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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON OIL AND GAS
2 CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9 (Oil and Gas)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to natural gas price increases
6 and statewide energy policy.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
8 WHEREAS effective April 15, 1985, the Department of Natural Resources
9 assessed royalties on Cook Inlet Basin natural gas at current market rates
10 instead of the producers' contract sales rates, thereby raising the value
11 of the royalties the state receives from producers; and
12 WHEREAS the increase in the price or value of royalty gas received
13 from Cook Inlet producers will increase electric and natural gas rates to
14 more than 50 percent of the state's population, comprising nearly 100,000
15 homes and businesses in Southcentral Alaska; and
16 WHEREAS conflicting policies exist regarding the value and best use of
17 the state's royalty share of energy resources, and these policy conflicts
18 have led to regional disputes regarding energy costs;
19 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
20 the Governor to investigate options for restoring to Southcentral Alaska
21 energy consumers the benefits eliminated by enforcement of the state's gas
22 leases; and be it
23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges the Governor
24 to develop a comprehensive statewide energy policy for submittal to the
25 legislature in the first week of the 1986 legislative session that
26 encourages the efficient use of the state's resources.