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SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9
Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and the state; and recognizing the importance of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement negotiated by President Donald J. Trump in October of 2018.

COMMITTEE SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 highlights the importance of the Alaska – Canada relationship and the longstanding ties and friendship shared between the State of Alaska and the Nation of Canada. As Arctic neighbors we share a common bond and often rely on one another to effectively manage resources, trade, defense, tourism, and many other aspects of our daily lives.

Recent discussions and statements from the Federal Government have caused concern within Alaska that our vital relationship with Canada may be threatened. While supportive of the desire to be more self-sufficient, the reality is; Alaska finds itself without a land border to the contiguous lower 48 States, without reliable sources of building materials, without reliable sources of energy, without reliable sources of food, and entirely reliant on imports to the state, many of which originate from Canada or pass through Canadian territories or waters.

The President of the United States, Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order in January of 2025 titled, "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential". While supportive of these measures, it must be made clear that impacts to access, or restrictions to access, of materials from the Nation of Canada will irrevocably harm the goal of unleashing Alaska's resource potential goals.

Senate Joint Resolution 9 gives historical context of the United States – Canada relationship, and the Alaska – Canada relationship, and humbly implores the United States Federal Government not to impose measures that would jeopardize the best interests of Alaska.