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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the economic development
6 of the Arctic Regions of Alaska:

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

8 WHEREAS, the successful economic development of the natural resources
9 of the arctic regions of Alaska is recognized as being an essential and
10 integral step toward full realization of northern Alaska's potential for
11 self help in resolving the human and economic problems manifest in this
12 area of Alaska, while at the same time contributing in great measure toward
13 the improved economic base for all of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in
15 Alaska in its studies and recommendations places great emphasis on
16 resource development and specifically designates mineral resource develop-
17 ment and public access to certain northern mineral reserves as important
18 considerations in the search for solutions to human and economic problems
19 of northern Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS, the state and federal agencies charged with the responsi-
21 bilities for the educational training and health of the native people of
22 Alaska view economic development as a great need throughout the state and
23 particularly in the northern areas so as to provide the much needed oppor-
24 tunity for "on the job training" and the permanent basis for compensatory
25 and continued employment for the steadily increasing native populations of
26 this area; and

27 WHEREAS, the huge investment already made by government and private
28 industry in support of northern exploratory and leasing activities, along
29 with the accompanying return of millions of dollars in revenue to the state

1 (\$12,000,000 in 1965) and the federal government, which has resulted from
2 this activity, clearly demonstrates the extent of the potential and feasi-
3 bility of resource development in northern Alaska; and

4 WHEREAS, historically Alaskans have demonstrated tremendous energy and
5 capability in the fields of mineral prospecting, mineral extraction and
6 survival in the face of hardships because of extreme temperature change and
7 inhospitable terrain and would participate fully in developing this area
8 if inexpensive access to the area was available; and

9 WHEREAS, the byword among the many governmental agencies, represen-
10 tatives of industry and private individuals interested in promoting and
11 supporting development within our great state has always been, "Improved
12 and expanded Transportation";

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Alaska by legislative action and
14 with full administrative support establish a development policy for the
15 northern regions of Alaska that is based on a concept of constant im-
16 provement and expansion of all modes of transportation with particular
17 emphasis on early development of access roads of sufficient quality so as
18 to permit easy and inexpensive access by the public to the known mineral-
19 ized areas of this region for the purpose of exploration, prospecting and
20 movement of supplies and raw materials; that such access roads first be
21 established as inexpensive and easily constructed resource development
22 roads with the intent and knowledge that they will be the means for de-
23 veloping data for and will be the forerunner for the eventual construction
24 of the much more expensive and time consuming permanent highway, railroad
25 and pipeline facilities that must follow in the wake of the huge resources
26 developments contemplated for this region of Alaska; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature provide for the creation of a
28 commission charged with the responsibility to conduct a comprehensive in-
29 quiry into the needs of northern Alaska and to report to the legislature

1 and to the governor in an advisory capacity during the period required to
2 implement and promote the development policy of the state with respect to
3 the northern regions of Alaska; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1967 Legislature First Session provide the
5 ways and means to implement this policy at the earliest possible date.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L.
7 Udall, Secretary of the Interior, Honorable Allen Boyd, Secretary of
8 Transportation, and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
9 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation to Congress.

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