

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to land use permits to be
6 issued by the Department of the
7 Interior for airport facility con-
8 struction in certain areas of Alaska

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

10 WHEREAS the Sixth Legislature passed FCCSSB 431 which called for the
11 issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000 for air-
12 ports; and

13 WHEREAS the State of Alaska, Department of Public Works, Division of
14 Aviation, has completed the engineering and design on all projects; and

15 WHEREAS those projects which did not involve right-of-way acquisition
16 are under contract or are completed; and

17 WHEREAS all projects could be under construction this year if the State
18 of Alaska were provided a land interest at each airport site; and

19 WHEREAS all affected towns and villages have expressed approval of the
20 various projects; and

21 WHEREAS the construction of these airport facilities is imperative as a
22 matter of public health, safety and welfare; and

23 WHEREAS these airfields will provide, in many cases, the only means of
24 transportation for many Alaskans; and

25 WHEREAS the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land
26 Management, has not issued permits for the use of the land, thereby making
27 construction possible; and

28 WHEREAS the issuance of these permits is necessary within the next 60
29 days for the construction to take place during the construction season this

1 year;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Secretary of the
3 Interior is respectfully requested to take all immediate and necessary action
4 to expedite the issuance of all pending permits so that this vital con-
5 struction program is not delayed.

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; the Honorable Boyd L. Rasmussen,
9 Director, Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
10 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,
11 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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