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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the planned nuclear test

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"Cannikin".

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

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WHEREAS it has been announced that the Atomic Energy Commission is

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planning a nuclear test this fall on Amchitka Island of a magnitude approach-

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ing five megatons; and

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WHEREAS a briefing by AEC officials with the state on the planned test

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"Cannikin" failed to fully treat the matter of public hearings on the planned

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blast under provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act; and

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WHEREAS a test of this magnitude and of such far-reaching importance

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should be the subject of public hearings prior to the insertion of any

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conclusions in a final environmental impact statement; and

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WHEREAS public hearings in Alaska would seem to be clearly intended

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under guidelines laid down for implementation of the National Environmental

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Policy Act wherein it is stated: "These proceedings shall include, whenever

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appropriate, provisions for public hearings, and shall provide the public

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with relevant information, including information on alternative courses of

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action"; and

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WHEREAS a federal project of this kind should receive at a minimum, the

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same scrutiny and consideration under the National Environmental Policy Act

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as state projects; and

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WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska has requested the federal government to

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hold public hearings in Alaska on this matter and has requested notification

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of the Alaska hearing dates at the earliest possible time;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it strongly endorses the

1 Governor's request for public hearings on project "Cannikin" in Alaska, and
2 issues its own urgen request to the federal government to comply with this
request, which is a necessity if the environmental impact on Alaska of
project "Cannikin" is to be thoroughly assessed.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Russell Train, Chairman,
7 Federal Council of Environmental Quality; the Honorable William D. Ruckelshaus,
8 Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; the Honorable Robert E.
9 Miller, Manager, Nevada Operations Office, Atomic Energy Commission; and
10 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
11 and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
12 delegation in Congress.

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