

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the use of the natural
6 gas supply at Barrow by the citizens
7 of that community.

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

10 WHEREAS, the citizens of Barrow, Alaska, are in desperate
11 need of fuel with which to heat their homes during the harsh Arctic
12 winter; and

13 WHEREAS, this desperate need is a chronic, annual occurrence
14 caused by Barrow's extreme isolation from its artificially
15 determined sources of fuel supply; and

16 WHEREAS, a ready source of natural gas for fuel is now being
17 used at Barrow, but exclusively by the federal government as a
18 private monopoly for the several federal agencies located at
19 Barrow; and

20 WHEREAS, this source of fuel, although held as a private
21 monopoly by the federal government, is rightly the property of all
22 the people - its discovery, exploitation, transmission, and even
23 its very monopoly use being paid for from the tax moneys of the
24 people, including the citizens of Barrow; and

25 WHEREAS, the only argument advanced against the use of the
26 natural gas by the citizens of Barrow is that such use will result
27 in a more rapid diminution of the source than will the private,
28 restricted use of the several federal agencies; and

29 WHEREAS, these federal agencies would never want for fuel

1 even if the gas were completely expended and the only suffering
2 they would experience would be inconvenience rather than cold
3 such as the citizens of Barrow must suffer; and

4 WHEREAS, the welfare of our citizens is immeasurably more
5 important than is the convenience of any or all the federal
6 agencies, and the convenience of any government should never be
7 placed before the welfare of the people from which all legitimate
8 government springs and in which all legitimate powers of govern-
9 ment rest; and

10 WHEREAS, former Secretary of the Interior Seaton promised the
11 people of Barrow that he would do all possible to supply them with
12 natural gas; that his department was not opposed to such a move;
13 that only technical, legal difficulties stood in the way of such
14 a move; and that if these difficulties could not be solved
15 administratively he would "initiate legislation making the gas
16 available to the Barrow Eskimos";

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
18 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the President.
19 of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior are
20 respectfully urged to take appropriate action at the earliest
21 possible date to make the natural gas supply at Barrow available
22 to the people of that community; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded
24 to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
25 the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
26 Honorable Robert MacNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable
27 Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable
28 Lyndon Johnson, President of the Senate; the Honorable E. L.
29 Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska;

1 and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

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