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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 human and economic
6 development of the Arctic Regions of
7 Alaska.

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

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

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

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

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

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature will provide for the creation of
28 a commission charged with the responsibility to conduct a comprehensive
29 inquiry 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 Fifth State Legislature will 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; 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.
10 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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