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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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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 proposed North Slope

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pipeline.

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

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WHEREAS it is of paramount importance to both Alaska and the United

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States that oil from the North Slope be transported to refineries expedi-

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tiously, with as little environmental degradation as possible and in a manner

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which provides optimum economic benefit; and

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WHEREAS piping of oil is considered by experts to be far less hazardous

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from the standpoint of spillage than tanker transport; and

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WHEREAS a pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez requires that all North

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Slope oil ultimately move by tanker; and

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WHEREAS some economists have suggested the possibility of Alaska de-

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riving greater long-range economic benefits by moving oil from Prudhoe Bay

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through Canada via pipeline, since royalty and severance tax returns to

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Alaska would be greater if apparent reduced transportation costs accrue;

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WHEREAS there is a growing body of evidence indicating that not only

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from an environmental standpoint but from an economic one as well it might

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be in the most beneficial public interest to transport oil from the North

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Slope through Canada rather than to an Alaskan port by pipeline and thence by

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tanker; and

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WHEREAS serious consideration should be given the relative economic and

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environmental impact of pipelines traversing these respective routes before

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becoming irrevocably committed to either route;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respectfully

1 requested to direct the Departments of Economic Development, Fish and Game,  
2 and Natural Resources to provide a thorough comparative analysis of the long-  
3 range environmental and economic impact on Alaska of a pipeline from Alaska's  
4 North Slope through Canada; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that this analysis be made available to the Legislature  
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