

1 IN THE SENATE

BY HENSLEY

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a possible alternate
6 route of the North Slope pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS the proposed pipeline to be built from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez
9 has been the subject of much criticism, especially in recent weeks; and

10 WHEREAS opponents of the proposed Prudhoe Bay to Valdez route have
11 pointed out, among other things, that this route would take the line through
12 an area of high seismic activity, and have expressed concern over the
13 potential harm to our fishing industry if the terminus of the line remains
14 at Valdez; and

15 WHEREAS a possible alternate route for the pipeline might be from
16 Prudhoe Bay to the Nome-Norton Bay area, and this route has not yet been
17 studied extensively; and

18 WHEREAS, if this route were proven to be feasible, it would mean the
19 length of the line would be considerably shortened; and

20 WHEREAS such a route would not take the line through a potentially
21 high earthquake-prone area; and

22 WHEREAS the waters of the Nome - Norton Bay area are not included in the
23 prime commercial fishing areas of the state and the U. S. Coast Guard has,
24 in the past, indicated that on request it could keep Nome ice free;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the appropriate
26 state and federal officials, as well as the officials of the Alyeska Pipeline
27 Service Company undertake an immediate feasibility study of a pipeline route
28 from the North Slope to the Nome-Norton Bay area.

29 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
2 Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S.
3 Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee;
4 the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the
5 House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the officers of the Alyeska
6 Pipeline Service Company; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
7 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representa-
8 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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