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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to marketing and transporting
6 Alaska's natural gas.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the largest gas field in the North American continent was
9 discovered 15 years ago at Prudhoe Bay, on Alaska's North Slope; and
10 WHEREAS since that time it has been the policy of Alaska's state
11 government to promote an environmentally sound, privately financed trans-
12 portation system that would allow North Slope natural gas to come to mar-
13 ket, while providing a new source of energy for Alaska's interior and raw
14 material for future industry throughout the state; and
15 WHEREAS efforts by the United States and Canadian governments and
16 private industry to move natural gas from the North Slope to supply the
17 midwestern and pacific states have been supported by the State of Alaska
18 and shall continue to have the state's support; and
19 WHEREAS in order to explore all possibilities of marketing North Slope
20 gas, it is also in the state's best interest to explore markets in the
21 Pacific Rim; and
22 WHEREAS successful marketing of Alaska's North Slope energy reserves
23 can result in increased energy exploration, in a secure source of energy
24 and in a better balance of trade, contributing to both the economic and
25 energy security of the United States; and
26 WHEREAS an Alaskan natural gas transportation system is committed to
27 deliver natural gas to Alaska's interior for energy and raw material for
28 industry in order to support economic diversification; and
29 WHEREAS the State of Alaska wishes to be on record in supporting any

1 natural gas transportation system that would deliver gas to any market,
2 foreign and domestic; and

3 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the people of Alaska that the
4 state government immediately enter into negotiations for the sale of the
5 state's royalty interest in North Slope natural gas for in-state use as a
6 catalyst for construction of a transportation system for Alaska's natural
7 gas;

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State of
9 Alaska fully supports the efforts of all owners of the gas and other
10 parties to secure sales commitments for North Slope gas in any market,
11 including within the state; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska requests the federal govern-
13 ment to remove any impediments to freely marketing North Slope gas while
14 not taking any action that would jeopardize the ongoing efforts of private
15 industry to construct a gas transportation system overland from Alaska; and
16 be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that citizens of Japan, Korea, Canada and other
18 trading partners of Alaska, are strongly urged to consider and take advan-
19 tage of the benefits that a secure, long-term trading relationship with
20 Alaska would offer; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature calls upon the owners of the
22 gas, Alaska's delegation in Congress, and all other parties with an inter-
23 est in the gas to explore every means to privately finance and construct a
24 transportation system for Alaska's natural gas; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska immediately enter into
26 negotiations for the sale of its royalty interest in North Slope gas to
27 in-state users in order that they and the state serve as a catalyst for the
28 construction of a transportation system for Alaska's natural gas.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald

1 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Schultz,
2 Secretary of State; the Honorable James Watt, Secretary of the Interior;
3 the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable
4 George Bush, President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill,
5 Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted
6 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
7 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
8 gress.