

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing a secondary highway system
6 in Northwest Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS a secondary road system connecting Kobuk, Bornite, Shungnak,
9 Ambler, Kiana and Noorvik, Alaska with the TAPS road at Bettles, Alaska is
10 vital to the development of the extremely important Kobuk Valley which is
11 25 years behind the times simply due to this lack of a road system; and

12 WHEREAS lack of a road transportation system is the very factor that
13 has substantially delayed development of the North Slope; and

14 WHEREAS the present situation is a clear-cut demonstration of the
15 shortsightedness on the part of the State Highway Department, the Bureau
16 of Public Roads and the political leaders of both major political parties
17 and governments concerned;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor
19 to direct the Department of Highways to proceed with vigor, tenacity and
20 efficiency to develop a secondary highway system in the important Kobuk
21 River Valley that will connect this valley with the TAPS road at Bettles,
22 Alaska and to build this highway under secondary highway guidelines in such
23 a way that it can be upgraded to full secondary highway specifications in
24 the future.
25
26
27
28
29