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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to an environmental impact
6 study regarding the construction of
7 of a canal between the Yukon and
8 Kuskokwim Rivers.

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

10 WHEREAS, during the 1973 legislative session, a resolution was adopted
11 requesting the Corps of Engineers to undertake a feasibility study of the
12 construction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers; and

13 WHEREAS Congress has appropriated the sum of \$218,000 for the study,
14 \$40,000 of which has already been received by the Corps and the requested
15 study is under way; and

16 WHEREAS, even if the project is ultimately found to be feasible, before
17 any construction can begin there must be a detailed environmental impact
18 study concerning the project; and

19 WHEREAS the development of an environmental impact study of a project
20 such as the proposed canal can be a tedious and extremely time-consuming
21 process; and

22 WHEREAS it would be extremely beneficial economically and otherwise
23 for the required environmental impact study to be completed by the time the
24 feasibility study is culminated so that the construction of the canal, if
25 proven to be feasible, will not be delayed in any manner or for any reason;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Corps of
27 Engineers is respectfully requested to begin immediately the process of
28 developing an environmental impact study regarding the proposed canal
29 between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers so that the impact study's completion

1 coincides with that of the feasibility study.

2 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Howard
3 Callaway, Secretary of the Army; Lt. General William C. Gribble, Chief of
4 Engineers; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
5 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members
6 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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