

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68 (MLV)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Offered: 2/21/92**

**Referred: Resources**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging the Congress to reopen the Native allotments process for the benefit of Native  
2 military veterans.

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the filing deadline for Alaska Native allotments fell on December 18, 1971, a date  
5 during the United States' involvement in the conflict in Vietnam; and

6 **WHEREAS** many Alaska Natives participated in the military during the Vietnam conflict; and

7 **WHEREAS** many Alaska Native Vietnam veterans were not notified and were not aware of the  
8 Native allotment process during the filing period; and

9 **WHEREAS** veterans should not be denied benefits that they would have received if they had  
10 not been in the military service;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to amend federal law  
12 in a manner that would allow otherwise eligible Alaska Native veterans a new 18-month filing period  
13 for Native land allotments.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the  
15 Interior; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.  
16 Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas

1 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Alan Cranston, Chair, Senate  
2 Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Chair, House Committee  
3 on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable George Miller, Chair, House Committee on Interior and Insular  
4 Affairs; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; Mr. John  
5 Schaeffer, Chair, Alaska Federation of Natives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
6 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
7 Alaska delegation in Congress.