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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Relating to the road program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs administers a program for the construction of roads on Indian land and Indian reservations; and

WHEREAS the usefulness of this program to Alaska is limited by the definition of scope because the conditions in the other states do not prevail in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Indian land of Northwestern Alaska consists mostly of communities separated from one another by other federal land rather than following the large reservation system found in many other states; and

WHEREAS the need of these Alaskan Native communities for connection with one another is even more imperative than that of the traditional Indian reservations which in many cases are surrounded or bordered by developed private or state land;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested to reassess its road building program to broaden its scope to include the conditions peculiar to Indian and federal land in Alaska and the people and communities to be served.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs;

the Honorable Charles A. Richmond, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.