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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to construction of a road between
6 Noatak and Navyoaruk, and to the Noorvik
7 gravel source road.

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

9 WHEREAS during much of the year the water level at Noatak is insuffi-
10 cient to allow the landing of barges carrying needed supplies and necessities
11 of life for Alaskans living in the area; and

12 WHEREAS it would be entirely feasible for a road to be built connecting
13 Noatak and Navyoaruk, approximately 10 miles downriver from Noatak; and

14 WHEREAS the Noatak River and its environs above Navyoaruk harbor an area
15 of wild and pristine beauty, until now relatively untouched by commercial
16 activities; and

17 WHEREAS construction of this proposed road would assure landing access
18 of barges at Navyoaruk from which vital supplies, food, fuel, and other
19 necessities could be transported to Noatak; and

20 WHEREAS construction of this road would also assure the maintenance of
21 the river upstream from Navyoaruk in its unspoiled and natural state; and

22 WHEREAS the community of Noorvik is in need of gravel for airport con-
23 struction projects and local streets; and

24 WHEREAS it is projected that in the future there will be a need for
25 gravel for the continued maintenance of this same airport; and

26 WHEREAS there is a readily available gravel source approximately nine
27 miles east of Noorvik; and

28 WHEREAS, if a winter access road were constructed from Noorvik to this
29 gravel source, it would enable that community to secure an adequate gravel

1 supply for its airport construction project and local streets, as well as for
2 the future maintenance of them;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
4 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Highways to construct the
5 proposed road from Noatak to Navyoaruk, and the proposed Noorvik gravel
6 source road; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that these projects be scheduled as a high priority
8 during the 1976 construction season.

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