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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the President to direct
6 the creation of a utility corridor
7 for the extension of the Alaska
8 Railroad to the Canadian border.

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

10 WHEREAS it is essential that transportation links be developed if
11 Alaska, and especially interior Alaska, is ever to attain its full potential,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, traditionally, railroad systems have been in the forefront of
14 the development of new territories, no matter where they have existed in the
15 world; and

16 WHEREAS the Yukon Territory is in the same position as Alaska in that
17 transportation systems are needed to aid further development; and

18 WHEREAS it would seem logical and proper that the Alaska Railroad
19 should connect with the Canadian railway system at some strategically
20 located point; and

21 WHEREAS such a transportation linkup would be of vast benefit to
22 Alaska, the Nation, and the Yukon; and

23 WHEREAS the designation of land for extension of the Alaska Railroad
24 should include a corridor wide enough to accommodate the state's future
25 transportation and utility needs in the area; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad has in its enabling Act, The Alaska Rail-
27 road Act (43 U.S.C. 975 - 975(g)), authority to extend its track up to 1,000
28 miles in length;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

1 the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of Transportation

2 (1) to dedicate federal land within the utility corridor to the
3 Canadian border for railroad use; and

4 (2) to negotiate for and purchase or otherwise acquire or exercise
5 the eminent domain authority found within the Alaska Railroad Act (43 U.S.C.
6 975 - 975(g)) to acquire sufficient land for the extension of the Alaska
7 Railroad along a utility corridor to the Canadian border.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
9 President of the United States; the Honorable Drew Lewis, Secretary of
10 Transportation; Mr. John M. Sullivan, Administrator of the Federal Railroad
11 Administration; Mr. Frank H. Jones, General Manager of the Alaska Railroad;
12 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
13 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
14 Alaska delegation in Congress.