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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Urging adoption of a national energy  
6 strategy.  
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 WHEREAS the stability of the economy and the national defense of the  
9 United States are affected by dramatic fluctuations in the supply and price  
10 of energy sources; and  
11 WHEREAS it is to the benefit of the United States to ensure the secur-  
12 ity and dependability of its energy supply; and  
13 WHEREAS the March 24, 1989, oil spill disaster in Prince William Sound  
14 has underscored the need for improved tanker safety, including oil spill  
15 prevention and spill response technology; and  
16 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is a significant contributor to the  
17 nation's fossil fuel supply and is a member of the South/West Energy Coun-  
18 cil, whose members represent the nation's oil-producing states; and  
19 WHEREAS the membership of the South/West Energy Council has adopted a  
20 national energy strategy incorporating energy conservation, crude oil,  
21 coal, natural gas, renewable energy sources, and electricity;  
22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature joins with the other  
23 members of the South/West Energy Council in urging the President of the  
24 United States and the United States Congress to develop a national energy  
25 strategy or national energy management plan designed to provide a stable  
26 supply of reasonably priced energy in an efficient and environmentally  
27 sound manner to meet the needs of the citizens and economy of the United  
28 States, and the security interests of the nation; and be it  
29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the

1 South/West Energy Council's recommendation that an energy strategy include

2 (1) promoting energy conservation education and technology  
3 research, including research into superconductivity and alternative fuels,  
4 particularly for transportation use;

5 (2) promoting domestic crude oil production in an environmental-  
6 ly sound manner, which can be accomplished by providing tax and accounting  
7 incentives to oil producers for domestic exploration and production efforts  
8 and by including specific investment tax credits for research and develop-  
9 ment; and

10 (3) encouraging enhanced oil and gas recovery efforts and the  
11 development of a research, demonstration, and commercialization program for  
12 unconventional crude sources pursued through a cooperative effort involving  
13 industry, higher education, and national laboratories; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strat-  
15 egy recommendations regarding management of crude oil imports to the United  
16 States, such as diversifying foreign sources of supply, lifting the ban on  
17 exportation of Alaskan North Slope crude oil, pursuing a Pan American  
18 Energy Alliance, continuing to fill the United States Strategic Petroleum  
19 Reserve to its 750,000,000 barrel goal, and eliminating the technological  
20 barriers that prevent use of huge unconventional crude petroleum reserves  
21 in the Western Hemisphere; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the strat-  
23 egy recommendations that include greater emphasis on promoting the use and  
24 production of natural gas, improving energy conservation efforts such as  
25 raising the corporate average fuel efficiency standards for automobiles,  
26 providing efficiency provisions in building codes, providing home appliance  
27 heating and cooling unit efficiency standards, and developing waste recy-  
28 cling or reduction standards for industrial manufacturing; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the

1 strategy recommendations that call for more active management of federal  
2 land that would recognize the potential that public land holds, particu-  
3 larly within the State of Alaska, for environmentally sound development of  
4 energy resources.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,  
6 President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of  
7 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C.  
8 Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright,  
9 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable James D.  
10 Watkins, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy; the Honorable J.  
11 Bennett Johnston, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural  
12 Resources; the Honorable John D. Dingell, Chair of the U.S. House Committee  
13 on Energy and Commerce; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
14 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-  
15 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to Patrick  
16 Raffaniello, Executive Director of the South/West Energy Council.