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(11)

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date referred: 2/1/88

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 2-8-88

The Finance Committee has considered CSSJR 7(Res)am

Relating to oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, and declaring state policy.

RECOMMENDS:

replace with H CS CS SJR 7 (Res) the same title
 attached amendment(s) a new title

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- same as previous fiscal note published 2/1/88
- zero fiscal note
- same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

Pat Roush

Ronald J. Lamm

Mark Boyer

Chris Truesdell

J. Frank

Greg Bohannon

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Al Adams - NO Rec

John Page - no rec

Mike Davis - NO Rec

Ray Wallis

Al Adams

 Chairman's signature

STATE OF ALASKA
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: HCS SJR 7 (RES)
PUBLISH DATE: HOUSE 2/1/88

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 1/28/88
Title: Oil & Gas Explor. and Dev. ANWR
Sponsor: Resources Committee
Requestor: House Resources Committee

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
BRU: Petroleum Management
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Jim Eason Phone: 465-2 400
Division: Oil and Gas Date: 1/27/88

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 1/27/88
Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Distribution (by preparer):
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Office of Management and Budget
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Original sponsors: Sturgulewski, Fischer,
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2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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11 the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 191) on the coastal plain of the
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13 natives for the coastal plain; and

14 WHEREAS the coastal plain has been found to have the best potential
15 for onshore oil and gas discoveries in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS Congress recognized the environmental importance of the
17 coastal plain by placing it in the national wildlife refuge system in 1980,
18 and the wildlife and habitat deserve a high standard of protection if oil
19 exploration and development proceed; and

20 WHEREAS exploration and development of oil and gas on the coastal
21 plain could reduce the nation's trade deficit, increase energy security,
22 prevent erosion of the oil and gas industry, improve the national and state
23 economies, and occur with full environmental protection and safeguards; and

24 WHEREAS even when the strictest standards of environmental protection
25 are applied there still can be some risk to land, water, and wildlife from
26 development activity, and Alaskans dependent on subsistence resources of
27 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge should be protected in the event that
28 there is any damage to subsistence resources; and

29 WHEREAS the people of Alaska, based on the provisions of the statehood

1 compact, are to be treated equally and fairly in the decisions of the
2 United States government regarding revenue sharing, leasing, and develop-
3 ment of public lands, including the coastal plain; and

4 WHEREAS the state's economy is in bad condition, with high unemploy-
5 ment, property foreclosures, and shrinking investment;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature adopts the following
7 consensus points on management of the coastal plain, and strongly urges
8 Congress to act on them:

9 (1) the United States Congress should open the coastal plain to
10 environmentally responsible oil and gas exploration, development, and
11 production under the authority of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30
12 U.S.C. 191);

13 (2) the United States Congress should provide for maximum par-
14 ticipation and job opportunity for Alaska residents in coastal plain explo-
15 ration and development;

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17 fairly on revenue issues and not depart from the spirit of the statehood
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20 coastal plain legislation that addresses indemnification for subsistence
21 users in Alaska, as it did in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act
22 (43 U.S.C. 1653).

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
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16 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Repre-
17 sentative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Be it resolved

Passed
2-6-58
at Juneau

Central Committee
Democratic Party of Alaska

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Whereas the United States Congress has reserved the right to permit further exploration for, and development of, oil and gas with the coastal plain of the Arctic Wildlife Refuge, Alaska; and

Whereas the U.S. Department of Interior, the state, and the oil industry consider the coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America; and

Whereas development of oil and gas in the refuge should and will be subject to strict environmental safeguards, including those protecting water, land, air and important wildlife habitat that supports the subsistence resources used by Natives of the state; and

Whereas the people of Alaska, based on the provisions of the statehood compact, are to be treated equally and fairly in the decisions of the United States government regarding revenue sharing, leasing, and development of public lands, including the coastal plain; and

Whereas development of the coastal plain oil and gas resources can and should be conducted by the corporations and workers of the state, who have the expertise to bring the resources to market; and

Whereas the state's economy is in bad condition, with high unemployment, property foreclosures, and shrinking investment,

Be it resolved that the Alaska State Democratic Party supports the opening of the refuge, under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, for oil and gas exploration and development in an environmentally sound manner.

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Democratic Party supports that Congress treat Alaska equally and fairly on revenue issues and not depart from the spirit of the statehood compact

And be it resolved that the Alaska State Democratic Party supports that Congress should provide for maximum participation and job opportunity for Alaskan residents in coastal plain exploration and development.

