

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Amended: 2/26/97

Referred: Transportation

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
13 fully appropriated; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the last 16 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;

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

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

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime
10 Minister of Canada; the Honourable Diane Marleau, Minister of Public Works and
11 Government Services, Canada; the Honourable Audrey McLaughlin, Member of Parliament,
12 House of Commons, Canada; the Honourable Piers McDonald, Government Leader, Yukon
13 Territory, Canada; the Honourable Robert Bruce, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Yukon
14 Territory, Canada; the Honourable Dave Keenan, Minister of Community and Transportation
15 Services, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States;
16 the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.
17 Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
18 Honorable Rodney E. Slater, Secretary-designee of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and
19 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
20 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.