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on Coal

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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COAL

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34 (Coal)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of an  
6 in-state petroleum coking facility.

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

8 WHEREAS the use of the abundant reserves of Alaska's low-grade coal to  
9 develop an industrial base in the state is consistent with the state's  
10 policy of encouraging the processing of the state's natural resources in  
11 Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS residual oil from state royalty oil processed into petroleum  
13 coke could be mixed with coal from state coal reserves, a blended coal  
14 having properties which makes it competitive in domestic and foreign markets;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS the state has agreed to allot portions of its royalty oil to  
17 in-state refiners, but the firms operating these refineries have shown  
18 little interest in making residual oil produced at the refineries available  
19 for purposes of producing petroleum coke for blending with subbituminous  
20 coal; and

21 WHEREAS the Department of Natural Resources, as custodian of resources  
22 of the state for all Alaskans, could perform an important service for the  
23 people of the state by attempting to secure the cooperation of in-state  
24 refiners of state royalty oil in planning, designing, and constructing an  
25 in-state petroleum coking facility;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully  
27 requests the Governor to direct the commissioner of natural resources to  
28 explore ways by which coal from state reserves may be combined with petroleum  
29 coke produced from residual oil produced by in-state refineries into a

1 satisfactory power plant feed; and be it

2       FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of natural resources should  
3 attempt to initiate negotiations involving the firms operating refineries in  
4 Alaska and others for the purpose of planning the construction of a petroleum  
5 coking facility in the state; and be it

6       FURTHER RESOLVED that negotiations for the purpose of developing a  
7 petroleum coking facility in Alaska which relies on residual state royalty  
8 oil be conducted with the understanding by all parties that the state royalty  
9 oil required by the petroleum coking facility will not be sold or exported  
10 and will be used only for the purpose of developing a primary coke processing  
11 facility in the state.

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