

**HJR**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

DATE: 3/20/09

FURTHER: Rules

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 4-17-09

Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(RES)

**HJR 18 OPPOSING ANWR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION**

Urging the United States Congress to refrain from passing legislation that designates land in Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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<b>HOUSE BILL:</b>
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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Huggins	✓			
	STRUB	✓			
	French	x			
	WAGONER	✓			
CO-CHAIR:	McClure	✓			
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(LIMITED RUN SHOWING ALL ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS)

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/25/09

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MILLETT, Stoltze, Lynn, Johnson, Neuman, Keller, Ramras, Wilson, Kelly, Dahlstrom, Hawker, Joule, Gatto, Johansen, Crawford

SENATORS Therriault, Wagoner, Bunde, McGuire, Menard, Stedman, Meyer, Huggins, Olson, French, Dyson, Thomas, Stevens

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Congress to refrain from passing legislation that designates**  
 2 **land in Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is considered the most  
 5 promising onshore oil and gas prospect in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS** the United States Department of the Interior estimates that there may be  
 7 10,400,000,000 recoverable barrels of oil and significant quantities of natural gas in the Arctic  
 8 National Wildlife Refuge; and

9 **WHEREAS** the potentially enormous oil and gas prospects are located in Area 1002  
 10 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and Area 1002 comprises only eight percent of the  
 11 total area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States Congress, in 16 U.S.C. 3121 (sec. 1002, Alaska  
 13 National Interest Lands Conservation Act), authorized oil and gas exploratory activity within  
 14 the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and reserved the right to enact future  
 15 laws to allow for entry into and development of oil and gas resources in the Arctic National  
 16 Wildlife Refuge; and

1           **WHEREAS** Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was excluded from  
2 wilderness designation in 1980 as a result of a compromise in the negotiations that led to the  
3 conversion of the Alaska Wildlife Range into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, with the  
4 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge encompassing an area that is approximately double the size  
5 of the Alaska Wildlife Range; and

6           **WHEREAS** 16 U.S.C. 3101(d) (sec. 101(d), Alaska National Interest Lands  
7 Conservation Act) expresses the belief of the United States Congress that the need for future  
8 legislation designating new conservation system units, new national conservation areas, or  
9 new national recreation areas in Alaska has been obviated by the enactment of the Alaska  
10 National Interest Lands Conservation Act; and

11           **WHEREAS** development of the oil reserves in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge  
12 would reduce the dependence of the United States on unstable sources of foreign oil and  
13 would make the economy of the United States stronger and more stable; and

14           **WHEREAS** the economy of the United States would suffer further if the large natural  
15 gas resources in Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge are not available for  
16 transportation in the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline; and

17           **WHEREAS** clean-burning natural gas delivered by way of the proposed Alaska  
18 natural gas pipeline could be used as an environmentally friendly energy source for homes  
19 and businesses in the lower 48 states for decades to come; and

20           **WHEREAS** new technology and environmental practices used by the oil and gas  
21 industry provide for efficient production and environmental protection; and

22           **WHEREAS** 8,900,000 acres of the 19,000,000 acres in the Arctic National Wildlife  
23 Refuge are already designated as wilderness areas; and

24           **WHEREAS**, assuming development of major oil and gas prospects and full leasing,  
25 oil and gas operations will have a footprint on only 2,000 acres out of a total of 1,500,000  
26 acres in Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, approximately 0.13 percent of the  
27 area;

28           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
29 Congress to preserve its right to enact a law providing for the environmentally responsible  
30 exploration and development of oil and gas resources in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge  
31 by not passing any legislation that designates land in Area 1002 of the Arctic National

1 Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

2       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
3 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
4 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the  
5 Interior; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
6 Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
7 Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell,  
8 Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the Energy and  
9 Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
10 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
11 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 111th United  
12 States Congress.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: CSHJR 18(RES)  
 (H) Publish Date: 2/25/2009

Identifier (file name): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title OPPOSING ANWR WILDNERNESS DESIGNATION RDU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Representatives Millett, Stoltze, Lynn, Johnson, Neuman... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

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## Representative Charisse Millett District 30

February 11, 2009  
Bill Version: 26-LS0403VA

### House Joint Resolution 18 Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 18 urges the United States Congress to reject any legislation seeking a wilderness designation for the 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Legislation has been introduced in Congress to do just that. The 1002 Area could be the largest untapped onshore oil prospect in the United States and that makes it both a national refuge and a strategic resource. The two are not incompatible.

Congress deliberately set aside the 1002 Area for future oil and gas exploration. Lawmakers at the time understood the day may come when those reserves will be needed to fuel the economy and reduce the flow of imported oil into America.

Alaska needs new jobs to grow its economy and new revenue to fund basic services like education, public safety and transportation infrastructure. America needs a stable, safe and secure supply of energy to help the economy get back on its feet. ANWR can do all of that without harming the fragile arctic environment.

Locking up a two thousand acre area that makes up less than one percent of the refuge and holds an estimated 10,400,000,000 barrels of oil does not make sense for America's economy and national security.

HJR 18 has been referred to the House Resources Committee. For more information, contact Representative Millett at (907) 465-3879.

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# Alaska State Legislature



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**Representative Charisse Millett**  
*Co-Chair, House Special Committee on Energy*  
District 30

## **SECTIONAL ANALYSIS** **House Joint Resolution 18 (RES), 26-LS04000\E**

**Page One, Lines 4, 5:** Slight changes in wording from original version

**Page One, Line 7:** Updates U.S. Department of the Interior estimate 10,400,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil.

