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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 (Finance)

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 all markets; and

21 WHEREAS successful marketing of Alaska's North Slope energy reserves
22 can result in increased energy exploration, in a secure source of energy
23 supply, contributing to both the economic and energy security of the United
24 States; and

25 WHEREAS an Alaskan natural gas transportation system is committed to
26 deliver natural gas to Alaska's interior for energy and raw material for
27 industry in order to support economic diversification; and

28 WHEREAS the State of Alaska wishes to be on record in supporting any
29 natural gas transportation system that would deliver gas to any market; and

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

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State of
7 Alaska fully supports the efforts of all owners of the gas and other
8 parties to market the North Slope gas; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska requests the federal govern-
10 ment to remove any impediments to freely marketing North Slope gas or oil
11 that would not affect the ongoing efforts of private industry to construct
12 a gas transportation system overland from Alaska; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that all trading partners of Alaska are strongly
14 urged to consider and take advantage of the benefits that a secure,
15 long-term trading relationship with Alaska would offer; and be it

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

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

24 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
25 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Schultz,
26 Secretary of State; the Honorable James Watt, Secretary of the Interior;
27 the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable
28 George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S.
29 Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of

1 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
2 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.