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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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Rep. Alvin Osterback
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Dear Chairman Osterback:

Our Subcommittee on Game has given cursory review to House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 and find that it is worthy of consideration by the Committee as a whole. We are reporting it back with a Do Pass recommendation by a majority of the committee.

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Rep. Urion, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Sally Smith, followed by the text "NO Rec." with "NO" underlined.

Rep. Smith

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Rep. Bennett

Introduced: 2/8/77
Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SCHAEFFER

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting an earlier opening of the
6 caribou season in the arctic game manage-
7 ment units.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS many villages in the state's arctic game management units have
10 always utilized the meat of the caribou as their primary wild meat food
11 source; and

12 WHEREAS, due to a serious depletion of the Western-Arctic herd in
13 recent years, state regulations have reduced the allowable take of caribou
14 in Units 23, 24, 26A and 26B from fifteen a year to one bull by permit only,
15 with a change of the opening of the season from July 15 to October 1; and

16 WHEREAS the October 1 opening date fails to recognize that in most cases
17 bull caribou have started rutting by that date and their meat is unfit for
18 human consumption; and

19 WHEREAS, with so few animals available for human use, wastage of this
20 nature is intolerable;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Game
22 is respectfully requested to change the opening date for the caribou season
23 in Units 23, 24, 26A, and 26B from October 1 to September 1.

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August 1.