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on the Sale of Royalty Oil & Gas
and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 CS HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the use of royalty gas.

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

7 WHEREAS, nineteen years ago, when Alaska became a state, it was because
8 its citizens were tired of being the hewers of wood and haulers of water for
9 the "lower 48" states; and

10 WHEREAS at last Alaska is in the enviable position of being able to
11 develop a sound industrial base; and

12 WHEREAS oil and gas resources provide an immediate opportunity for
13 Alaska to make good use of the "human value added" concept essential to the
14 creation of new wealth and the maintenance of independence for the indivi-
15 dual; and

16 WHEREAS Alaska's economic base is presently dependent upon government
17 spending of one type or another and needs diversification; and

18 WHEREAS Alaska's royalty oil and gas resources provide an immediate
19 opportunity for Alaska to develop an industrial base and to develop year-
20 round employment opportunities for its citizens; and

21 WHEREAS a clear indication exists that the majority of Alaska's citizens
22 want most of their resources processed within Alaska; and

23 WHEREAS the technology exists to satisfy environmental concerns in order
24 that Alaska's citizens will be able to continue to enjoy Alaska as they have
25 in the past; and

26 WHEREAS the state has a very short time during which to inform Northwest
27 Alaska Pipeline Company and the other representatives of the petrochemical
28 industry of its intentions with regard to its royalty gas; and

29 WHEREAS a decision not to do anything will be interpreted by the industry

1 as a sign of disinterest;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
3 requests the Governor, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, and the Royalty
4 Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board to indicate clearly, before March 1,
5 1978, that Alaska's royalty gas from the North Slope will be processed and
6 upgraded as much as possible within the State of Alaska so that jobs are not
7 exported with resources.

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