

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. NUSUNGINYA AND BINKLEY
2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a road from Fairbanks
6 to Point Barrow.

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

9 WHEREAS, a vast area north of the Yukon River is now acces-
10 sible only by air, by hazardous and uncertain trails, or along
11 the coast by a circuitous sea route during a short time each
12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, this area has many inhabitants, numerous defense
14 installations, and rich natural resources, including minerals,
15 petroleum and natural gas; and

16 WHEREAS, by reason of the lack of transportation routes on
17 land, the people of Alaska and the country are denied access to
18 this area, hampering defense, prohibiting the use of the natural
19 resources, and severely limiting travel in the area; and

20 WHEREAS, the present military and civilian surface supply
21 route to vital areas in our defense perimeter is hazardous and
22 subject to disastrous interruption; and

23 WHEREAS, the Pan American Highway now permits road travel
24 from Central America to Fairbanks, and will soon be extended
25 south to Cape Horn; and

26 WHEREAS, Point Barrow, the northernmost city in the United
27 States, at the top of the world, would, if accessible to the
28 Pan American Highway, be a strong attraction to tourists from
29 within and without the state; and

1 WHEREAS, a highway from Fairbanks to Point Barrow would
2 solve or alleviate all of these problems, and provide an ideal
3 origin for a secondary highway system throughout northern and
4 western Alaska;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
6 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the appropriate
7 agencies of the state and federal government be urged to plan and
8 construct a highway from Fairbanks to Point Barrow; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded
10 to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the
11 Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable
12 Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator; William J. Niemi,
13 Regional Engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads; the members of
14 the Alaska District Rail and Highway Commission; Major General
15 Frank S. Besson, Jr., Chief of Transportation, U. S. Army; and
16 the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.