

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to oil and gas exploration in Alaska and the Presidential Task Force on the
2 Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

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

4 WHEREAS the oil industry, the state, and the United States Department of Interior consider the
5 North Slope of Alaska, both onshore and offshore, to have the highest potential for discovery of very
6 large oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America; and

7 WHEREAS the oil industry, the state, and President Bush are actively advocating exploration,
8 development, and production of North Slope fields, both onshore and offshore; and

9 WHEREAS the Trans Alaska Pipeline System is playing, and will continue to play, an integral
10 and prominent role in transporting North Slope oil to market; and

11 WHEREAS the state and the nation are, and will continue to, rely upon the integrity of the Trans
12 Alaska Pipeline System for financial and domestic energy security; and

13 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state, in promoting North Slope oil development, to
14 prove to the nation that Alaska is capable of promoting and achieving environmentally sound
15 development through responsible oversight of the oil industry; and

16 WHEREAS the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 creates a Presidential Task Force to conduct a

1 comprehensive two-year audit of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System and terminal operations, including
2 a review of whether the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company is in compliance with laws, regulations, and
3 right-of-way agreements, and to make recommendations concerning prevention of oil spills, and health
4 and environmental damage; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Presidential Task Force is composed of seven members, three members
6 appointed by the President, one member nominated by the Office of Technology Assessment, and three
7 members nominated by the Governor of Alaska with two of those nominees being employees of the
8 Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Citizens Oversight Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances was created
10 to review and provide expertise regarding the prevention of releases of oil and other hazardous
11 substances;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested
13 to nominate state appointees to the Presidential Task Force at his earliest convenience; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is urged to make the appointments based on
15 specialized knowledge, expertise, and experience of candidates and to work with the Citizens Oversight
16 Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances to find competent and acceptable candidates; and be
17 it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President is respectfully requested to appoint the seven
19 members of the Presidential Task Force at his earliest convenience; and be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States Congress is respectfully requested to provide
21 full and immediate funding for the Presidential Task Force so it can complete its statutorily mandated
22 review of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System and terminal operations; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges our delegation in Congress to
24 seek full funding for the Presidential Task Force.

25 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
26 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
27 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George
28 Mitchell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chair of the Senate
29 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable George Miller, Vice-chair and Acting chair
30 of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of
31 the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
32 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.