

1 IN THE SENATE SENATORS HOPSON AND BRONSON  
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the use by the resi-  
6 dents of Barrow of natural gas  
7 from the South Barrow field in  
8 Northern Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS, the 1300 residents of Barrow, Alaska are in  
12 desperate need of fuel with which to heat their homes during the  
13 intemperate Arctic winter; and

14 WHEREAS, the residents of Barrow are presently dependent on  
15 expensive and uncertain means of transportation, such as occa-  
16 sional vessels traversing the perilous Arctic Ocean during the  
17 brief summer season, and intrepid airplanes, with their confined  
18 load capacities, challenging uncertain flying conditions during  
19 the capricious and uncompromising Arctic winter; and

20 WHEREAS, because of these difficulties there is an annual  
21 fuel shortage at Barrow; and

22 WHEREAS, federal agencies at Barrow are presently supplied  
23 by and have the exclusive use of natural gas from the South Barrow  
24 field; and

25 WHEREAS, this source of fuel should be made available to the  
26 people of Barrow to mitigate the privations of Arctic living, to  
27 provide an economical and reliable fuel supply the lack of which  
28 would be unthinkable in most communities in the United States,  
29 and to terminate the injurious distinction between the federal

1 agencies at Barrow, which supposedly exist to assist the people,  
2 and the residents of Barrow; and

3 WHEREAS, the use of the natural gas from the South Barrow  
4 field by the residents of Barrow has been endorsed by the Depart-  
5 ment of Defense, the Office of Emergency Planning, and the Bureau  
6 of the Budget;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
8 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the U. S.  
9 Congress is respectfully urged to enact S. 2020 and its  
10 companion bill in the U. S. House of Representatives which would  
11 authorize the Secretary of the Navy to sell gas to the residents  
12 of the Barrow area; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
14 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the  
15 Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
16 Honorable Fred Korth, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Lyndon  
17 B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States and President  
18 of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the  
19 House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell,  
20 Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honorable Carl  
21 Vinson, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee; and to the  
22 members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.  
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