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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed pipeline  
6 from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

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

8 WHEREAS Alaska has developed a viable program aimed toward the full  
9 utilization of its human resources; and

10 WHEREAS it has been anticipated that funding for continuation of the  
11 human resource program at its present level of service and for needed  
12 increased aid in future years to health, welfare and education would come  
13 from oil royalties from the North Slope; and

14 WHEREAS further delay in the commencement of construction and operation  
15 of the pipeline would delay royalty payments to the state far beyond the  
16 anticipated first date of returns; and

17 WHEREAS any further delay would necessarily result in a drastic curtail-  
18 ment of these needed human resource programs or, as the alternative, the  
19 assumption of an excessive tax burden on all the people of Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS engineers, scientists, biologists, and others knowledgeable  
21 in their fields in the Department of the Interior have analyzed the impact  
22 of the pipeline and have already concluded that the Prudhoe Bay to Valdez  
23 route is the most feasible; and

24 WHEREAS our Nation is rapidly approaching the point of critical shortage  
25 of energy sources;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
27 the Department of the Interior to issue the permit which would allow commencement  
28 of construction of the North Slope pipeline immediately following the  
29 hearings to be held in Washington, D. C. and in Alaska in the next few

1 weeks.

2 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
3 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,  
4 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,  
5 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs  
6 Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and  
7 Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the  
8 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
9 the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
10 delegation in Congress.

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