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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to restoring Naval
6 Petroleum Reserve No. 4 to the
7 public domain.

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

9 WHEREAS our nation is consuming petroleum products at a rate
10 which far exceeds the discovery of new sources within our national
11 boundaries; and

12 WHEREAS the oil and gas industry is currently engaged in an
13 active exploration program all along the arctic slope of North
14 America; and

15 WHEREAS there is presently established Naval Petroleum
16 Reserve No. 4 containing 23 million acres which is not open to
17 exploration and development by private enterprise; and

18 WHEREAS private enterprise is ready, willing and able to
19 undertake the development of new petroleum reserves in the
20 national interest;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 as estab-
22 lished by Executive Order No. 3797-A dated February 27, 1923, as
23 amended by Public Land Order 289 dated July 20, 1945, be abolished
24 and terminated; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the lands encompassed in Petroleum
26 Reserve No. 4 be restored to the public domain and that deposits
27 of oil and gas underlying these be made subject to disposition by
28 the Secretary of the Interior in the manner provided for by Act
29 of Congress (41 Stat 437), as amended, or wholly by bid if so

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1 authorized by the Congress; provided that nothing shall affect the
2 validity of any existing lease, license, permit, transfer or
3 agreement, including the authority of the Secretary of the Navy
4 under Public Law 87-599 (76 Stat 401) to develop the South Barrow
5 gas field, and under Public Law 88-389 (78 Stat 340) to produce
6 and sell crude oil from the Umiat field.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
8 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
9 Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States and
10 President of the Senate; the Honorable Paul H. Nitze, Secretary
11 of the Navy; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the
12 Interior; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
13 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers,
14 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress
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