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Referred: The Special
Committee on the Sale of
Royalty Oil and Gas

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST (for the Special
Committee on the Sale of
Royalty Oil and Gas)

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to national energy needs.

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

7 WHEREAS oil imports into the United States continue to place an unac-
8 ceptable burden on the overall security of the United States and particularly
9 upon the United States balance of payments and on the value of the American
10 dollar; and

11 WHEREAS it is the stated policy of the national government that such
12 oil import related burdens should be reduced or eliminated to the greatest
13 extent possible; and

14 WHEREAS Alaska's North Slope oil production represents a vital national
15 resource which can be instrumental in relieving the nation of its oil import
16 burden; and

17 WHEREAS current statutory requirements prohibiting export of Alaska North
18 Slope oil have resulted in unwarranted and uneconomic impacts on domestic
19 oil markets in the State of California, and further resulted in the ineffi-
20 cient and uneconomic shipment of Alaska crude oil to the United States gulf
21 coast via the Panama Canal; and

22 WHEREAS allowance of export of Alaska's North Slope crude oil to Japan
23 in exchange for imports of other crude oil would result in substantially
24 increased efficiencies in the movement and sale of Alaska oil while elimina-
25 ting pressures on domestic oil markets in California; and

26 WHEREAS consultants to the Alaska State Legislature have said that such
27 increased efficiencies could result in savings to the United States of be-
28 tween \$180 million and \$360 million annually; and

29 WHEREAS such savings could result in lower prices to American consumers,

1 reduce America's balance of payments deficit, assist the national govern-
2 ment's effort to maintain the purchasing power of the dollar, and increase
3 revenues to both the State of Alaska and producers of North Slope oil;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of the
5 United States and the Congress of the United States are respectfully requested
6 to take such steps as are necessary to permit the export of Alaska North
7 Slope crude oil to Japan and to ensure that the benefits attached to the
8 export are distributed equitably among the people of the United States.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
10 President of the United States; the Honorable James R. Schlesinger, Secretary
11 of the Department of Energy; the Honorable James O. Eastland, President Pro
12 Tempore of the United States Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.,
13 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable
14 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
15 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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