

STATE OF ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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CSHR 9(Oil & Gas)

House Resolve No.

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Relating to natural gas price increases and statewide energy policy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS effective April 15, 1985, the Department of Natural Resources assessed royalties on Cook Inlet Basin natural gas at current market rates instead of the producers' contract sales rates, thereby raising the value of the royalties the state receives from producers; and

WHEREAS the increase in the price or value of royalty gas received from Cook Inlet producers will increase electric and natural gas rates to more than 50 percent of the state's population, comprising nearly 100,000 homes and businesses in Southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS conflicting policies exist regarding the value and best use of the state's royalty share of energy resources, and these policy conflicts have led to regional disputes regarding energy costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests the Governor to investigate options for restoring to Southcentral Alaska energy consumers the benefits eliminated by enforcement of the state's gas leases; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges the Governor to develop a comprehensive statewide energy policy for submittal to the legislature in the first week of the 1986 legislative session that encourages the efficient use of the state's resources.