



Alaska State Legislature

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

Requesting exclusion from federal legislation prohibiting the use of traps.

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

WHEREAS trapping in Alaska provides a vital and necessary addition to the state's economy, generally, and in many cases is absolutely essential to the maintenance of a subsistence way of life for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS trapping is a harvest of renewable resources; and

WHEREAS its acceptability has long been acknowledged by those familiar with living in Alaska; and

WHEREAS methods which may be applicable in other states would not be feasible in Alaska due to the remoteness of its geographic area and the problems of access; and

WHEREAS Alaska already has clear and comprehensive laws relating to trapping;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the subsistence needs of its citizens and in furtherance of its regulatory scheme, respectfully requests that Alaska and other states with comprehensive laws and regulations regarding trapping and traps be excluded from legislation which would prohibit or limit the use of traps, leaving the regulation of trapping exclusively to such states without restriction as to the sale of furs in any manner.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Elliott Richardson, Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary, Department of the Interior; 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.