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Jeanie Henry

House Rules Committee, 4/18/85 8:30 am

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## HOUSE

(7)

4/8/85

FURTHER:

Date: APRIL 18, 1985

The Committee on RULES has had HCR 15

Relating to the control of wolf predation.

under consideration and recommends:

do pass

do not pass

do pass with attached amendments(s)

replace with CS for HCR 15 (Rules)  same title

new title

and recommends \_\_\_\_\_

AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note

reports it back without recommendation  Zero Fiscal Note Attached

referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

### MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

### MEMBERS HAVING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Miller M.W. Miller

Fuller Jan Fuller

Wallis F. Kay Wallis

Grussendorf [Signature]

Davis [Signature] NO REC.

Pignallone [Signature] NO REC.

Martin Terry Martin No Rec.

M.W. Miller

CHAIRMAN

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1985

T I M E: \_\_\_\_\_

INDICATE MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT:

Cmte. Members Chairman M.W. Miller  
Speaker Grussendorf  
Rep. Fuller  
Rep. Martin  
Rep. Davis  
Rep. Pignalberi

THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR TODAY IS: HCR 15 - by Rep. Shultz - Relating to  
the control of wolf predation.

Request motion to adopt CS HCR 15 (Rules) and bring it before the committee  
for discussion.

Rules CS makes one change to original resolution:

On Page 2, Lines 12 and 13, DELETE: EQUAL IN SCALE TO THOSE NOW BEING  
SPONSORED BY WOLF PROTECTIONIST GROUPS:

Into the deleted section, insert: and the need for wolf management

This section will read: FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the  
Governor to direct the commissioner of fish and game to implement a  
public education program on wolf behavior and the need for wolf manage-  
ment;

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

(DAVE STANCLIFF OR REP. SHULTZ WILL BE AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY  
QUESTIONS.)

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MOTION TO PASS CS HCR 15 (RULES) FROM COMMITTEE  
WITH INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS.



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Committee on Rules

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RULES COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1985

## A G E N D A

HCR 15 - Relating to the control of wolf predation.  
(by Rep. Shultz)

## I N D E X

- I. Proposed CS HCR 15 (RULES)
- II. Original Version HCR 15

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4/15/85

Original sponsor: Shultz

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
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 3 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (Rules)  
 4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
 5 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

6 Relating to the control of wolf preda-  
 7 tion.

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

9 WHEREAS sound management of fish and game is critical to those state  
 10 residents who are most dependent on subsistence resources; and

11 WHEREAS wolf predation has a direct affect on ungulate populations  
 12 such as moose, caribou, and sheep; and

13 WHEREAS many of the animals that state residents customarily and  
 14 traditionally depend on for subsistence are preyed upon by wolves; and

15 WHEREAS wolf protectionist groups have distributed a great deal of  
 16 information to the public concerning wolf behavior; and

17 WHEREAS professional wildlife managers in the Department of Fish and  
 18 Game are knowledgeable on wolf behavior; and

19 WHEREAS state residents should be able to rely heavily upon the  
 20 expertise of state wildlife managers for information; and

21 WHEREAS state residents need reliable, accurate, unemotional informa-  
 22 tion on which to base a decision concerning wolf control; and

23 WHEREAS state residents who are incorrectly informed or emotionally  
 24 sensitized may oppose wolf control to the detriment of the moose, caribou,  
 25 and sheep populations; and

26 WHEREAS the destruction of moose, caribou, and sheep resulting from  
 27 lack of management of wolves may severely jeopardize subsistence <sup>and sport hunting</sup> hunting  
 28 opportunities for local area residents; and

29 WHEREAS Article VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
 mandates that our game resources be managed on a "sustained yield basis,

1 subject to preferences among beneficial uses"; and

2 WHEREAS state subsistence laws state that subsistence use of game  
3 animals is the highest and best use; and

4 WHEREAS state residents depend more heavily on moose, caribou, and  
5 sheep than on wolves for subsistence;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to  
7 direct the commissioner of fish and game and the Board of Game to manage  
8 moose, caribou, and sheep stocks so that customary and traditional subsis-  
9 tence activities <sup>7 sports hunting activities.</sup> are not diminished due to wolf predation; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Governor to direct the  
11 commissioner of fish and game to implement a public education program on  
12 wolf behavior <sup>add:</sup> ~~and the need for wolf management~~; and be it  
13 <sup>del: [equal in scale to those now being</sup>

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature, <sup>sponsored by wolf protection groups]</sup> in recognition of the harmful  
15 effects that wolves may have on subsistence lifestyles, <sup>7 sports hunting activities</sup> encourages members  
16 of local rural communities to work together to help solve wolf control  
17 problems in their areas.

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Introduced: 3/1/85  
Referred: Resources

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BY SHULTZ

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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