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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 (Transportation) am

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 purchase of sufficient land for the
5 extension of the Alaska Railroad along a utility corridor to the Canadian
6 border.

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