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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

### Committee on Labor & Commerce

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State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

HCR 9: Summary

This resolution commends DOT/PF for its investigation of ways to improve transportation access to Whittier and urges the department to establish, as a priority, the planning of improved access to Whittier, and improved access between Whittier and Shotgun Cove. Departmental priority for the improved access plan would allow the 14th Legislature to review recommendations of DOT/PF and take action.

Further, the resolution requests that the Alaska Railroad increase its summer shuttle service between Portage and Whittier until the State makes a permanent decision on the access problem.

Chairman's Information:

- 1) HCR 9: "Relating to the Whittier-Shotgun Cove access"
  - a) Introduced: Rep Szymanski
  - b) Co-Sponsors:
- 2) INTENT: This resolution commends DOT/P: its investigation of ways to improve transportation access to Whittier and urges DOT/PF to consider the planning process for improved access to Whittier as a priority. Departmental priority for the improved access plan would allow the 14th Legislature to review recommendations of DOT/PF and take action.

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FISCAL NOTE: none

- 3) ADDITIONAL REFERRALS: <sup>FINANCE &</sup> Rules
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:
  - a) Sponsor:
  - b) Public witnesses:
- 5) BILL ACTION:
  - a) Hold in committee?
  - b) Assign to sub committee for further review?
  - c) Move from Committee?
  - d) close public hearings?
- 6) COMMITTEE ACTION:
  - a) amendments?
  - b) CS adoption?

SCS HCR 9 (L&C) RELATING TO THE WHITTIER SHOTGUM COVE ACCESS

THIS RESOLUTION URGES DOT/PF TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO WHITTIER AS A PRIORITY. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY FOR THE IMPROVED ACCESS PLAN WOULD ALLOW THE 14th LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF DOT/PF.

THE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED IN SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE TO URGE THE GOVERNOR TO DIRECT DOT/PF TO ESTABLISH THE IMPROVED ACCESS PLANNING AS A PRIORITY.

Offered: 4/24/85  
Referred: Finance

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Original sponsors: Szymanski and Uehling

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Whittier-Shotgun Cove

6 Access.

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

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10 tier and of recreational businesses operating out of Whittier; and

11 WHEREAS Whittier is also growing in recreational importance to many  
12 Alaska residents who travel to Whittier each summer for water-related  
13 recreation, and who depend for this purpose upon access to Whittier; and

14 WHEREAS demand for Whittier harbor berths by recreational boaters far  
15 exceeds the available harbor space; and

16 WHEREAS the Thirteenth Alaska State Legislature created the Alaska  
17 Marine Park system to protect areas within Prince William Sound for public  
18 recreation; and

19 WHEREAS the planned disposal of municipal land between Whittier and  
20 Shotgun Cove for community expansion and recreation will increase the  
21 interest in the Whittier area for recreational homes or permanent resi-  
22 dences; and

23 WHEREAS in 1984, over 200,000 persons visited Whittier, including  
24 travelers on the Alaska marine highway system; and

25 WHEREAS the summer shuttle service between Portage and Whittier during  
26 the summer of 1984 was too infrequent to meet the needs of Anchorage visi-  
27 tors to Whittier; and

28 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad has been acquired by the state, and trans-  
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1 basis; and

2 WHEREAS the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is  
3 examining alternatives for improving access to Whittier;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the Depart-  
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6 to improve transportation to Whittier, including the possibility of paving  
7 one or both of the railroad tunnels between Portage and Whittier, and of  
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12 between Whittier and Shotgun Cove so that the Fourteenth Alaska State  
13 Legislature can consider the department's recommendations and take action  
14 on this matter; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the  
16 Alaska Railroad Corporation initiate increased summer shuttle service  
17 between Portage and Whittier until the state makes a permanent decision on  
18 this access problem.

Introduced: 2/20/85  
Referred: Transportation

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BY SZYMANSKI

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