

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY PHILLIPS

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the Department of Transportation
6 to study extending the Alaska Railroad.

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

8 WHEREAS all Alaskans would benefit from the economic effects of increased
9 tourism and related commercial development in the Arctic; and

10 WHEREAS many Arctic communities would be directly benefited by any
11 development which would lessen the extraordinary costs associated with moving
12 goods to Arctic communities; and

13 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the people of this state for any
14 expansion into the Arctic to be controlled and for untoward environmental con-
15 sequences to be minimized; and

16 WHEREAS experience indicates that these goals might best be accomplished
17 if the major surface transportation system into the Arctic were rail;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
19 the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of extending the
20 Alaska Railroad to Prudhoe Bay parallel to the pipeline, using the haul road
21 right-of-way when possible.

22 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United
23 States; the Secretary of Transportation; the Administrator of the Federal
24 Railroad Administration; the General Manager of the Alaska Railroad; and to
25 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and
26 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
27 tion in Congress.

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