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JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting action to insure that the State of Alaska receives the Pribilof seal income it is entitled to under the Alaska Statehood Act.

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

WHEREAS under the Alaska Statehood Act the federal government through the Department of the Interior is to pay the State of Alaska 70 per cent of the net proceeds of the sale of fur seal skins and other Pribilof Island products; and

WHEREAS the income to which Alaska is entitled is vital to the operation of the state and in the fiscal year 1961 the income reached a high of \$1,050,002 and despite continued good harvesting then went down to no income at all for the state in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the complete loss of this source of revenue is attributable to the action and policies of the Department of the Interior which without Congressional approval devoted the net proceeds to administrative costs and research, thus depriving the State of Alaska of any of the income which by Act of Congress it is entitled;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska

respectfully protests to the President of the United States and the Congress regarding the actions of the Department of the Interior in effectively depriving the State of Alaska of the income it is entitled to under the Alaska Statehood Act from the net income derived from the sale of fur seal skins and other products of the Pribilof Islands and respectfully requests administrative and legislative action to insure that the revenue due the State of Alaska is restored and not again allowed to be dissipated by administrative action contrary to the intent of Congress.

COPIES of this resolution shall go to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.