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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to the proposed North Slope
6 pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS construction of the pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez is,
9 according to the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement of the Depart-
10 ment of the Interior, in the national interest because (1) development of
11 the petroleum reserves of the North Slope is essential to the growth,
12 strength, and security of the United States, and (2) the pipeline would
13 provide the earliest and most practicable means of delivering the oil to
14 market; and
15 WHEREAS the pipeline must be built promptly so that the state will have
16 sufficient financial resources for the vitally needed development of its
17 human resources and for the strict enforcement of its environmental control
18 programs; and
19 WHEREAS the construction of the pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez
20 is, according to W. J. Levy, in Alaska's best interest because this pipeline
21 would
22 (1) result in earlier construction as compared with alternate
23 routes with an increase in Alaskan employment and a stimulation of its
24 economy,
25 (2) result in the maximum output of Alaskan oil to meet the energy
26 needs of the United States,
27 (3) enhance development of future oil and gas fields in Alaska,
28 (4) retain public regulatory control by the State of Alaska and
29 the United States over tariffs and means of transportation of Alaska's oil;

1 and

2 WHEREAS risks to Alaska's environment can be almost entirely precluded
3 by insistence on compliance with federal and state regulations and technical
4 specifications; and

5 WHEREAS, while it has been asserted that comparisons of alternative
6 means of transport have been insufficient to demonstrate conclusively which
7 method best meets the above objectives, the bulk of the credible testimony
8 on the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Report indicated that the pipe-
9 line can be built safely and in such a manner as to protect the environment;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Alaska as a sover-
11 eign state should determine the location where oil and gas leave from the
12 State of Alaska and that Alaska is prepared to cooperate in the enforcement
13 of existing as well as future federal and state stipulations, regulations
14 and requirements relative to environmental safeguards in conformity with
15 the highest possible standards; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the Department
17 of the Interior to issue the pipeline permit from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez in
18 the most expeditious manner possible.

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