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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.98

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Utilization of waste heat emanating from
6 the trans-Alaska pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS, upon completion and operation, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline
9 will produce enormous amounts of surplus heat; and

10 WHEREAS this heat, if not harnessed, will be degraded and cannot be
11 used to produce useful work; and

12 WHEREAS a state within a nation suffering an energy deficit would be
13 ill-advised to waste an energy resource; and

14 WHEREAS hothouse production of vegetable produce requires vast amounts
15 of heat, making such a venture in Alaska unpromising unless cheap heat is
16 available;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor,
18 through his Office of Energy Allocation Assistance, is respectfully requested
19 to study, evaluate, and, if feasible, implement a pilot operation with the
20 objective of capturing pipeline surplus heat, using it as an energy source
21 for hothouses engaged in vegetable production, and to evaluate the feasi-
22 bility of expanding the operation to production scale; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that if expansion of the pilot operation to full pro-
24 duction scale proves feasible, to plan, design, and implement a program which
25 will allow maximum utilization of pipeline heat for the growing of vegetable
26 produce in order to make Alaska as nearly independent of imported vegetable
27 produce as possible.
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