

SJR

61

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 2-11-88 5-DAY NOTICE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER:

\*\*FISCAL NOTE(S) ATTACHED  \*\*  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035  
(see below)

2/4/88

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 2-19-88

Mr. President:

State Affairs

Committee considered SJR 61

Requesting the Government of the United States to reassert jurisdiction over Wrangel Island, Herald Island, Henrietta Island, Jeannette Island, and Bennett Island together with the surrounding outer continental shelf within the American waters of the Chukchi Sea and the East Siberian Seas and to pay the State of Alaska compensation for damages and recommended: from their loss.

replace with CS \_\_\_\_\_  same title  
 attached amendment(s) and  new title

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

letter of intent adopted and attached

\*\* Committee  attached or  adopted fiscal note(s)  
 zero  fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

*Rich Upton (DO PASS)*  
*Ken Gunning*

*Don Hood Do Pass*

Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman  
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF.*

SUBJECT: Senate Joint Resolution 61  
(reasserting U.S. sovereignty over Wrangel Island)

DATE: February 10, 1988

I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced resolution before the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

As you are undoubtedly aware, I introduced this identical resolution in 1986. It passed the Senate on a vote of 16 Yeas and 4 Nays and died in the House at the end of the Fourteenth Legislature.

Basically what this resolution does is to request that the government of the United States reassert jurisdiction over Wrangel, Herald, Henrietta, Jeannette, and Bennett Islands; together with the surrounding outer Continental Shelf within the American Waters of the Chukchi and East Siberian Seas and to pay the State of Alaska compensation for damages from their loss.

If you should have further need for information, my office can provide additional background. It is also interesting to note that within hours of introduction, the State Department Watch had contacted me and has kindly offered to provide up-to-date information on this subject matter.

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TO: Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman and  
Committee Members  
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PAF*

SUBJECT: Senate Joint Resolution 61  
(reasserting U.S. sovereignty over Wrangel Island)

DATE: February 15, 1988

I appreciate your scheduling the above referenced resolution before the Senate State Affairs Committee on Friday, February 19.

As you are undoubtedly aware, I introduced this identical resolution in 1986. It passed the Senate on a vote of 16 Yeas and 4 Nays and died in the House at the end of the Fourteenth Legislature.

Basically what this resolution does is to request that the government of the United States reassert jurisdiction over Wrangel, Herald, Henrietta, Jeannette, and Bennett Islands,, together with the surrounding outer Continental Shelf within the American Waters of the Chukchi and East Siberian Seas and to pay the State of Alaska compensation for damages from their loss.

The legal basis and historical grounds supporting the validity of our claim to these islands is set forth throughout the whereas clauses of the resolution.

I've attached a packet of materials for the committee's information (accumulated in 1986 as well as new materials received this year). Further material is available upon request from my office.

PAF/sgn

Attachments

STATE OF ALASKA  
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: SJR 61  
PUBLISH DATE: 2-4-88

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Requesting the Government of the US BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
to reassert jurisdiction over Wrangel Island...  
 Sponsor: Fischer Components: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Approved by ~~Committee~~ Senator Mitch Abood Date: 2-19-88  
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