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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the issuance of a permit
6 for the trans-Alaska pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS at the recent hearings held under the auspices of the Depart-
9 ment of the Interior in Washington, D. C. and Anchorage regarding the
10 proposed trans-Alaska pipeline, Alaska's Governor has made clear the state's
11 position -- the pipeline must be built in order that the state be enabled
12 to take care of its human needs; and

13 WHEREAS the Governor has made it known the state's position is that
14 the pipeline can be built with minimal environmental change; and

15 WHEREAS he has pointed out to the hearing panel that the state is doing
16 and will do everything necessary to ensure adequate and strictly enforced
17 environmental protection programs; and

18 WHEREAS the state is moving forward in a positive manner to ensure the
19 ultimate protection of our great land by considering such safeguards as the
20 creation of a geologic-geophysical division in the Department of Natural
21 Resources, creation of a Department of Environmental Conservation, establish-
22 ment of a joint federal-state commission on land-use planning, the establish-
23 ment of reserves to protect Alaska's critical habitat zones, strict enforce-
24 ment of ballast discharge laws, state monitoring of the pipeline construction,
25 and strong measures regarding the safe navigation of our waters by the oil
26 tankers; and

27 WHEREAS the testimony taken as a whole at the Washington and Anchorage
28 hearings clearly indicates the correctness of the Governor's position that
29 the Prudhoe Bay to Valdez route is not only the most feasible route for the

1 pipeline but that it can be constructed without environmental degradation to
2 any appreciable degree; and

3 WHEREAS by far the majority of Alaskans who testified at these hearings
4 desired to have the pipeline built and viewed it as an economic necessity;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the
6 clear and concise position of the state, as presented by Governor Egan at
7 the recent Interior hearings; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the Department
9 of the Interior to issue the pipeline permit in the most expeditious manner
10 possible after a review of the testimony from the impact report hearings.

11 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
12 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
13 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,
14 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs
15 Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman
16 of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted
17 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick
18 Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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