

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42(TRA)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/2/96**  
**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway.**

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

**3       WHEREAS** the United States and Canada entered into an agreement to reconstruct and  
**4** pave the Alaska Highway from the Alaska-Canada border to Haines Junction, Yukon  
**5** Territory, Canada, and the Haines Cutoff Highway from Haines Junction, Yukon Territory,  
**6** Canada, to the Alaska-Canada border near Haines, Alaska, known as the Shakwak project, as  
**7** authorized in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973; and

**8       WHEREAS** the Congress authorized \$59,000,000 in 1973 for the project and has  
**9** appropriated \$47,000,000 to the Federal Highway Administration for actual construction by  
**10** Canada; and

**11       WHEREAS** the Congress further authorized \$20,000,000 a year for fiscal years 1993 -  
**12** 1996 under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 which has been fully  
**13** appropriated; and

**14       WHEREAS**, in the last 15 years, the state has provided \$37,000,000 of state federal-  
**15** aid highway apportionments to assist in meeting the obligations of the agreement; and

**16       WHEREAS** the estimated amount necessary to complete the entire project was in the  
**17** order of \$260,000,000 in United States dollars; and

1           **WHEREAS** the state prefers a system of federal administration with state concurrence,  
2 rather than state administration, of this construction project;

3           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United  
4 States government and the Canadian government to honor their agreement and provide the  
5 additional funds necessary through direct federal appropriations to complete the remaining  
6 portions of the Shakwak project; and be it

7           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States Congress is respectfully requested to  
8 immediately appropriate an additional \$94,000,000 to allow work on additional project  
9 segments to proceed to a bituminous surface treatment standard; and be it

10          **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses federal  
11 administration, with state concurrence, for the Shakwak project.

12          **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime  
13 Minister of Canada; the Honourable Diane Marleau, Minister of Public Works and  
14 Government Services, Canada; the Honourable Audrey McLaughlin, Member of Parliament,  
15 House of Commons, Canada; the Honourable John Ostashek, Government Leader, Yukon  
16 Territory, Canada; the Honourable Bill Brewster, Minister of Community and Transportation  
17 Services, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honourable John Devries, Speaker, Legislative  
18 Assembly, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United  
19 States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the  
20 U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
21 Honorable Frederico F. Pena, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; Rodney E.  
22 Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation;  
23 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and  
24 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in  
25 Congress.