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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Relating to the issuance of a permit for the trans-Alaska pipeline.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS at the recent hearings held under the auspices of the Department of the Interior in Washington, D. C. and Anchorage regarding the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline, Alaska's Governor has made clear the state's position -- the pipeline must be built in order that the state be enabled to take care of its human needs; and

WHEREAS the Governor has made it known the state's position is that the pipeline can be built with minimal environmental change; and

WHEREAS he has pointed out to the hearing panel that the state is doing and will do everything necessary to ensure adequate and strictly enforced environmental protection programs; and

WHEREAS the state is moving forward in a positive manner to ensure the ultimate protection of our great land by considering such safeguards as the creation of a geologic-geophysical division in the Department of Natural Resources, creation of a Department of Environmental Conservation, establishment of a joint federal-state commission on land-use planning, the establishment of reserves to protect Alaska's critical habitat zones, strict enforcement of ballast discharge laws, state monitoring of the pipeline construction, and strong measures regarding the safe navigation of our waters by the oil tankers; and

WHEREAS the testimony taken as a whole at the Washington and Anchorage hearings clearly indicates the correctness of the Governor's position that the Prudhoe Bay to Valdez route is not only the most feasible route for the pipeline but that it can be constructed without environmental degradation to any appreciable degree; and

WHEREAS by far the majority of Alaskans who testified at these hearings desired to have the pipeline built and viewed it as an economic necessity;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska House of Representatives that it supports the clear and concise position of the state, as presented by Governor Egan at the recent Interior hearings; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urgently requests the Department of the Interior to issue the pipeline permit in the most expeditious manner possible after a review of the testimony from the impact report hearings.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.