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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

Relating to safety practices in oil and gas well drilling operations.

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

WHEREAS sedimentary basins in Alaska have become important producers of oil and gas in the last decade; and

WHEREAS all Alaskans are most desirous in maintaining our great state in its natural environment - its pure water and air, its flora and abundant fauna - insofar as is consistent with the concept of multiple use; and

WHEREAS extreme environmental factors in Alaska make mechanical operations more difficult than is common in areas of less demanding environments; and

WHEREAS safe practices are to the ultimate benefit of all employees, employers, the State of Alaska and our endowed natural resource and wildlife heritage; and

WHEREAS, as a general practice, preventive action is always more rewarding and productive than corrective action; and

WHEREAS the recent disaster in the Santa Barbara channel has focused the eyes of the nation on the consequences of a mechanical or human failure;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Natural Resources to review in depth the regulations and actual operating practices presently in effect with regard to well drilling in Alaska to determine their adequacy in preventing a devastating accident; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its findings and recommendations, within 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, to the House of Representatives or to the Legislative Council if the First Session of the Sixth Legislature has adjourned.