

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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**Referred: Senate Special Committee on International Trade and Tourism**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the international trade in furs.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** a substantial number of the products of the United States fur trapping industry have  
**4** historically been exported to the member states of the European Community; and

**5 WHEREAS** the European Commission, the executive body of the European Community, has  
**6** proposed to ban the importation of furs originating in countries that have not prohibited the use of leg-  
**7** hold traps; and

**8 WHEREAS** the European Parliament, the advisory body of the European Community, has  
**9** overwhelmingly supported this proposal; and

**10 WHEREAS** the European Commission has forwarded the proposal to the Council of Ministers,  
**11** the legislation-enacting body of the European Community; and

**12 WHEREAS** 7 of the 12 countries that comprise the European Community do not prohibit the  
**13** use of leg-hold traps; and

**14 WHEREAS** several countries with which Alaska competes in the international fur market provide  
**15** indirect subsidies to their producers of farm-raised fur, thereby creating an unfair price advantage for  
**16** the subsidized producers and hampering the effective operation of free trade; and

1       **WHEREAS** the United States does not prohibit the use of leg-hold traps; and

2       **WHEREAS** the enactment of the European Community's proposed ban would have a significant  
3 negative effect on the fur trapping industry in Alaska;

4       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the Office of the United  
5 States Trade Representative to accord the highest priority to representing the United States fur trapping  
6 industry by promoting fair and free trade in the industry at all the international trade forums, including  
7 both bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

8       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr., Secretary  
9 of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Carla A. Hills, U.S. Trade Representative; and to  
10 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
11 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.