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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Relating to Alaska interests in the  
6 Arctic National Wildlife Range regarding  
7 the Porcupine Caribou Herd.  
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:  
9 WHEREAS the U.S. Congress is considering the options for future uses  
10 of the Arctic National Wildlife Range (ANWR), including further development  
11 of Arctic Slope oil reserves; and  
12 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is also examining the economic and social  
13 benefits related to these potential uses of ANWR; and  
14 WHEREAS there are many options available to the nation and the State  
15 of Alaska and these options will be thoroughly examined by Congress in its  
16 deliberations; and  
17 WHEREAS the further development of the State of Alaska's oil potential  
18 is a critical element in the nation's energy program; and  
19 WHEREAS the continued exploration and development of the State of  
20 Alaska's energy resources is important economically to all Alaskans; and  
21 WHEREAS all options should be examined during this period of review,  
22 including national and international obligations; and  
23 WHEREAS the Porcupine caribou herd and other wildlife in the Arctic  
24 National Wildlife Range are important considerations in these delibera-  
25 tions; and  
26 WHEREAS the right of the State of Alaska to manage its wildlife and  
27 fishery resources is a major concern and may not be diminished; and  
28 WHEREAS the proposed Porcupine Caribou Herd Agreement initialed in  
29 Seattle in December 1986 appears to significantly reduce the management

1 authority of the State of Alaska over this valuable resource; and  
2 WHEREAS the proposed agreement could place unreasonable international  
3 obstacles in front of potential U.S. options for developing the oil re-  
4 serves of ANWR; and

5 WHEREAS the proposed agreement has not benefited from public comment  
6 from some of the major user groups within the State of Alaska; and

7 WHEREAS the Porcupine caribou herd is presently at one of its historic  
8 highs; and

9 WHEREAS the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Territory, and the State  
10 of Alaska have demonstrated their ability to cooperatively and competently  
11 manage the caribou herd without need of a formal agreement;

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the U.S. Department of State and the  
13 U.S. Department of the Interior are requested to refrain from entering into  
14 a formal international agreement until the present discussions over the  
15 future of ANWR have been completed and the effect of an agreement on the  
16 State of Alaska's management authorities have been completely examined; and  
17 be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the enactment of a treaty, agreement, compact,  
19 or provision between the government of Canada and the United States should  
20 not take place without the inclusion of a clause specifically stating that  
21 the agreement will not affect the preexisting fish and wildlife management  
22 authorities of the State of Alaska.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
24 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-  
25 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-  
26 able Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honor-  
27 able George P. Shultz, Secretary of State; the Honorable Donald P. Hodel,  
28 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-  
29 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.

1 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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