

**CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2(HES)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/16/93**  
**Referred: JUDICIARY**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Phillips**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to request a moratorium from the**  
2 **Congress for the MTBE oxygenated fuels programs in Anchorage and Fairbanks,**  
3 **Alaska.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

5 **WHEREAS** preliminary findings from an epidemiology study performed by the  
6 Department of Health and Social Services, released on December 23, 1992, led to the  
7 recommendation that the oxygenated fuels program in Anchorage should be suspended; and

8 **WHEREAS** preliminary findings from an epidemiology study performed by the  
9 Department of Health and Social Services, released on December 11, 1992, led to the  
10 recommendation that the oxygenated fuels program in Fairbanks should be suspended; and

11 **WHEREAS** the health effects of blending methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) with  
12 gasoline are unknown, especially in exceptionally cold climates such as in Anchorage and  
13 Fairbanks; and

14 **WHEREAS** a significant number of Anchorage and Fairbanks residents have asked  
15 for a suspension of the MTBE oxygenated fuels program through petition signatures, opinions  
16 expressed at public forums, letters, phone calls, and public opinion messages to legislators;

1 and

2       **WHEREAS** there are other methods, such as natural gas vehicles and increased bus  
3 service, for reducing carbon monoxide pollution; and

4       **WHEREAS** the oxygenated fuels program could be reintroduced if the cold weather  
5 health effects of MTBE-blended oxyfuels are determined to be safe to human health;

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate urges the Environmental Protection  
7 Agency to request a moratorium from the Congress for the Anchorage and Fairbanks  
8 oxygenated fuels programs so that they are not resumed for the winter of 1993 - 1994 unless  
9 complete and conclusive studies clearly show that MTBE-blended fuels are not harmful to our  
10 citizens' health and that MTBE-blended fuels are the most effective way to reduce carbon  
11 monoxide pollution in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

12       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Carol M. Browner, Administrator of the  
13 Environmental Protection Agency; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
14 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
15 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable Tom Fink, Mayor, Municipality of  
16 Anchorage; and the Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough.