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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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 the Department of the Interior has analyzed the many facets of  
9 the proposed North Slope pipeline and has concluded not only that the  
10 Prudhoe Bay to Valdez route is the most feasible, but also that the proposed  
11 pipeline can be constructed so as to optimally safeguard the environment;  
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13 WHEREAS Alaska is currently experiencing one of the highest unemployment  
14 rates in its history; and

15 WHEREAS further delay in the commencement of construction of the pipe-  
16 line is unwarranted; and

17 WHEREAS immediate issuance by the Department of the Interior of the  
18 permit necessary before pipeline construction can begin would greatly aid  
19 not only the plight of unemployment faced by many Alaskans but would greatly  
20 stimulate the economy of every region of the state; and

21 WHEREAS it is a necessity that the permit be issued at the earliest  
22 possible time in order that no construction time is lost during the current  
23 year, which would further delay currently anticipated completion time;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Department of the  
25 Interior is urgently requested to immediately issue the permit which would  
26 allow construction of the pipeline to commence, said permit to provide for  
27 all necessary safeguards to prevent environmental degradation.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,

1 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,  
2 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs  
3 Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chair-  
4 man of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the  
5 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
6 the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
7 delegation in Congress.

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