

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF  
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ALASKA EM-  
PLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND PRACTICES

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting "Business Week" to retract  
6 its February 22 story concerning the  
7 trans-Alaska pipeline.

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

9 WHEREAS, in its February 22 issue, "Business Week" magazine published a  
10 story regarding the trans-Alaska pipeline; and

11 WHEREAS the article stated that workers on the pipeline will receive up  
12 to \$200 a day in wages and implied that there are 20,000 jobs available; and

13 WHEREAS this inaccurate and misleading statement could cause thousands  
14 of workers to come to Alaska only to find unemployment and eventually to be  
15 placed on welfare; and

16 WHEREAS, in fact, instead of importing thousands of "outside" workers,  
17 Alyeska and the State of Alaska intend to vigorously enforce our local hire  
18 laws; and

19 WHEREAS it should be made crystal clear that Alaska is not encouraging,  
20 does not need, and cannot support an influx of persons seeking pipeline em-  
21 ployment who are doomed to join the already numerous Alaskans out of work;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS it is just such ill-informed and undocumented news stories as  
24 the February 22 story in "Business Week" that will cripple Alaska's economy  
25 and social structure;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that "Business Week"  
27 magazine is requested to print an immediate retraction of that portion of its  
28 trans-Alaska pipeline story and to print the fact that jobs are not available  
29 for the asking on the pipeline; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that before any future stories are published concerning  
2 construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline the editors of "Business Week"  
3 contact appropriate state officials and officials of Alyeska so that addi-  
4 tional misleading and inaccurate stories are not disseminated to an unsus-  
5 pecting public.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the editors of "Business  
7 Week" magazine.