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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 83-25

REQUESTING THE ALASKA AGRICULTURAL ACTION COUNCIL TO RESCIND AND RECONSIDER CANCELLATION OF THE SEWARD GRAIN TERMINAL PROJECT AND GIVE AMPLE NOTICE SO THAT THE PUBLIC MAY BE HEARD THEREON.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Agricultural Action Council by a 3-2 vote acted to halt construction of the Seward Grain Terminal at an emergency meeting called without sufficient notice to allow public attendance and testimony; and

WHEREAS, the cancellation of the Seward Grain Elevator project by the Alaska Agricultural Action Council creates considerable adverse impact to the livestock industry in the Matanuska Valley, on the Kenai Peninsula, and in Kodiak as well as being detrimental to all of the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula, and particularly to the City of Seward; and

WHEREAS, farmers from Delta, Matanuska Valley, Kenai Peninsula, and Kodiak feel they were not given an opportunity to be heard before the making of this important decision by three new appointees to the Alaska Agricultural Action Council, none of whom have the necessary background to understand the problems of grain farmers or livestock raisers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Alaska Agricultural Action Council is hereby requested to rescind its hasty action in cancelling the Seward Grain Elevator Project and hold a reconsideration hearing with ample notice in various concerned areas of the State so that knowledgeable farmers and raisers of livestock can give testimony before any such decision of this importance is made.

Section 2. That members of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council are implored to go into the hearing on this matter with an open mind and due consideration for the training and expertise of representatives of the livestock and grain industries who would be expected to make presentations before them.

Section 3. That copies of this resolution should be mailed to Governor William J. Sheffield, Dick Lyon, State Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development and Chairman of the Alaska

Agricultural Action Council, Senators Don Gilman and Paul Fischer, Representatives Hugh Malone, Milo Fritz, Bette Cato, and Vernon L. Hurlbert.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON
THIS 18 DAY OF JANUARY, 1983.

Donald L. McCloud
Donald L. McCloud, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Frances Beyma
Borough Clerk