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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 468

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing Marmot Day and designating the
7 official state marmot."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 44.09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 44.09.130. STATE MARMOT. The official state marmot is the
11 senior hoary marmot housed in the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section read:

13 Sec. 44.12.070. MARMOT DAY. (a) To remind us during the dark
14 days of the year that winter does not last forever and that summer
15 will soon be upon us, February 2 of each year is designated as Marmot
16 Day. On that day, the official state marmot is encouraged to look for
17 its shadow and thus advise whether winter will be with us for six more
18 weeks - or longer.

19 (b) The day designated under (a) of this section shall be ob-
20 served with appropriate assemblies and programs and may be the occa-
21 sion of other appropriate observances and exercises by civic groups
22 and the public in general.