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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 (Resources) am H
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 responsible 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.