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Referred: Special Gas Pipeline
Committee and Transportation

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the Joint Gas Pipeline
6 Committee of the legislature to
7 investigate and recommend as to
8 delivery of Prudhoe Bay natural gas
9 to market.

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

11 WHEREAS the cost of the Alaska natural gas transportation system is now
12 estimated to range between 25 and 40 billion dollars; and

13 WHEREAS excessive transportation charges for delivery of the natural
14 gas would severely reduce the value of the state's royalty gas and add to
15 the consumers' costs of acquiring natural gas in the lower 48; and

16 WHEREAS sponsors of the Alaska natural gas transportation system pro-
17 ject have been unable to complete financing arrangements for a natural gas
18 pipeline; and

19 WHEREAS little public analysis of alternative methods of delivery of
20 Prudhoe Bay natural gas to market has occurred since 1977; and

21 WHEREAS alternative methods of delivering natural gas from northern
22 Canada to eastern markets have recently been proposed; and

23 WHEREAS recent natural gas discoveries in the lower 48 and improved
24 relations with Mexico may provide sources of gas for lower 48 consumption
25 which are cheaper than Prudhoe Bay gas transmitted through the proposed
26 Alaska natural gas transportation system project;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature the Joint Gas Pipeline
28 Committee shall review and report concerning alternative methods of trans-
29 porting Prudhoe Bay natural gas to markets, including the comparative bene-

1 fits and costs of an all-Alaskan pipeline route, conversion to liquefied
2 natural gas, and development of methanol; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings and
4 conclusions to the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature not later than
5 January 20, 1982.

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