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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 (Rules)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to maintaining timber industry
6 employment, funding of U.S. Forest
7 Service operations, and the allowable
8 timber harvest level in Southeast Alaska
9 and amendment of sections 703 and 705 of
10 the Alaska National Interest Lands
11 Conservation Act.

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

13 WHEREAS the House Interior Committee of the U. S. Congress has passed
14 a bill that would make a number of major changes in the sections of the
15 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA) that
16 affect the Tongass National Forest; and

17 WHEREAS holders of the 50-year contracts, independent timber inter-
18 ests, Native corporations, local communities, and fishing, tourism, and
19 environmental advocates are working hard to achieve a compromise; and

20 WHEREAS representatives from Southeast Alaska are working hard to
21 achieve a compromise and the Congress should work to achieve a compromise
22 developed by Alaskans; and

23 WHEREAS a reasonable compromise should provide for

- 24 (1) adequate input from the people of Southeast Alaska;
25 (2) meaningful consideration of the issues set out in the on-
26 going Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) revision process;
27 (3) maintenance of job levels in the dependent and independent
28 timber industries;
29 (4) adequate fish and game protection;

- 1 (5) an adequate wilderness system;
- 2 (6) recognition of community interests; and
- 3 (7) protection of subsistence;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United
5 States House of Representatives to review sections 703 and 705 of ANILCA
6 and the bill that passed the House Interior Committee and continue working
7 with all parties from Alaska to achieve a reasonable compromise that will

- 8 (1) consider the issues raised in the TLMP revision process;
- 9 (2) maintain the timber supply needed to support existing timber
10 industry employment in the Tongass National Forest;
- 11 (3) protect subsistence, fish and game habitats, and commercial
12 fisheries;
- 13 (4) provide for mining opportunities;
- 14 (5) support local community self-determination;
- 15 (6) recognize the growing tourism industry; and
- 16 (7) maintain transportation and utility corridors.

17 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard E.
18 Lyng, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Donald P. Hodel, Secretary of
19 the Interior; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman of the Senate Com-
20 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Honorable J. Bennett
21 Johnston, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;
22 the Honorable E de la Garza, Chairman of the House Committee on Agricul-
23 ture; the Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the House Committee on
24 Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable George Miller, Chairman of the
25 Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, House Committee on Interior and
26 Insular Affairs; Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; William
27 P. Horn, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of
28 the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
29 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,

1 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.