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Sponsor Statement for Senate Joint Resolution 11

This resolution urges the Congress of the United States of America to consider the development of the Road Belt electrical inter-tie transmission line would create a high-voltage electrical line running from Sutton to Glennallen, where a sub-transmission line would extend to Gakona and on to Tok and north through the upper Tanana region to Delta Junction. The final leg of the project would run from south of Fort Greely, back to Gakona.

This resolution supports infrastructure development for energy and national security, economic development, and natural resource development in the State of Alaska. The Trans Alaska Pipeline would benefit from the low-cost energy provided by the transmission line in the operation of the pipeline and protection of its off-grid pump stations.

A high-voltage electrical line would complete an electrical transmission bus loop and establish a second path for power transmission from Anchorage to Fairbanks which is needed during disasters such as earthquakes. With the infrastructure development and the increase in population at Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Greeley and Clear Air Force Station, the need for power in the region will increase significantly.

This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to advocate for the security of the nation's northernmost military and oil infrastructure by pursuing the development of the Road Belt Inter-tie.
