

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the governor to expand the subjects to be addressed during the Third Special**
2 **Session of the Twenty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature to include an in-state natural gas**
3 **pipeline for the transport of natural gas produced on the North Slope and to develop a**
4 **plan for the economical distribution of that natural gas to communities throughout the**
5 **state.**

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

7 **WHEREAS** energy prices, including home heating bills, are at an all-time high in
8 every community in the state; and

9 **WHEREAS** the production of natural gas is declining and the decline is projected to
10 result in energy shortages and increasing utility rates for the population centers in the state;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, although significant reserves of natural gas have been confirmed to exist
13 on the North Slope, these reserves continue to be undeveloped; and

14 **WHEREAS** the people of Alaska expect that the natural resources of the state are to
15 be developed in a responsible manner that benefits all Alaskans; and

1 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska holds at least three trillion cubic feet of royalty gas in
2 developed North Slope petroleum fields and significant additional reserves at Point Thomson;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS** petroleum companies are, for the first time, drilling and exploring for
5 natural gas on the North Slope and will need the development of a transportation system to
6 encourage continued exploration, development, and production on the North Slope;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to use her
8 influence to encourage public and private sector entities to

9 (1) prepare information and a project description for a natural gas pipeline and
10 delivery system that will provide affordable energy to urban and rural communities in the
11 state;

12 (2) identify opportunities for the value-added processing of natural gas
13 resources in the state;

14 (3) develop a plan for the commercialization and development of the natural
15 gas resources on the North Slope; and

16 (4) identify alternative plans to maximize a project for transporting natural gas
17 from the North Slope to market, including the export of liquefied natural gas and the creation
18 of opportunities for the industrial use of natural gas; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to
20 identify and assemble potential sponsors, including natural gas producers, marketing entities,
21 construction and engineering firms, and financial institutions who could participate in the
22 development, construction, and operation of an in-state natural gas pipeline project; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to
24 expand the subjects to be addressed during the Third Special Session of the Twenty-Fifth
25 Alaska State Legislature to include an in-state gas pipeline for the transport of natural gas
26 produced on the North Slope and to develop a plan for the economical distribution of that
27 natural gas to communities throughout the state.