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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Relating to the Alaska office of the Crop Reporting Service.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska office of the Crop Reporting Service has been removed from the 1976 budget by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS this office was established in 1960, in cooperation with the Institute of Agricultural Services and the Department of Natural Resources, to provide a single source of agricultural information, thereby avoiding duplication of efforts in the collection, summarization and dissemination of information; and

WHEREAS the statistical information furnished by the office is utilized extensively by farmers and even more so by agribusiness persons such as the state Division of Agriculture, the Department of Economic Development, and the Institute of Agricultural Sciences; and

WHEREAS individual agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture are in the process of "tooling up" for the pressures of changed land use; and

WHEREAS, without a regular, central data-gathering program, reliable statistical information will be extremely difficult for farmers, the university, and the state to secure, which would make it extremely difficult to know what is happening in the agricultural field in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the facts indicate that rather than lose the Alaska statistical resources, these resources should be expanded to

cover many perimeters not now being assessed; and

WHEREAS funding for continuation of the Alaska office would only amount to \$49,000;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Department of Agriculture is urgently requested to reinstate the sum of \$49,000 in its budgetary request for funding of the Alaska office of the Crop Reporting Service and that the United States Congress approve this budgetary request.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Earl Butz, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; the Honorable Thomas Foley, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.