

Original Sponsors: Moss and Beirne

Offered: 4/10/81
Referred: Finance

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BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 38 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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FURTHER: FINANCE

(11)

Date: APRIL 7, 1981

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 38

"An Act relating to the development of small farms; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 38(Res) same title
 new title
- and recommends DO PASS
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

Terry Gaudin
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Earl C. Suter
Eric C. Sutcliffe
Ben Spenser
Robert A. Bettinworth

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

J. Smith - No Rec
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		Concurred in Senate amendment thus adopting: VOTE
		Failed to concur in Senate amendment; asked Senate to recede VOTE
		Senate receded from amendment VOTE
		Senate failed to recede from amendment VOTE
		CC appointed by House
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