

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/3/97

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; 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 Piers McDonald, Government Leader, Yukon
16 Territory, Canada; the Honourable Robert Bruce, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Yukon
17 Territory, Canada; the Honourable Dave Keenan, Minister of Community and Transportation
18 Services, Yukon Territory, Canada; the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States;
19 the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.
20 Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
21 Honorable Rodney E. Slater, Secretary-designee of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and
22 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
23 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.