7 be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Alaska
9 delegation in Congress to ensure that the United States Fish and Wildlife
10 Service postpones the cattle slaughter on Simeonof Island until at least
11 October 1985.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
13 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable Donald Hodel, Secre-
14 tary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
15 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-
16 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.