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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to prices set by the federal  
6 government for natural gas produced and  
7 used within the same state.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States Senate Commerce Committee is considering  
10 legislation to allow the federal government to set prices for natural gas  
11 produced and used in the same state; and

12 WHEREAS the Federal Power Commission presently sets prices for natural  
13 gas produced in one state and sold in another state; and

14 WHEREAS the proposed legislation requires the Federal Power Commission  
15 to set a uniform national price rate for natural gas sold interstate and  
16 intrastate; and

17 WHEREAS a uniform national price rate for natural gas will tend to limit  
18 the innovative uses of natural gas produced and sold in the state, particu-  
19 larly in the outlying areas of the state; and

20 WHEREAS economic scholars have suggested that the trend should be in the  
21 direction of decontrol of natural gas prices instead of an expansion of the  
22 regulation of natural gas prices; and

23 WHEREAS the effect of setting a uniform national price for natural gas  
24 will probably be to lower the price of natural gas, which will in turn  
25 effect an increase in the demand for natural gas; and

26 WHEREAS lowering the price and increasing the demand for natural gas  
27 will result in extending the shortage of natural gas and in delaying the  
28 introduction of new supplies of natural gas; and

29 WHEREAS any measure which extends the present shortage of natural gas

1 will tend to favor consumers in a preferential purchasing position and  
2 penalize potential consumers for whom gas is not available at any price; and

3 WHEREAS any measure which will lower the price and extend the shortage  
4 of natural gas will penalize consumers outside Alaska because the high cost  
5 of delivering natural gas from Alaska will make it unprofitable to deliver  
6 natural gas outside the state;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it strongly urges  
8 the United States Congress to reject any legislation which allows the  
9 federal government to set prices for natural gas produced and sold within  
10 the same state.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
12 President of the United States; the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice-  
13 President of the United States; the Honorable James O. Eastland, President  
14 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson,  
15 Chairman Senate Commerce Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
16 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.  
17 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.  
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