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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the support of the all-Alaskan
6 natural gas transportation system by the
7 California legislature.

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

9 WHEREAS the United States is experiencing and will continue to experi-
10 ence serious natural gas shortages; and

11 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has large amounts of known natural gas
12 reserves on the North Slope of Alaska which could help to reduce these gas
13 shortages; and

14 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature and the State of Alaska have concluded
15 and reaffirmed that an all-Alaskan natural gas transportation system to move
16 this North Slope natural gas to the contiguous United States is most bene-
17 ficial overall for the citizens of the State of Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS the proposed El Paso natural gas pipeline transportation system
19 would follow an already existing pipeline corridor to tidewater in southern
20 Alaska, where it would be liquefied for shipment by tankers to California,
21 and then regasified for further shipment by pipeline to other parts of the
22 United States, including the State of California, in need of this scarce
23 resource; and

24 WHEREAS El Paso Natural Gas Company currently provides a significant
25 percentage of California's natural gas and is, therefore, a major supplier of
26 natural gas in California; and

27 WHEREAS the citizens of the State of California have become dependent on
28 and will continue to depend on a continuous and reliable source of supply in
29 the years to come; and

1 WHEREAS El Paso Natural Gas Company has negotiated with the State of
2 Alaska to purchase substantial amounts of North Slope natural gas from the
3 State of Alaska to assure a continuous supply of natural gas for their mar-
4 kets; and

5 WHEREAS the State of California has stated that in order to avert a
6 natural gas shortage and severe loss of jobs in the 1980's, California will
7 need to import liquefied natural gas since other alternatives cannot be
8 relied on; and

9 WHEREAS the State of California has found that such liquefaction faci-
10 lities will have to be built by 1982, the time the proposed all-Alaskan
11 natural gas pipeline transportation system could be completed and in opera-
12 tion delivering much needed natural gas to California and elsewhere; and

13 WHEREAS shipment of natural gas in liquefied form can be beneficial as
14 it allows flexibility and speed in delivering natural gas where it is most
15 needed in an emergency; and

16 WHEREAS LNG facilities can be and are safe, as one of the oldest LNG
17 facilities in the United States in Alaska's Cook Inlet has demonstrated for
18 almost a decade; and

19 WHEREAS the proposed construction of an all-Alaskan, all-American
20 natural gas transportation system, including LNG facilities in Alaska and
21 California, will promote economic growth and development consistent with
22 stringent environmental standards;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
24 urges all members of the California Legislature to make available all of the
25 resources at their command to insure certification of the all-Alaskan, all-
26 American natural gas transportation system.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Mervyn M.
28 Dymally, President of the California Senate; the Honorable Leo T. McCarthy,
29 Speaker of the California Assembly; and all members of the California Legis-

1 lature; to the Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of the State of
2 California; the Honorable Alan Cranston and the Honorable S. I. Hayakawa,
3 U. S. Senators for California; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
4 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
5 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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