

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, Statehood for Alaska is the avowed wish of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, to that end, Alaskans have prepared a State Constitution and ratified it by popular vote; and

WHEREAS, said Constitution includes, among other things, provisions for the management of Alaska's wildlife, fish and game; and

WHEREAS, some national organizations have attempted to:

(1) influence deliberations of the Constitutional Convention;

(2) defeat ratification of said Constitution by Alaskans;

(3) influence recent Territorial elections;

(4) influence the Alaska Legislature's position as to the management of said resource;

(5) coerce the Governor of Alaska to veto a bill concerning the management of said resource;

(6) influence the Congress of the United States to deny Statehood to Alaska;

all based ostensibly on their dissatisfaction with Alaska's Constitutional and legislative provisions for the management of said resource;

and

WHEREAS, every opportunity has heretofore been afforded said opposition groups to present their case publicly before Alaska's Constitutional Convention, Alaska's Legislature, and the public generally, notwithstanding which Alaskans by popular vote and through the expression of their elected representatives have rejected said groups' proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Alaska Legislature vigorously protests such attempted interference and intimidation and reaffirms its belief that the Congress will not be misled by such methods; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies hereof be sent to the President of the United States; the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; U. S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Territories Subcommittee, U. S. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; Congressman Leo W. O'Brien, Chairman, Territories Subcommittee, U. S. House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, Delegate in Congress from Alaska.

Passed by the House March 28, 1957.