

SJR

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# COMMITTEE REPORT

## HOUSE

(7)

FURTHER: JUDICIARY

3/22/82

Date: May 4, 1982

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had SSSJR 10a.n

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to agricultural rights in state lands.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  same title  
 new title
- and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without <sup>individual</sup> recommendations
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS**

*Eiv Sutcliffe*  
*Paul J. ...*  
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**MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

*Richard ... No Rec.*  
*Ken ... Do Not Pass*  
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*Eiv Sutcliffe*  
 CHAIRMAN



# Alaska State Legislature

## SENATE Resources Committee

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### MEMO

TO: Bonnie, House Resources Committee Staff  
FROM: Tom Johnson, Senate Resources Committee Staff  
DATE: May 4, 1982  
RE: Background materials on SSSJR 10

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Per your request this morning, attached please find background materials from our files on SSSJR 10, for your Committee hearing this afternoon.

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## Senate

### Committee on Resources

April 8, 1981  
1:40 p.m.

Beltz Room  
Room 211 - Capitol

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp  
Senator Fischer  
Senator Sturgulewski  
Senator Mulcahy  
Senator Gilman

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#### Hearing:

- SSSJR 10 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to agricultural rights in state lands.
- SCR 17 Relating to the development of a wood products industry in the state.
- SB 245 An Act amending the agricultural loan program to authorize loans for the harvesting, storage, and delivery of peat.

Bob Palmer, Coordinator, Special Projects for the Governor, stated that, nationwide annually, 3-5 million acres of are taken out of agricultural production. A number of states have recognized the negative impact of this and have been purchasing agricultural rights from private land owners. He indicated that SSSJR 10 would alleviate several potential problems: first, the sale of only agriculture rights could be repealed by a future legislature. And, second, with the approval from the adjacent city and the Division of Lands, the owner of agricultural lands can obtain full title. He indicated that there has been an increase in the number of people speculating in agriculture lands in hopes they can someday sub-divide the land and sell it. SSSJR 10 will eliminate this speculation.

Senator Fischer put forth the motion to move SSSJR 10 with individual recommendations.

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION Loss of agricultural lands to subdivisions  
ORIGIN OF RESOLUTION Kodiak Soil Conservation Subdistrict  
DATE OF ORIGIN November 15, 1980

It is sometimes necessary for ranchers and farmers to subdivide agricultural lands to pay off the mortgage on said lands. This is drastically depleting Alaska's agricultural land base and its subsequent ability to become self sufficient in food production.

RESOLVED, that the Alaska Association of Soil Conservation Subdistricts support the Kodiak Soil Conservation Subdistrict in recommending that the Alaska State Legislature pass legislation to purchase the development rights of private agricultural land parcels to eliminate the necessity of ranchers and farmers to subdivide.

ACTION TAKEN BY AASCSD STANDING COMMITTEE Approved  
ACTION TAKEN BY AASCSD RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Approved  
ACTION TAKEN BY AASCSD Passed by unanimous vote