

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 (RESOURCES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/92
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR FISCHER

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging Governor Hickel to work in cooperation with the State of California and the
2 United States Congress to arrange for an initial feasibility study of an Alaska-California
3 fresh water pipeline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard has introduced into the California Legislative
16 Assembly Concurrent Resolution 31, which urges California Governor Pete Wilson to direct the

1 immediate start of an initial feasibility study for the construction of the Alaska-California pipeline; and
2 **WHEREAS** H.R. 1600, which has been introduced by Representative Edward R. Roybal into the
3 U.S. Congress, would request the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, acting through the U.S. Bureau of
4 Reclamation, to conduct an initial feasibility study for the pipeline; and

5 **WHEREAS** Representative Edward R. Roybal has also introduced H.J.R. 186, which would
6 request the President of the United States to conduct an initial feasibility study for the pipeline; and

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

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages Governor Hickel to work in
12 cooperation with the State of California and the United States Congress to arrange for an initial
13 feasibility study of an Alaska-California fresh water pipeline.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
15 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
16 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Manuel
17 Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; the Honorable George Mitchell, Majority
18 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on
19 Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee
20 on Commerce, Science and Transportation; the Honorable Quentin N. Burdick, Chair of the U.S. Senate
21 Committee on Environment and Public Works; the Honorable George Miller, Vice-Chair and Acting
22 Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Robert A. Roe, Chair
23 of the U.S. House Committee on Public Works and Transportation; the Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor
24 of the State of California; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
25 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
26 Congress; the presiding officer of each house of the California State Legislature; the members of the
27 California State Legislature; the Honorable Kenneth Hahn, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;
28 and to the Honorable Dennis B. Underwood, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation in the U.S.
29 Department of the Interior.