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Relating to the exploration and development of Beaufort Sea oil and gas.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS Governor Jay Hammond has announced the state's intention to hold an oil and gas lease sale in the offshore Beaufort Sea in December, 1979; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has entered into a tentative agreement with the federal government providing that state and federal leases in the Beaufort Sea will be offered simultaneously in a joint sale; and

WHEREAS the Beaufort Sea is likely to contain hydrocarbons needed by the United States to enhance its energy self-sufficiency and national security; and

WHEREAS exploration and development of state land in the Beaufort Sea will provide income to the state that can be used for the benefit of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS the state desires to maximize its income from the exploration and development of its nonrenewable resources, and to receive the fair market value for them;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate respectfully advises the Governor that it supports oil and gas exploration and development in the Beaufort Sea that will benefit both national and state interests; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate respectfully advises the Governor of its support of the oil and gas lease sale in the offshore Beaufort Sea to be conducted in December 1979.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; the Honorable James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Energy; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Juanita M. Kreps, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Eben Hopson, Mayor of the North Slope Borough; and the city councils of Barrow, Kaktovik, and Nuiqsut.