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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed North Slope  
6 natural gas line.

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

8 WHEREAS it is of paramount importance to both Alaska and the United  
9 States that natural gas from the North Slope be transported to market expedi-  
10 tiously, with as little environmental degradation as possible and in a manner  
11 which provides optimum economic benefit; and

12 WHEREAS, although it is desirable to place all oil and gas lines with-  
13 in one corridor and maximize state control, preliminary work has been done  
14 for planning a Canadian line, and economically it may prove to be the most  
15 feasible; and

16 WHEREAS there is no substitute for comprehensive and orderly planning  
17 in the case of projects of this magnitude, as demonstrated by the state's  
18 recent frustrating experience with its oil pipeline approval; and

19 WHEREAS, when all things are considered, it might well be in the most  
20 beneficial public interest to transport natural gas from the North Slope  
21 through Canada rather than to an Alaskan port by pipeline and thence by  
22 tanker; and

23 WHEREAS serious consideration should be given the relative economic and  
24 environmental impact of pipelines traversing these respective routes before  
25 becoming irrevocably committed to either route;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
27 respectfully requested to direct the Departments of Economic Development,  
28 Fish and Game, and Natural Resources to provide a thorough comparative  
29 analysis of the long-range environmental and economic impact on Alaska of a

1 natural gas line through Alaska from the North Slope or through Canada from  
2 the North Slope; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that this analysis be made available to the Legis-  
4 lature at the earliest possible time.

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