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STATUS OF REINDEER MEAT MADE
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A statement on the status of reindeer meat under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, by a Joint Committee of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture on the Reindeer Industry of Alaska, was made public yesterday (February 8). The statement was prepared to make clear to State and municipal health officers, conservation and game commissioners, and the general public that reindeer are not included in the Federal Meat Inspection Act, but may be received into the United States and shipped interstate, and that when marked for identification they may be received and handled in federally inspected plants. The statement was made for the joint committee by a subcommittee, consisting of Paul G. Redington, chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey; Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry; and Dr. William Hamilton, assistant chief of the Alaska division of the Bureau of Education. Following is the full text of the statement: