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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a feasibility study
6 for extension of the Alaska
7 Railroad.

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

9 WHEREAS the increasing tempo of interest and activity in
10 the development of hydroelectric power, oil, copper and other
11 resources in northern and western Alaska draw attention to the
12 need for basic transportation to develop and make available these
13 natural resources to the nation; and

14 WHEREAS the most practical and feasible method of transporta-
15 tion in northern and western Alaska at this time is rail trans-
16 portation; and

17 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad, a federal corporation, with its
18 lines from the southcentral coast to the interior of Alaska could
19 be extended to further the role of that railroad in opening up
20 and developing Alaska in the national interest;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is res-
22 pectfully requested to initiate a study of the feasibility and
23 merit of extending the Alaska Railroad from Dunbar to Rampart,
24 then up the John River through Anaktuvuk Pass to the oil fields
25 on the Arctic slope, and from the point where the extension would
26 cross the Koyukuk River to the Kobuk River drainage into Bronite
27 and from there across the Seward Peninsula to Nome, in order to
28 further develop and exploit the vast natural resources of northern
29 and western Alaska in the interest of national defense and a

1 healthy national economy.

2 COPIES of this resolution are to be sent to the Honorable
3 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
4 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the Honorable
5 E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators,
6 and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members
7 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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