

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to establishing a natural
6 gas supply for Wainwright, Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Navy gas reserves on the area around Barrow
9 and Wainwright, Alaska represent one of the only available supplies of fuel
10 for the surrounding areas; and

11 WHEREAS the Navy is presently contemplating the sinking of new wells
12 in this reserve to increase the present available fuel supply; and

13 WHEREAS the lack of a ready fuel supply has greatly burdened the person-
14 al lives of the inhabitants of Wainwright, Alaska and held back the economic
15 growth of this community to a mere trickle; and

16 WHEREAS the presence of a fuel supply to the village of Wainwright
17 would alleviate the suffering of its 400 inhabitants;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the Secretary of
19 the Navy to investigate the possibility of locating a well near enough to
20 the village of Wainwright, Alaska to permit utilization of this natural gas
21 supply; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior study the feasi-
23 bility of transmission and distribution of this natural gas supply to the
24 villagers of Wainwright, Alaska and make available appropriate federal
25 funds to carry this study to fruition.

26 COPIES of this Resolution are to be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
27 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John H. Chafee, Secre-
28 tary of the Navy; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior;
29 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,

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

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