

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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5 Relating to automated welding
6 processes.

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

8 WHEREAS a new automated welding process has been developed which makes
9 welds of very high quality with the metallurgical structure unchanged; and

10 WHEREAS, if conventional welding methods were used on the oil and gas
11 pipelines to be constructed in Alaska, it would be impossible to train
12 Alaskans quickly enough to take advantage of the jobs created; and

13 WHEREAS, if an automated welding process can be utilized on the pipe-
14 lines to be constructed in Alaska, untold numbers of Alaskans would be put
15 to work, as untrained men can be quickly trained to use the new equipment;
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17 WHEREAS the utilization of an automated welding process would greatly
18 shorten construction time in completing the pipelines, sharply reduce costs,
19 and the quality of the welding could be expected to be far above that of
20 conventional welding; and

21 WHEREAS the use of automatic equipment will, in future years, actually
22 create many new jobs;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
24 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Labor to commence immedi-
25 ately a feasibility study of the use of automatic welding equipment on the
26 pipelines to be constructed in Alaska and the training of Alaskans in the
27 use of this automatic equipment; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor report to the Legislature at the
29 earliest possible time regarding the feasibility of the proposal and if

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1 feasible to take all necessary action to insure the use of automatic welding
2 processes and the employment of Alaskan workers on the pipelines to be
3 constructed in Alaska.

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