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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a conference on the
6 development of Alaska's tourism
7 industry.

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

9 WHEREAS the recent court decision regarding the trans-Alaska pipeline
10 will undoubtedly further delay the beginning of construction of the pipeline;
11 and

12 WHEREAS many of Alaska's potential sources of private enterprise employ-
13 ment, in addition to the pipeline project, are also incurring roadblocks
14 and delays, thus adding to the dilemma of our employable unemployed; and

15 WHEREAS the availability and expenditure of federal money in Alaska,
16 both in the military and civilian sectors, are being drastically reduced and
17 in many cases eliminated entirely; and

18 WHEREAS the cumulative effect of these separate but related events will
19 have a severe adverse impact on the economy of the state during the immediate
20 years ahead; and

21 WHEREAS, even with all obstacles removed, the full development of
22 Alaska's natural resources will take a long period of time; and

23 WHEREAS the tourism industry is a notable exception to the general lack
24 of viability being witnessed in other areas and has actually enjoyed a 14 per
25 cent annual growth rate in Alaska during the past decade; and

26 WHEREAS in 1972 alone tourism figures show that 182,300 visitors spent
27 some \$66 million in Alaska; and

28 WHEREAS the continued expansion of the tourism industry could be accel-
29 erated in an orderly manner through expanded cooperative efforts by

1 government officials and the private sector, thereby creating jobs and
2 generating income for countless Alaskans;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
4 requested to convene at the earliest possible time, but no later than the
5 latter part of March, 1973, a conference of government and visitor industry
6 representatives to discuss possible courses of action that government, both
7 at the local and state level, can take immediately to bring about the
8 acceleration and expansion of Alaska's tourism industry; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the conference be conveyed to the
10 Eighth State Legislature as soon as possible.

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