

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Federal excise
6 tax on gasoline.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FIRST ALASKA
8 LEGISLATURE, IN FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

9 WHEREAS, since the state gasoline tax has been historically
10 and rightfully a state tax; and

11 WHEREAS, the gasoline tax has traditionally provided the
12 major portion of the funds needed by the states to construct
13 and maintain their highway systems; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1932, the Federal government also imposed an
15 excise tax on gasoline, as a temporary, emergency, revenue-
16 producing measure; and

17 WHEREAS, the expressed, and reaffirmed, intent of Congress
18 to vacate this tax field has not been carried out; and

19 WHEREAS, instead, the original Federal excise tax on gaso-
20 line has been continued and increased by 200 per cent; and

21 WHEREAS, the mounting Federal tax on this product threatens
22 to preempt this legitimate tax source belonging by priority and
23 equity to the states; and

24 WHEREAS, further increase in the Federal gasoline tax rate
25 would lead to serious restriction upon the ability of the states
26 to secure funds for needed highway improvements;

27 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Represen-
28 tatives of the First Alaska Legislature in First Session
29 assembled does respectfully record its opposition to any further

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increase in the present Federal excise tax on gasoline; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be trans-
mitted to the office of the President of the United States; to
the members of the United States House of Representatives; to
the members of the United States Senate; to the Chairman of the
Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives; to the
Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate;
to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening,
United States Senators from the State of Alaska; and to the
Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from the
State of Alaska.