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JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting a feasibility study for extension of the Alaska Railroad.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA :

WHEREAS the increasing tempo of interest and activity in the development of hydroelectric power, oil, copper and other resources in northern and western Alaska draws attention to the need for basic transportation to develop and make available these natural resources to the nation; and

WHEREAS the most practical and feasible method of transportation in northern and western Alaska at this time is rail transportation; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad, a federal corporation, with its lines from the southcentral coast to the interior of Alaska could be extended to further the role of that railroad in opening up and developing Alaska in the national interest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is respectfully requested to initiate a study of the feasibility and merit of extending the Alaska Railroad from Dunbar to Rampart, then up the John River through Anaktuvuk Pass to the oil fields

on the Arctic slope, and from the point where the extension would cross the Koyukuk River to the Kobuk River drainage into Bornite and from there across the Seward Peninsula to Nome, in order to further develop and exploit the vast natural resources of northern and western Alaska in the interest of national defense and a healthy national economy.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.