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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Opposing a ceiling on federal appro-
priations from the Pittman-Robertson and
Dingell-Johnson funds for wildlife and
sport fish restoration projects.

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

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WHEREAS the current federal budget submitted to the Congress by the
Office of Management and Budget proposes a ceiling of \$100,000,000 on
appropriations for the federal aid to wildlife restoration program, known
as the Pittman-Robertson program, and for the sport fish restoration
program, known as the Dingell-Johnson program; and

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WHEREAS federal funds for the Pittman-Robertson program and the
Dingell-Johnson program are derived from taxes and duties on sporting
equipment and fuel paid by sportsmen and other recreational users of wild-
life and fish resources; and

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WHEREAS Pittman-Robertson funds and Dingell-Johnson funds are allo-
cated among the states and can be used only to support specific activities
related to wildlife, sport fish, and public access projects; and

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WHEREAS the proposed ceiling on Pittman-Robertson funds and Dingell-
Johnson funds will drastically affect the activities of the divisions of
wildlife conservation and sport fish in the Alaska Department of Fish and
Game by a 40 percent reduction in funding for research and management on
wildlife and sport fish and for acquisition of public access; and

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WHEREAS the sport hunting and sport fishing industries in the state
provide thousands of jobs and generate millions of dollars to the state
economy; and

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1 WHEREAS subsistence users of the state's wildlife and fish resources
2 annually harvest millions of pounds of these resources for personal use and
3 benefit from the active research and management of wildlife and fish re-
4 sources supported by the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson
5 program;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully ex-
7 presses its strong opposition to the proposal to place a ceiling on appro-
8 priations for the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson pro-
9 gram.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
11 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of
12 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim
13 Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George
14 J. Mitchell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds,
15 Chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the
16 Environment of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries;
17 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
18 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
19 Alaska delegation in Congress.