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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the importation of foreign
6 oil into the United States.

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

8 WHEREAS newly discovered oil reserves on the North Slope of Alaska are
9 estimated to be more than capable of serving oil-deficit areas of the
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline from the North Slope to the
12 Gulf of Alaska is estimated to be capable of meeting west coast oil needs by
13 the mid 1970's; and

14 WHEREAS the establishment of the Northwest Passage tanker route from
15 the Alaskan Arctic Coast to the Atlantic will make Alaskan oil immediately
16 available along the eastern seaboard; and

17 WHEREAS increases in the importation of foreign crude oil will neces-
18 sarily limit domestic production which, in turn, will limit domestic explora-
19 tion; and

20 WHEREAS encouragement and protection of the development of domestic oil
21 reserves are in the best national economic and security interests;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska ex-
23 presses its opposition to the establishment of foreign trade zones for the
24 importation of oil into the United States, and urges the rescinding of
25 former Secretary of the Interior Udall's order allowing an exemption to the
26 Mandatory Oil Import Program in District V.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,
29 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the

1 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
2 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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