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CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging President Bush, the United States Department of State, and the United States**
2 **Congress to intervene and negotiate with the government of Canada to reconsider the**
3 **imposition of a fee to transport firearms through Canada.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** Alaska is separated from the 48 contiguous states of the United States by
6 Canada, and many Alaskans travel the Alaska, Taylor/Top of the World, Skagway/Klondike,
7 and Cassiar Highways and other highways in Canada to reach the 48 contiguous states of the
8 United States; and

9 **WHEREAS** Alaska borders the Yukon and British Columbia, Canadians engage in
10 recreational activities in Alaska, and Alaskans engage in recreational activities in Canada; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in pursuit of these recreational opportunities, Alaskans enter Canada at
12 Canadian locations, some of which do not have a border station or customs personnel
13 permanently stationed; and

14 **WHEREAS** Alaska and the United States do not impose a fee for Canadians to
15 transport firearms into Alaska or the United States to engage in recreational activities; and

1 **WHEREAS** the government of Canada recently adopted new regulations that require
2 visitors to Canada not having a valid Canadian firearms license to declare their firearms
3 before entering Canada at a Canadian customs station, complete a Non-Resident Firearm
4 Declaration Form, and pay a \$50 (Canadian) confirmation fee; and

5 **WHEREAS** the imposition of this fee on Alaskans and those traveling to and from
6 Alaska is inconvenient and unexpected, especially when considering that neither Alaska nor
7 the United States has a reciprocal declaration and fee requirement;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Bush, the
9 United States Department of State, and the United States Congress to intervene and negotiate
10 with the government of Canada to remove the declaration and fee requirements in a manner
11 that allows Alaskans to engage in routine recreational, transport, and travel opportunities in
12 Canada.

13 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jean Chretien, Prime
14 Minister of Canada; the Honorable ^{John Manley} ~~Lloyd Axworthy~~, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada; the
15 Honorable Pat Duncan, Premier of the Yukon; the Honorable Ujjal Dosanjh, Premier of
16 British Columbia; the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the
17 Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.
18 Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
19 Honorable Colin Powell, United States Secretary of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
20 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
21 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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Taylor to Canada: Firearm Fees Unfair

(JUNEAU) – Sen. Robin Taylor (R-Wrangell) introduced a resolution on Wednesday in response to new fees for Alaskans transporting firearms through Canada.

“Alaskans and Canadians frequently travel back and forth across our border for business and recreation,” said Taylor. “Our government allows Canadians to bring firearms into the United States for recreational activities without imposing a fee, but the Canadian government no longer allows our residents the same courtesy.”

The Canadian government recently adopted new regulations requiring visitors without a valid Canadian firearms license to declare their firearms at a Canadian customs station before entering the country. Visitors would also have to fill out a Non-Resident Firearm Declaration form and pay a confirmation fee of \$50 (Canadian).

“How are hunters in a remote area, traveling back and forth across the Canadian-U.S. border, supposed to register their firearms?” said Taylor.

Senate Joint Resolution 14 calls on President George W. Bush, the U.S. State Department, and Congress to negotiate with the Canadian government to rescind these new regulations.

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FISCAL NOTE

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2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: SJR 14
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title: Oppose Canadian Fee To Transport Firearms BRU: _____
 Sponsor: Senator Taylor Component: _____
 Requester: Senate State Affairs Component Number: _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
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| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

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| Full-time | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

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Memorandum

TO: Senator Gene Therriault, Chair
State Affairs Committee,

FROM: Senator Robin L. Taylor *RLT.*

DATE: February 21, 2001

RE: Request for Hearing

I would appreciate a hearing of SJR 14 TITLE: "Urging President Bush, the United States Department of State, and the United States Congress to intervene and negotiate with the government of Canada to reconsider the imposition of a fee to transport firearms through Canada".

The scheduling of this resolution at your earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.

Thank You.