

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE-- SECOND SESSION

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

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

8 WHEREAS the United States Navy gas reserves in the petroleum reserve
9 area around Umiat, Alaska represents one of the only available supplies of
10 fuel 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 Anaktuvuk, Alaska forcing many of the inhabi-
15 tants to abandon their village and seek a place to settle where heating
16 fuel is more readily available; and

17 WHEREAS the presence of a fuel supply to the village of Anaktuvuk would
18 alleviate the suffering of its inhabitants and permit the establishment of a
19 more permanent population in this gateway village to the North Slope;

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior study the feasibility
25 of transmission and distribution of this natural gas supply to the villagers
26 of Anaktuvuk, Alaska and make available appropriate federal funds to carry
27 this study to fruition.

28 COPIES of this Resolution are to be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John H. Chafee,

1 Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the
2 Interior; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.
3 Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative,
4 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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