

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Establishing a Senate Special Committee
6 on Senior Citizens and Pioneers.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS Alaska's Natives revere and respect their senior citizens; and
9 WHEREAS Alaska is fortunate that many of its citizens who helped
10 achieve statehood are still living; and
11 WHEREAS many senior citizens involved in the founding of the state did
12 so at great cost and hardship to themselves; and
13 WHEREAS many of Alaska's senior citizens receive neither social secu-
14 rity benefits nor health insurance benefits; and
15 WHEREAS at least half of Alaska's senior citizens have incomes under
16 \$10,000 a year; and
17 WHEREAS many senior citizens do not have incomes that are sufficient
18 to provide adequate sustenance, health care, and housing; and
19 WHEREAS 3.4 percent of the state's population is over 65 years of age
20 compared to the national average of 12.1 percent; and
21 WHEREAS Alaskans are proud of their senior citizens and believe that
22 they deserve to live with dignity;
23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that a Senate Special Committee on Senior
24 Citizens and Pioneers is established to examine issues, make recommenda-
25 tions, and initiate legislation appropriate to the well-being of Alaska's
26 senior citizens; and be it
27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the Senate shall determine the
28 number of senators to be members of the committee, and shall appoint the
29 members and designate a member to chair the committee; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate Special Committee on Senior Citizens
2 and Pioneers may meet during and between sessions of the Sixteenth Alaska
3 State Legislature, and is terminated on the convening of the First Session
4 of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.