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BY SENATOR LYNCH

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE SECRETARY OF THE
6 INTERIOR; THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY; and THE DELEGATE FROM
7 ALASKA, THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
9 Alaska, in Twenty-Second Regular Session assembled, respect-
10 fully submits that:

11 WHEREAS, certain substantial gas reserves have been found
12 to exist in what is known as the Gubik area of Northern Alaska,
13 which area is at present in Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4; and

14 WHEREAS, reliable information indicates that the United
15 States Navy is planning to relinquish the reserve as a naval
16 reserve and place the lands in Petroleum Reserve No. 4 back
17 under the jurisdiction and control of the Department of the
18 Interior of the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, the gas reserves in the Gubik area, Naval Petrol-
20 eum Reserve No. 4, could be used to supply industrial develop-
21 ment requirements and other needs of the Fairbanks area and
22 other areas in Northern Alaska with methane gas; and

23 WHEREAS, the use of this gas would contribute greatly to
24 the economy of the Territory if it were available,

25 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
26 Territory of Alaska, respectfully urges that if and when the
27 United States Navy determines that Petroleum Reserve No. 4 in
28 the Gubik area of Northern Alaska is not required by the navy

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in connection with national defense or otherwise, that all petroleum and natural gas therein and the rights to the use of all petroleum and natural gas in the area be transferred to the Territory of Alaska for disposition and use in such manner as will best promote the interests of the Territory and its development.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.