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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE INTERIM  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the planning for the

6 Nome-Fairbanks highway.

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

8 WHEREAS a Nome-Fairbanks highway has been a route long sought after by  
9 Alaskans as a means of opening up western and northwestern Alaska for develop-  
10 ment of the known rich mineral potential in the area; and

11 WHEREAS specific examples of this mineral potential are the existence  
12 of important beryllium claims on the Seward Peninsula; the existence of a  
13 large copper mine in the Kobuk Valley, and the known rich oil deposits in the  
14 Koyukuk area; and

15 WHEREAS, currently, because of the lack of means to travel by air,  
16 numerous Alaskans are shut off from contact with Fairbanks and Anchorage, as  
17 well as hundreds of other parts of the state; and

18 WHEREAS if a highway were constructed between Nome and Fairbanks, the  
19 benefits to countless Alaskans would be great; and

20 WHEREAS construction of such a road is in the best interests of the  
21 state, and necessary planning should begin now so that future construction of  
22 the highway is not delayed any longer than it absolutely must be;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
24 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to commence immedi-  
25 ately the necessary planning and design specifications for a highway between  
26 Nome and Fairbanks.

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