

1 IN THE HOUSE BY SUND, ELLIS AND ULMER
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the funding of natural
6 resource agencies.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the wealth of the state is tied to its natural resources; and
9 WHEREAS the state and private sector work in partnership to harvest
10 the resources, thereby creating jobs; and
11 WHEREAS the responsibility of the state in its partnership with the
12 private sector is the inventory of the resources, the establishment of
13 sustained yield management plans, allocation of plans, protection of the
14 resources and enforcement of the management plans; and
15 WHEREAS neither the state nor the private sector can exist without the
16 other and both must operate effectively and efficiently; and
17 WHEREAS natural resources of the state are primarily managed by the
18 commissioners of fish and game, natural resources, environmental conserva-
19 tion and the fish and wildlife protection division of the Department of
20 Public Safety; and
21 WHEREAS these departments combined receive only 6.8 percent or
22 \$120,000,000 of the total general fund dollars allocated in the operating
23 budget of the state; and
24 WHEREAS additional funding to natural resource agencies is necessary
25 to increase the capabilities of the resource agencies and provide jobs in
26 the private sector;
27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature increase
28 the funding to the resource management agencies by at least \$14,000,000 in
29 fiscal year 1989 so that those agencies comprise at least 7.8 percent of

1 the total operating budget; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the total amount allocated for resource manage-
3 ment equals 10 percent of the total operating budget in fiscal year 1991.