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To establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs.

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. KING, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WELCH, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR ARCTIC AFFAIRS.**

4 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act
5 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 65. UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR**
8 **ARCTIC AFFAIRS.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized within
10 the Department of State an Ambassador-at-Large for Arc-
11 tic Affairs, appointed under subsection (b).

1 “(b) APPOINTMENT.—The Ambassador shall be ap-
2 pointed by the President, by, and with the advice and con-
3 sent of the Senate.

4 “(c) DUTIES.—The Ambassador is authorized to rep-
5 resent the United States in matters and cases relevant to
6 Arctic affairs and shall be responsible to the Secretary of
7 State for all matters, programs, and related activities per-
8 taining to the Arctic region in the conduct of foreign policy
9 by the Department, including, as appropriate, leading the
10 coordination of programs carried out by United States
11 Government agencies abroad, and such other related du-
12 ties as the Secretary may from time to time designate.

13 “(d) AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.—The Ambassador-
14 at-Large for Arctic Affairs is authorized to maintain con-
15 tinuous observation and coordination of all matters indi-
16 cated by the Secretary of State, including those pertaining
17 to energy, environment, trade, and infrastructure develop-
18 ment and maintenance, and, in consultation with the
19 heads of other relevant departments and agencies, those
20 pertaining to law enforcement and political-military affairs
21 in the conduct of foreign policy in the Arctic, including
22 programs carried out by other United States Government
23 agencies when such programs pertain to the following mat-
24 ters, to the extent directed by the Secretary of State:

25 “(1) National security.

1 “(2) Strengthening cooperation among Arctic
2 countries.

3 “(3) The promotion of responsible natural re-
4 source management and economic development.

5 “(4) Protecting the Arctic environment and
6 conserving its biological resources.

7 “(5) Arctic indigenous peoples, including by in-
8 volving them in decisions that affect them.

9 “(6) Scientific monitoring and research.

10 “(e) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—In addition to the duties
11 and responsibilities specified in subsections (c) and (d),
12 the Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs shall also
13 carry out such other relevant duties as the Secretary may
14 assign.

15 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) ARCTIC REGION.—The term ‘Arctic region’
17 means—

18 “(A) the geographic region north of the
19 66.56083 parallel latitude north of the equator;

20 “(B) all the United States territory north
21 and west of the boundary formed by the Porcu-
22 pine, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Rivers;

23 “(C) all contiguous seas, including the Arc-
24 tic Ocean and the Beaufort, Bering, and
25 Chukchi Seas; and

1 “(D) the Aleutian Chain.

2 “(2) ARCTIC COUNTRIES.—The term ‘Arctic
3 countries’ means the permanent members of the
4 Arctic Council, namely the United States, Canada,
5 Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and
6 Russia.”.

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