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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

> MAY 25 (legislative day, MAY 16), 1994 Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON, with amendments [Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in italic]

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- To amend the "unit of general local government" definition for Federal payments in lieu of taxes to include unorganized boroughs in Alaska.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 That notwithstanding SECTION 1. Notwithstand any
 - 4 other provision of law, section 6(c) of Public Law 94–565

(31 U.S.C. 6901(2)), as amended by Public Law 98–63
 (97 stat. 323), is further amended by:

3 (1) striking the phrase "borough existing in
4 Alaska on October 20, 1976" and inserting in lieu
5 thereof" any organized or unorganized borough in
6 Alaska"; and

7 (2) by inserting after "general statistical pur8 poses." the following new sentence: "The boundary
9 of any unorganized borough in Alaska shall be the
10 same as the census area boundaries used by the Sec11 retary of Commerce in the decennial census.".

SEC. 2. Not later than one year after the date of enact-12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare 13 and transmit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-14 15 sources of the United States Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives a study assessing whether or 16 not units of government most directly affected by the loss 17 of tax revenues, including but not limited to school districts, 18 receive an equitable share of payments upon the expiration 19 of payments pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 6904. The study shall 20 include any recommendations the Secretary deems desirable 21 22 based on the findings of the study.