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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the upgrading of the

6 White Pass & Yukon Route.

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

8 WHEREAS the White Pass & Yukon Route is a narrow gauge railroad linking
9 Skagway to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada; and

10 WHEREAS locomotives and rail cars in general use today are incompatible
11 with narrow gauge railbeds; and

12 WHEREAS it is in the interest of the national defense of both Canada and
13 the United States that this important rail link be as versatile as possible
14 in the event of a national emergency affecting either nation;

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Canadian govern-
16 ment is requested to provide a portion of the necessary financing, in coopera-
17 tion with the United States government, to upgrade the White Pass & Yukon
18 Route to a standard gauge railbed; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the original narrow gauge railbed be left in place
20 and preserved for its historic value.

21 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honorable Joseph
22 Clark, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Allan McKinnon, Minister of
23 the Canada Department of National Defence; the Honorable Donald Mazankowski,
24 Minister of the Canada Department of Transportation; the Honorable Jake Epp,
25 Minister of the Canada Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development;
26 the Honorable W. R. Bennett, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, and
27 the Honorable Eric Nielson, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

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