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12 2371) the authority to permit further oil and gas exploration, development,
13 and production in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;
14 and
15 WHEREAS the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
16 contains the greatest potential on the North American continent for the
17 discovery of economic quantities of recoverable oil and gas reserves; and
18 WHEREAS the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
19 contains unique environmental and wildlife qualities that require consid-
20 eration and caution in the exploration, development, and production of
21 hydrocarbon resources in the coastal plain; and
22 WHEREAS, based on the accumulated evidence, the Alaska State Legisla-
23 ture believes that any adverse effects on the Porcupine caribou herd re-
24 sulting from development on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wild-
25 life Refuge can be successfully mitigated; and
26 WHEREAS all the people of Alaska have expressed and demonstrated
27 concern for the environment and wildlife present on the coastal plain of
28 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as well as the desire to enhance
29 economic opportunities that may result from energy related activities on

1 the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

2 WHEREAS the indigenous people of Alaska have recognized the potential
3 of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to provide for
4 the well-being of future generations of their people consistent with the
5 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601-1629a); and

6 WHEREAS value-for-value exchanges of federally owned subsurface rights
7 in the coastal plain for State of Alaska and Alaska Native corporation
8 surface right inholdings in federal conservation system units and surface
9 land adjacent to federal conservation system units offer an unparalleled
10 opportunity for the federal government to reacquire land of great environ-
11 mental value; and

12 WHEREAS the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 191) provides that
13 90 percent of the revenue from mineral leasing on federally owned public
14 land is dedicated to the benefit of the state within which the land is
15 located through direct payment and, except for Alaska, coverage under the
16 Reclamation Fund (43 U.S.C. 391-401); and

17 WHEREAS, at statehood, the United States Congress did not include
18 Alaska under the Reclamation Fund, but instead provided that the full 90
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20 public land in the state would be paid directly to the State of Alaska
21 without deposit in the Reclamation Fund; and

22 WHEREAS the Congress applied the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30
23 U.S.C. 191) to Alaska in secs. 6(h) and 28 of the Alaska Statehood Act
24 (P.L. 95-508, July 7, 1958) and, as a result, the Mineral Leasing Act of
25 1920, which allocates to Alaska a total of 90 percent of the revenue from
26 the leasing of minerals on federally owned public land in Alaska, became an
27 integral part of the compact between the United States and the State of
28 Alaska under sec. 4 of the Alaska Statehood Act; and

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4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges that

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12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature

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14 for Alaska residents in all phases of energy development that might occur
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17 interests, involving land within the coastal plain of the Arctic National
18 Wildlife Refuge under the provisions of the Alaska National Interest Land
19 Conservation Act, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and state
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15 America; and
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19 federally-owned outer-continental-shelf land offshore of the refuge; and
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22 Pipeline System may allow marginal discoveries located between the refuge
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24 life of the pipeline; and
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26 of the refuge and adjacent land could result in major discoveries that
27 would reduce our nation's future needs for imported oil, help balance the
28 nation's trade deficit, and significantly increase the nation's security;
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8 WHEREAS 8,000,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already
9 been set aside as wilderness; and

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11 eight percent of the refuge, and the development of the oil and gas re-
12 serves in the refuge's coastal plain would affect an even smaller percent-
13 age of the refuge; and

14 WHEREAS the oil industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other
15 locations along the Arctic coastal plain, that it can safely conduct oil
16 and gas activity without adversely affecting the environment or wildlife
17 populations;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of
19 the United States is urged to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National
20 Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and
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22 FURTHER RESOLVED that that activity be conducted in a manner that
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BY STURGULEWSKI, FISCHER, ABOOD
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23 and the pipeline to be developed and produced, and may prolong the economic
24 life of the pipeline; and

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WHEREAS oil and gas exploration and development of the coastal plain
26 of the refuge and adjacent land could result in major discoveries that
27 would reduce our nation's future needs for imported oil, help balance the
28 nation's trade deficit, and significantly increase the nation's security;
29 and

1 WHEREAS 8,000,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already
2 been set aside as wilderness; and

3 WHEREAS the 1,500,000-acre coastal plain of the refuge comprises only
4 eight percent of the refuge, and the development of the oil and gas
5 reserves in the refuge's coastal plain would affect an even smaller
6 percentage of the refuge; and

7 WHEREAS the oil industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other
8 locations along the Arctic coastal plain, that it can safely conduct oil
9 and gas activity without adversely affecting the environment or wildlife
10 populations;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of
12 the United States is urged to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National
13 Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to environmentally responsible oil and gas explo-
14 ration, development, and production.

15 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald Hodel,
16 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; to the Honorable J. Bennett
17 Johnston, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;
18 to the Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the House Committee on
19 Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
20 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
21 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.