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by Request of the Governor

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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR 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 Alaska
15 in its studies and recommendations places great emphasis on resource develop-
16 ment and specifically designates mineral resource development and public
17 access to certain northern mineral reserves as important considerations in
18 the search for solutions to human and economic problems of northern Alaska;
19 and

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

26 WHEREAS the huge investment already made by government and private
27 industry in support of northern exploratory and leasing activities, along
28 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 if
8 inexpensive access to the area was available; and

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

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

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

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fifth State Legislature provide the ways and
5 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; the Honorable Allen Boyd, Secretary of
8 Transportation; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest
9 Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Repre-
10 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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