



AMENDMENT # 1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY: Reps. Gara & Kerttula

TO: SJR 2

At page 3 delete lines 7 – 11, and insert the following,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Legislature urges Congress to allow oil and gas exploration on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress is urged to consider 1) the desire by Alaskans for long-term prosperity; 2) the preference of Alaskans for long-term employment for Alaskan workers over shorter-term larger-scale economic development that requires the excessive use of non-Alaskan labor; and, 3) the need by Alaskans for long-term revenue from Alaska's resources, for this and subsequent generations; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Legislature urges Congress to consider providing for the development of oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge after construction of a natural gas pipeline that brings North Slope gas to market, and after the substantial development of oil and gas resources in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, so that Alaska's largest remaining resource development projects are developed over the long term, and not all at the same time; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Alaska Legislature that Congress allow for this development on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge earlier if needed to ensure that oil transportation through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline falls below 300,000 barrels/day and it is determined that oil production from the Coastal Plain is needed so that transportation through this pipeline remains economically feasible; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Alaska Legislature that Congress is urged to adopt policies to promote, to the greatest extent economically and fiscally feasible, the use of directional drilling from outside the Coastal Plain to produce oil and gas located within the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Insert at page 2 line 21 the following,

**WHEREAS** it has been estimated that construction of an Alaska Gas Pipeline is expected to generate between 4,000 and 8,600 jobs; that it is expected there will not be enough available Alaskan workers to fill these new positions and non-Alaska labor will be utilized for positions Alaskans are not available to fill; and, that it has been estimated by consulting groups promoting oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that oil development in this Refuge will create in excess of 20,000 additional jobs in this state; and

**WHEREAS** according to reliable estimates there are not enough available Alaskan workers to staff both the construction of an Alaska Gas Pipeline, and oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge if both projects occur at the same time; and