

1 IN THE SENATE

BY POLAND

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed trans-Alaska gas
6 pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States is experiencing a serious energy crisis; and

9 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has vast known and yet undiscovered natural
10 resources, the wise development of which will serve to reduce this crisis;
11 and

12 WHEREAS the economic viability of the State of Alaska is dependent to a
13 large extent upon the development of its natural resources; and

14 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the state and the country to
15 initiate and support those programs and projects which will ensure the expe-
16 ditious and wise development of these necessary resources; and

17 WHEREAS alternative trans-Alaskan or trans-Canadian pipeline proposals
18 have been made for the transportation of the natural gas from the North
19 Slope; and

20 WHEREAS a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline has numerous and significant
21 benefits to the state and the nation, such as:

22 (1) the line would be entirely within the United States and not
23 subject to the interests or partial control of a foreign government, however
24 friendly;

25 (2) the line would cross geological basins which could possibly
26 open new areas to exploration and development;

27 (3) it would provide employment of Alaskans and other citizens of
28 the United States in the operation and maintenance of the gas pipeline and
29 related facilities after the construction phase has ended and create addi-

1 tional jobs in supporting industries;

2 (4) the pipeline would, directly and indirectly, create a large
3 and significant permanent tax base for the State of Alaska and its cities and
4 boroughs and would improve the nation's balance of payments;

5 (5) a trans-Alaska line could probably be completed much sooner,
6 thus ensuring an earlier supply of natural gas to the United States;

7 (6) it would promote additional industrial development and conse-
8 quent employment in many areas of Alaska through the use of natural gas as an
9 energy source and would provide for the needs of existing industry;

10 (7) delivery of Alaska natural gas to the west coast of the United
11 States would permit alleviation of shortages of natural gas supplies for
12 eastern and midwestern markets;

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the con-
14 struction of a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline, generally following the
15 trans-Alaska oil pipeline, and strongly urges the members of the Alaska dele-
16 gation in Congress to make available all of the resources at their command to
17 ensure an early favorable decision regarding the proposed trans-Alaska natural
18 gas pipeline and the beginning of construction at the earliest possible time;
19 and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President
21 of the United States to recommend approval of the all-Alaska, all-America gas
22 pipeline and urges the Congress to approve such a recommendation from the
23 President.

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
25 President of the United States, the Honorable Walter F. Mondale, President of
26 the U. S. Senate, and the Honorable Thomas F. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the
27 U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
28 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
29 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.