

BY SENATORS BELTZ, HOPSON,  
McNEES, BRONSON AND MOODY

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of Inter-  
6 national Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks  
7 to Nome.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN FIRST  
9 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, it is manifest that the extension and development  
11 of transportation lines and facilities are essential to the  
12 national interest in the development and defense of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS, both federal and state authorities have long been  
14 aware of the need and desirability of extending International  
15 Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome as part of this development  
16 and defense plan; and

17 WHEREAS, the extension of the Fairbanks-Nome highway would  
18 benefit both the nation and the state by making possible the  
19 economic development of the oil and tin deposits in the Kateel and  
20 Lost River areas and other known mineral resources of the region;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the extension of the highway to Nome will end the  
23 surface isolation of the vital air defense and communication  
24 defense installations at Galena and the numerous White Alice sites  
25 along or adjoining the proposed Fairbanks-Nome route;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
27 First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the appropriate  
28 agencies of the federal government be urged to plan and construct  
29 the extension of International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to

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1 Nome with all deliberate speed; and be it

2       FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed  
3 to the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the  
4 Honorable Frederick H. Mueller, Secretary of Commerce; the  
5 Honorable Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator,  
6 Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable William J. Niemi, Regional  
7 Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; the Honorable Members of the  
8 Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission; The Honorable  
9 E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from  
10 Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from  
11 Alaska.

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