

SJR

27

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: 4/5/91

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: Apr. 25, 1991  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

Resources Committee considered SJR 27

Support for the existing federal mining law system.

and recommended:

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_  same title
- attached amendment(s)  new title
- \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent adopted
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department(s)/Date:

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fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
DNR 4/30/91  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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appropriation-no \_\_\_\_\_

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

Bob Halford  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Delaney  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Scott Morrison No Rec  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul D. Hagg No Rec  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

David Jones (Do Pass)  
Chair: Signature and Recommendation

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# Alaska State Legislature



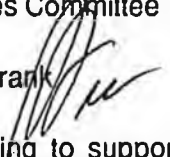
## Senate

APR 17 1991

MEMBER  
Finance Committee  
Resources Committee  
Legislative Council  
Special Committee on Banking &  
Economic Development

VICE-CHAIR  
Community & Regional  
Affairs Committee

TO: Senator Lloyd Jones, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Steve Frank 

RE: SJR 27 - "Relating to support for the existing federal mining law system."

DATE: April 17, 1991

I would like to request that you schedule SJR 27 for a hearing in the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest convenience.

There is currently a bill before Congress that would make significant changes to the federal mining law. Essentially they are more burdensome than the existing law and can be expected to further discourage exploration and mineral location.

In Alaska, over 100 million acres of land are already closed to mining. Operations that are allowed on the remaining land are subject to very stringent rules including federal, state and local fees, taxes, reclamation standards and environmental standards. A new, more restrictive federal law will only add to the complex, cost prohibitive network of regulations that currently apply to mining and will have the effect of minimizing and in many cases totally eliminating investment interests.

Regulatory compliance costs are so excessive now that the industry's competitive ability is being slowly destroyed. If approved, the congressional measure will have the effect of shrinking even further the remaining opportunity for the mining industry to develop the mineral resources left available for extraction.

The attached resolution stresses our support for the existing federal mining law system and urges Congress to do so as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SJR 27

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Natural Resources  
Title: Federal Mining Laws BRU: Mining  
Component: Mining Management/Operations

Sponsor: Senator Frank  
Requestor: Senate Resources Committee

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-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						
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

The resolution does not affect this department.

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Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 4-30-91

Approved by Commissioner: Harold Heinze *cwfr*

Agency: Natural Resources Date: 4-30-91

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# ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION

APR 19 1991

April 17, 1991

Honorable Lloyd Jones  
Alaska State Senate  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811


Dear Senator Jones:

On behalf of the Alaska Minerals Commission, I urge your timely support for passage of SJR 27 and HJR 35, "relating to support for the existing federal mining law system."

The resolutions echo a recommendation made by the Minerals Commission in its 1991 report to the Governor and Legislature supporting the existing 1872 mining law.

U.S. Congressman Rahall of West Virginia will be holding a hearing in Fairbanks on May 25, 1991, relating to proposed changes in the 1872 Law. It would be of enormous importance to be able to report at these hearings that the Legislature of the State of Alaska supports the existing Mining Law without the onerous and potentially damaging changes.

Sincerely,

  
Earl Beistline, Chairman  
Alaska Minerals Commission  
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