

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR PETER

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of
6 a highway from Skagway, Alaska
7 to Carcross, Yukon Territory.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the recent discovery in the Yukon Territory and
10 northern British Columbia of deposits of tungsten, oil, silver,
11 lead and asbestos illustrates the need for a highway connection
12 between Carcross, Yukon Territory, and Skagway, Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS such a highway route would also serve as a gateway
14 from the southeast ferry system to this area, and would increase
15 the number of tourists and sportsmen visiting the area; and

16 WHEREAS a Skagway - Carcross road would be of invaluable
17 assistance to the joint defense of Canada and Alaska in the event
18 of an emergency; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has already constructed six
20 miles of highway from Skagway toward the Canadian border, leaving
21 only eight miles of the portion of the proposed route on United
22 States soil to be built;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the United States government is requested
24 to urge the Canadian government to authorize the construction of
25 the forty miles of the proposed route in British Columbia and the
26 17 miles of the route in the Yukon Territory; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
28 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Canadian federal
29 highway officials; and the highway ministers of British Columbia

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