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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 86 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Requesting the United States Congress to
6 review all proposals to eradicate opium
7 sources in Burma.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS the national policy to eradicate the illicit trafficking and
10 abuse of drugs is a high priority shared by the state and the federal
11 government; and
12 WHEREAS drug abuse still flourishes throughout the United States
13 causing physical and emotional misery to its citizens; and
14 WHEREAS the chain of supply and demand for illegal drugs is an inter-
15 national phenomenon involving the economic, political, social, and cultural
16 imperatives of many countries; and
17 WHEREAS the people of the United States now desire new initiatives to
18 decrease the supply and demand of illegal drugs; and
19 WHEREAS one of the sources of heroin that reaches the United States is
20 an area of Burma where opium producing poppies are grown and where United
21 States prisoners of war are reportedly being held; and
22 WHEREAS new proposals have been made to the United States to eradicate
23 the primary source of opium in Burma, and one proposal offers to provide
24 assistance in obtaining the return of United States prisoners of war in
25 exchange for crop substitution assistance, foreign aid, and diplomatic
26 support from the United States;
27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United
28 States Congress to undertake an independent, thorough, and public review of
29 all proposals made to the United States for the eradication of the sources

1 of opium in Burma.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,
3 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
4 Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;
5 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
6 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
7 Alaska delegation in Congress.