

STATE OF ALASKA

THE LEGISLATURE

1985

Source

Legislative
Resolve No.

HJR 39

25



Relating to the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil.

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

WHEREAS Congress is now considering legislation that includes provisions concerning the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil; and

WHEREAS there are proposals before Congress to change existing federal law that effectively prohibit the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil; and

WHEREAS the export of Alaskan crude oil would improve the national security of the United States by strengthening the defensive capabilities of our Pacific Rim allies; and

WHEREAS the export of Alaskan crude oil would encourage increased domestic oil exploration and development; and

WHEREAS Japan, Korea, and Taiwan have each expressed interest in obtaining Alaskan crude oil to diversify their energy sources; and

WHEREAS the export of Alaskan crude oil would decrease the federal trade deficit with these nations; and

WHEREAS exporting Alaskan crude oil to these nations would mitigate panic buying in the spot markets, thus moderating the cost of petroleum products for all consumers; and

WHEREAS it is far more costly to ship oil from Alaska through the Panama Canal and to the Gulf Coast than to ship directly to the Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS the additional cost of shipping Alaska's oil to the

Gulf Coast and Eastern states imposes an unnecessary burden on the consumers of those states; and

WHEREAS under the International Energy Agreement, the United States is required to export crude oil to participating nations in the event of a worldwide disruption of oil supplies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Congress to enact laws providing for the export of all Alaskan crude oil; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska congressional delegation is urged to continue using its best efforts to obtain passage of legislation permitting the foreign export of Alaskan crude oil.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Robert Dole, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; the National Conference of State Legislatures; and the Council of State Governments.