

**HOUSE BILL NO. 19**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES KUBINA, Brown**

**Introduced: 1/21/91**

**Referred: Oil and Gas, Resources, Judiciary, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act ratifying Oil and Gas Lease Sale 50; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.** (a) The legislature finds that

4 (1) the leasing of oil, gas, and associated substances in Camden Bay is in the best interest  
5 of the state, regardless of whether the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge may be used as a site for shore-  
6 based support and transportation facilities;

7 (2) a lessee of state oil and gas rights must apply for and receive permits from numerous  
8 local, state, and federal agencies before the lessee may drill for, produce, or transport oil, gas, or  
9 associated substances;

10 (3) each government agency charged with evaluating and issuing a permit for an oil and  
11 gas lessee's application to conduct exploration and production activities, including transportation, must  
12 undertake a review, under applicable laws, of relevant facts and technologies that are then available  
13 before granting or denying a permit;

14 (4) the lessees have undertaken the risks of finding oil and gas and of producing and

1 transporting oil and gas that is found in a manner that will satisfy laws then in effect providing for  
2 environmental protection and safety; and

3 (5) state oil and gas leases expressly provide for their cancellation if continued lease  
4 operations are likely to cause serious harm or damage to biological resources, property, mineral  
5 resources, or the environment.

6 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to counter the effect of the Alaska Supreme Court's decision in  
7 Trustees for Alaska v. State, 795 P.2d 805, and to ratify and declare valid Oil and Gas Lease Sale 50,  
8 held June 30, 1987.

9 \* Sec. 2. LEASE SALE RATIFIED. Oil and Gas Lease Sale 50 resulting in the sale of 35 oil and  
10 gas leases covering 118,147 acres of offshore state land in Camden Bay is valid, notwithstanding the  
11 court's finding of lack of compliance with laws or regulations relating to that sale, including the  
12 requirements of AS 38.05.035(e) as they read before their amendment by sec. 1, ch. 124, SLA 1990 and  
13 the requirements of AS 44.19.145(a)(11) as they read before their amendment by sec. 1, ch. 44, SLA  
14 1990. The validity of the issuance of leases under that sale is ratified and confirmed.

15 \* Sec. 3. This Act is retroactive to January 1, 1986.

16 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).