

COMMITTEE REPORT

3/24/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4/12/75

The Committee on FINANCE has had HCR 31

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

_____	<u>Stuenkel</u>	_____
_____	<u>Conrad</u>	_____
<u>Edna</u>	<u>H. Malin</u>	_____
<u>Hansen</u>	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

H. Malin Chairman

Introduced: 3/7/75
Referred: Resources and
Finance

BY FISCHER, ANDERSON, BOWMAN, BRADNER,
BROWN, DAVIS, DUNCAN, FINK, FREEMAN,
GUY, KELLEY MCKINNON, OSTERBACK,
PARKER, PARR, RHODE AND SWANSON

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed trans-Alaska
6 gas pipeline.

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

8 WHEREAS the United States is experiencing a serious energy crisis; and

9 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has vast known and yet undiscovered natural
10 resources, the wise development of which will serve to reduce this crisis;

11 and

12 WHEREAS the economic viability of the State of Alaska is dependent to a
13 large extent upon the development of its natural resources; and

14 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the state and the country to
15 initiate and support those programs and projects which will ensure the expedi-
16 tious and wise development of these necessary resources; and

17 WHEREAS alternative trans-Alaskan or trans-Canadian pipeline proposals
18 have been made for the transportation of the natural gas from the North Slope
19 and

20 WHEREAS a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline has numerous and significant
21 benefits to the state and the nation, such as:

22 (1) the line would be entirely within the United States and not
23 subject to the interests or partial control of a foreign government, however
24 friendly;

25 (2) the line will cross geological basins which will possibly open
26 new areas to exploration and development;

27 (3) it would provide employment of Alaskans and other citizens of
28 the United States in the operation and maintenance of the gas pipeline and
29 related facilities after the construction phase has ended and create

1 additional jobs in supporting industries;

2 (4) the pipeline would, directly and indirectly, create a large
3 and significant permanent tax base for the State of Alaska and its cities
4 and boroughs and would improve the nation's balance of payments;

5 (5) a trans-Alaska line could probably be completed much sooner,
6 thus ensuring an earlier supply of natural gas to the United States;

7 (6) it would promote additional industrial development and conse-
8 quent employment within many areas of Alaska through the use of natural gas
9 as an energy source and provide for the needs of existing industry;

10 (7) the environmental impact in Alaska would be minimized;

11 (8) delivery of Alaska natural gas to the west coast of the United
12 States will permit diversion of existing gas supplies to the midwest and
13 eastern United States markets to assist in providing those markets with ade-
14 quate supplies at moderate prices;

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the
16 construction of a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline, generally following the
17 planned trans-Alaska oil pipeline, and strongly urges the Governor to make
18 available all of the resources at his command to ensure an early favorable
19 decision regarding the proposed trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline and the
20 beginning of construction at the earliest possible time; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor
22 to take the necessary action to assure that the interest of the State of
23 Alaska is fully represented before the Federal Power Commission or any other
24 federal agency having jurisdiction over the disposition of the gas produced
25 from state lands.
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The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HCR No. 31
Title: Relating to the Proposed Trans-Alaska Gas Pipeline
Requested by: Legislative Finance Date: April 2, 1975
Return Date Requested: _____
Agency: Department of Law Program: Legal Services

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Legal Services

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	EST.
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL	1.3	2.1				
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	1.3	2.1				

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	1.3	2.1				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)
Hearings before the Federal Power Commission are scheduled to begin May 5, 1975. The Attorney General and one staff attorney will present the State's position at this time. The F.P.C. predicts there will be over 100 participants presenting testimony and, therefore, the hearings will continue through October 1975. The State foresees the necessity of having a staff attorney present three times in addition to the opening presentation.

On this basis, we anticipate costs as follows:

	5 Juneau - Wash. D.C. - Juneau air fares ..	\$2,280
XXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX 28 days of per diem at \$40/day	1,120
	TOTAL	\$3,400

V. DATE: April 2, 1975

PREPARED BY: Robert F. Alexander
Legal Administrator

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)