**Page One, Lines 10, 11:** Additional language stating that the 1002 Area only comes to eight percent of the entire refuge

**Page Two, Lines 1 to 5:** Additional whereas included about how the 1002 Area was deliberately excluded from the Wilderness designation

**Page Two, Lines 24 to 27:** Additional whereas stating that full leasing and production will only have a footprint of 2,000 acres or 0.13 percent of the refuge



February 12, 2009

Representative Charisse Millett  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Building  
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Millet:

I am writing to extend my sincerest appreciation for your leadership on HJR 18, urging the United States Congress to keep the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge open for future oil and gas development.

As you may know, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation owns subsurface title to 92,000 acres inside the Coastal Plain of ANWR, and our sister village corporation, Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation (KIC), owns the surface title to the same acreage.

ASRC in partnership with KIC have worked this issue for over two decades. We have an up close and personal interest in this debate because potential development or Wilderness designation will have a direct impact on the residents of Kaktovik and those of the North Slope.

I am extending ASRC's assistance in providing your office with additional information on this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you, again, for your leadership on the ANWR issue.

Regards,  
ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara M. Sweeney".

Tara M. Sweeney  
Vice President of External Affairs and Communications

Cc: Philip Tikluk, President of Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation



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February 20, 2009

Representative Craig Johnson and Representative Mark Neuman, Co-Chairmen  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HJR18, Urging the U.S. Congress to refrain from passing legislation that designates lands in Area 1002 of ANWR as Wilderness

Dear Representative Johnson and Representative Neuman:

On behalf of the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc., (RDC), I am writing in support of HJR18, which urges Congress to refrain from passing legislation that designates the 1002 Area of ANWR as Wilderness.

RDC is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization founded in 1975. The RDC membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fisheries industries, as well as Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to link these diverse interests together to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

A Wilderness designation would preclude future action by Congress to provide for environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and gas resources in ANWR. Federal Wilderness should not be expanded to include the 1002 Area, given the Coastal Plain is considered the nation's most promising onshore oil and gas prospect.

We encourage the Committee to vote in favor of this resolution. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Brune  
Executive Director

HR 39 IH

111th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. R. 39

To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**January 6, 2009**

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

**A BILL**

To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the 'Udall-Eisenhower Arctic Wilderness Act'.

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

(a) Findings- The Congress finds the following:

(1) Americans cherish the continued existence of expansive, unspoiled wilderness ecosystems and wildlife found on their public lands, and feel a strong moral responsibility to protect this wilderness heritage as an enduring resource to bequeath undisturbed to future generations of Americans.

(2) It is widely believed by ecologists, wildlife scientists, public land specialists, and other experts that the wilderness ecosystem centered around and dependent upon the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, represents the very epitome of a primeval wilderness ecosystem and constitutes the greatest wilderness area and diversity of wildlife habitats of its kind in the United States.

(3) President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated protection of the wilderness values of the Arctic coastal plain in 1960 when he <sup>[+]</sup> set aside 8,900,000 acres establishing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge expressly 'for the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness and recreational values'.

(4) In 1980, when the Congress acted to strengthen the protective management of the Eisenhower-designated area with the enactment of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487), Representative Morris K. Udall led the effort to more than double the size of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and extend statutory wilderness protection to most of the original area.

(5) Before the enactment of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the House of Representatives twice passed legislation that would have protected the entire Eisenhower-designated area as wilderness, including the Arctic coastal plain.

(6) A majority of Americans have supported and continue to support preserving and protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, including the Arctic coastal plain, from any industrial development and consider oil and gas exploration and development in particular to be incompatible with the purposes for which this incomparable wilderness ecosystem has been set aside.

(7) When the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1980 by paragraph (2) of section 303 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487; 94 Stat. 2390; 16 U.S.C. 668dd note), subparagraph (B)(iii) of such paragraph specifically stated that one of the purposes for which the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is established and managed would be to provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents, and, therefore, the lands designated as wilderness within the Refuge, including the area designated by this Act, are and will continue to be managed consistent with such subparagraph.

(8) Canada has taken action to preserve those portions of the wilderness ecosystem of the Arctic that exist on its side of the international border and provides strong legal protection for the habitat of the Porcupine River caribou herd that migrates annually through both countries to calve on the Arctic coastal plain.

(9) The extension of full wilderness protection for the Arctic coastal plain within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will still leave most of the North Slope of Alaska available for the development of energy resources, which will allow Alaska to continue to contribute significantly to meeting the energy needs of the United States without despoiling the unique Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

(b) Statement of Policy- The Congress hereby declares that it is the policy of the United States--

- (1) to honor the decades of bipartisan efforts that have increasingly protected the great wilderness ecosystem of the Arctic coastal plain;
- (2) to sustain this natural treasure for the current generation of Americans; and
- (3) to do everything possible to protect and preserve this magnificent natural ecosystem so that it may be bequeathed in its unspoiled natural condition to future generations of Americans.

**SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS, ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA.**

(a) Inclusion of Arctic Coastal Plain- In furtherance of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), an area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska comprising approximately 1,559,538 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'Arctic National Wildlife Refuge--1002 Area Alternative E--Wilderness Designation' and dated October 28, 1991, is hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The map referred to in this subsection shall be available for inspection in the offices of the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) Administration- The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the area designated as wilderness by subsection (a) in accordance with the Wilderness Act as part of the wilderness area already in existence within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

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S. 231

To designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**January 14, 2009**

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

**A BILL**

To designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF PORTION OF ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AS WILDERNESS.**

Section 4 of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(p) Designation of Certain Land as Wilderness- Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska comprising approximately 1,559,538 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'Arctic National Wildlife Refuge--1002 Area. Alternative E--Wilderness Designation, October 28, 1991' and available for inspection in the offices of the Secretary, is designated as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

END

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