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IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CS SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the use of royalty gas within the state.

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

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

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

WHEREAS the Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company has been authorized to construct a natural gas pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to the contiguous 48 states; and

WHEREAS, without access to royalty gas by means of a tap, or other access mechanism, installed in the pipeline, a petrochemical facility based on the state's royalty gas could not be constructed at the most logical location; and

WHEREAS the Fairbanks area is the most logical location for an access point for royalty gas, as indicated in the state-sponsored report by Bonner and Moore; and

WHEREAS Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company has stated that it must know the state's plans for its royalty gas by June 1978 so that Northwest can proceed on schedule with the design and engineering of the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, if the state decides to require the installation of taps, or other access mechanisms, in the pipeline after design and engineering is completed, past experiences have shown that state residents and consumers will be forced to bear the cost of design modifications;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully requests the Governor, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, and the Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board to indicate clearly their intent that Alaska's royalty gas from Prudhoe Bay will be processed within Alaska and that they will require the installation of taps, or other access mechanisms, in the pipeline at a location between Livengood and Big Delta; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the exact location of the point of access be determined after consultation with the Fairbanks North Star Borough.