

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

5 Relating to the essential economic de-
6 velopment of the State of Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS a report recently published by the United States Department of
9 the Interior has stated that there is a pressing need for definitive data
10 concerning the metallic and non-metallic mineral resources of Alaska which
11 could be the basis of an expanding industrial economy; and

12 WHEREAS the report further indicates that rapidly accelerating world
13 demands for such resources insure an ultimate market for any Alaska mineral
14 resources and products that can be developed profitably; and that the costs
15 of necessary exploration programs are small in the perspective of current
16 federal programs in Alaska and the returns to the Nation that would accrue
17 from accelerating the industrial and economic development of Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS the report proposes that the Geological Survey conduct
19 appropriate surveys, mapping and studies, with a recommended five-year
20 budget of \$36,000,000; and

21 WHEREAS the report further proposes supplementary investigations by the
22 Bureau of Mines, with a five-year budget of \$6,000,000; and

23 WHEREAS the report also proposes establishment of an Institute of
24 Arctic Mineral Resources at the University of Alaska, with a five-year
25 budget of \$8,000,000; and

26 WHEREAS the report recommends the extension of the Alaska Railroad,
27 saying that the time is right in terms of expected returns for a major
28 extension of the Alaska Railroad to open up the great area north and west of
29 Fairbanks; and

1 WHEREAS the report states that to not undertake the extension of the
2 Alaska Railroad would very likely seriously limit the pace and extent of
3 development of the State to a degree incompatible with the national
4 interest; and

5 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior's report further proposes the
6 establishment of an Alaska Institute for Fisheries Development, ultimately
7 to be called the North Pacific Fishery Institute, which would rapidly
8 develop both an ideal fishing vessel and processing plant to form a demon-
9 stration arm of the Institute to develop the people, the processes, and the
10 products to use Alaska's fishery resource potential;

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska heartily
12 endorses the wisdom and necessity of these proposals and urges the Secretary
13 of the Interior to take immediate action to implement them.

14 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
15 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall,
16 Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable William T. Pecora, Director of the
17 Geological Survey; the Honorable Walter R. Hibbard, Jr., Director of the
18 Bureau of Mines; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
19 Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.
20 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.