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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House Resources Committee  
FR: Co-Chair Scott Ogan  
DT: 2/25/97  
RE: HB 28 in today's hearing.

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I ask that each member come prepared to discuss the nuances of HB 28 today. We have had two very informative hearings on this bill, and are now equipped to add to the foray our own impressions and concerns.

I will be assigning HB 28 to a subcommittee, but I want to have some discussion in our meeting before taking that action.

Thank you for your cooperation and hard work.

*Scott Ogan*

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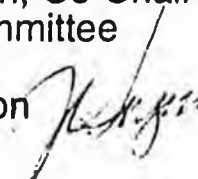
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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 1997

TO: Representative Hudson, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee

FROM: Senator John Torgerson 

RE: SJR 8 Hearing

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I respectfully request a hearing before the House Resources Committee on SJR 8, Primary Manufacturing of Publicly Owned Timber.

Attached find a sponsor statement for the resolution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### **SJR 8 - Primary Manufacturing of Publicly Owned Timber**

This resolution urges Congress to provide the authority necessary for the State of Alaska to regulate, restrict or prohibit the export of unprocessed logs from State Lands, Municipal Lands, and the University of Alaska Lands.

In 1984, the Supreme Court ruled that Alaska's Primary Manufacture laws were in conflict with the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, where the requirement of in-state manufacture placed an unauthorized restriction of the free trade between states.

In 1990, Congress adopted the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act, which in part authorized eleven Western States an exemption to the Commerce Clause. The exemption has led these States to restrict the purchase of timber to only entities that are in operation within their borders.

Alaska was not included in this legislation; therefore, authorizing other states to come to Alaska and purchase our raw materials and "export" them from Alaska to their own state; however, Alaska's manufacturers are restricted from going to any of the other states in search of raw timber to run our facilities.

When authorized by Congress, primary manufacturing of our timber resources will create value added jobs within the State. We will be using our raw materials to provide jobs for Alaskans.

This resolution is the same as SJR 37, which was passed late in the 19th Legislative Session. I believe there is good reason to reinforce the Legislature's position on the issue and again submitting the resolution to the persons named in the body of the resolution.