

1 IN THE SENATE

BY HAMMOND

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the issuance of the  
6 North Slope pipeline permit.

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

8 WHEREAS Alaskans desire oil to be transported with minimal environ-  
9 mental degradation, with maximum long-term economic benefits to Alaska, and  
10 as expeditiously as possible; and

11 WHEREAS, while some conservationists assert that comparisons of alter-  
12 native means of transport have been insufficient to demonstrate conclusively  
13 which method best meets the above objectives, the bulk of recent testimony  
14 on the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Report indicated that the  
15 economic well-being of the state, business community, labor force and the  
16 Alyeska consortium require that time be considered of the essence if severe  
17 financial dislocation is to be avoided; and

18 WHEREAS some persons charge Alaskans with emphasizing economics over  
19 environmental concerns while in truth Alaskans love their land and place  
20 greater emphasis upon conservation considerations than financial; and

21 WHEREAS, while subscribing to this environmental emphasis, few Alaskans  
22 are prepared to forego careful development of Alaska's oil resources so  
23 crucial to the well-being of the state and nation; and

24 WHEREAS a total consensus as to the best possible means of transporting  
25 the oil perhaps can never be met because of individual considerations at  
26 odds with one or more of the basic objectives; and

27 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior rather than the State of Alaska  
28 has been involved in significant studies upon which these determinations may  
29 best be made;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of  
2 the Interior is urged to issue a pipeline permit as quickly as possible to  
3 allow for the most expeditious transport of oil by the method determined to  
4 be best, first with regard to minimal environmental degradation and, secondly,  
5 the maximum long-term economic beneficial interests of Alaska.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
7 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,  
8 Secretary, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
9 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,  
10 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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