

IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the transplanting
of bison.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the bison has proven itself to be an extremely hardy animal capable of thriving in the extreme weather conditions of the Big Delta area since its transplant there in 1928; and

WHEREAS this adaptability and fortitude reflects the bison's apparent ability to become a valuable meat resource in the remote areas of Alaska; and

WHEREAS it would seem more beneficial to the state's economy if, in an effort to make room for encroaching civilization, the size of the Big Delta bison herd is controlled by transplanting some of these animals to other areas of the state rather than holding annual bison hunts; and

WHEREAS there is every indication that the recent bison transplant made at Fairwell in the McGrath area during 1965 has been highly successful;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Fish and Game is requested to transplant bison to the Unalakleet area during 1966 and, if feasible, to make a similar transplant to the Bristol Bay area.