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IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. CHAPADOS, GIERSDORF, GREUEL,  
McCOMBE, SHELDON, TAYLOR, AND PEARSON

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 39

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. GATES, JR., SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Defense now have under consideration the question of whether or not natural gas from the Gubik structure north of the Brooks Range should be utilized as a source of fuel for the several military bases and installations in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior did in 1958 release said structure and proximate areas for oil and gas leasing; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the Secretary thus expressed to encourage the exploration and development of oil and gas production from the area of known potential north of said range, was the culmination of the persistent and tireless efforts by agencies and representatives of the Territory of Alaska, civic-minded organizations and other interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, the fruition of that policy will have its inception in the distribution of gas to the residents of Fairbanks and vicinity and to said military bases and installations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition thereof, the Secretary of the

1 Interior has granted a pipeline right-of-way from said Gubik gas  
2 structure to the Fairbanks area; and

3 WHEREAS, the substantial investment and cost involved in the  
4 development of the Gubik gas reserve and the construction and in-  
5 stallation of said pipeline is not economically feasible without  
6 the utilization of gas by said several bases and installations as  
7 the largest potential consumer thereof; and

8 WHEREAS, natural gas can be supplied to said bases and in-  
9 stallations and to the residents of the Fairbanks area at far less  
10 cost than the present principal source of fuel; and

11 WHEREAS, the availability of such a source of fuel will have  
12 a substantial and favorable impact upon the economic and industrial  
13 development of the Fairbanks area, and ultimately upon the entire  
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, such source of fuel will likewise have a substantial  
16 and beneficial impact on the facility of maintaining the national  
17 defense in Alaska;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that the  
19 President support and that the Department of Defense take prompt  
20 and favorable action that will bring about early utilization of  
21 natural gas by the several military bases and installations in the  
22 vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska.

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