

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the President to direct the
6 creation of a utility corridor for the ex-
7 tension of the Alaska Railroad to the
8 Canadian border.

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

10 WHEREAS it is essential that transportation links be developed in Alaska,
11 and especially interior Alaska, in order to attain its full potential; and

12 WHEREAS, traditionally, railroad systems have been in the forefront of
13 the development of new territories, no matter where they have existed in the
14 world; and

15 WHEREAS the Yukon Territory is in the same position as Alaska in that
16 transportation systems are needed to aid further development; and

17 WHEREAS it would seem logical and proper that the Alaska Railroad
18 should connect with the Canadian railway system at some strategically located
19 point; and

20 WHEREAS such a transportation linkup would be of vast benefit to Alaska,
21 the Nation and to the Yukon; and

22 WHEREAS the designation of lands for extension of the Alaska Railroad
23 should include a corridor wide enough to accommodate the state's future
24 transportation and utility needs in the area;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
26 the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of Transportation
27 to take whatever steps are necessary to identify and withdraw, designate, or
28 acquire sufficient lands for the extension of the Alaska Railroad along a
29 utility corridor to the Canadian border.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United
2 States; the Secretary of Transportation; the Administrator of the Federal
3 Railroad Administration; the General Manager of the Alaska Railroad; and to
4 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and
5 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
6 in Congress.

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