

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Endorsing Governor Hickel's efforts to arrange for the sale and transfer of surplus Alaska
2 water to California.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 WHEREAS the shortage of water in California has become an increasingly serious problem for
5 its citizens, businesses, and agricultural interests; and

6 WHEREAS fresh river water that is surplus to the needs of Alaska is presently flowing into the
7 Pacific Ocean from Alaska while parts of California are suffering critical water shortages; and

8 WHEREAS Governor Hickel has publicly announced his interest in sharing Alaska's immense
9 renewable surplus of fresh water by piping the resource to the states on the west coast; and

10 WHEREAS modern technology and engineering capabilities make it feasible to construct a fresh
11 water pipeline extending from Alaska to California; and

12 WHEREAS an interstate compact agreement between Alaska and California could be executed
13 to arrange for the sale of the water and the construction of the pipeline; and

14 WHEREAS Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard has introduced into the California Legislative
15 Assembly Concurrent Resolution 31, which urges California Governor Pete Wilson to direct the
16 immediate start of an initial feasibility study for the construction of the Alaska-California pipeline; and

1 **WHEREAS** the diversion of Alaska water to the areas in California that are experiencing severe
2 water shortages would greatly benefit the growing population of California and its agricultural and
3 industrial concerns, and the proceeds from the sale of the water to California would benefit the citizens
4 of Alaska;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses Governor Hickel's efforts to
6 arrange for the sale and transfer of surplus Alaska water to California.