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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER

3/20/89

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE

5/3/89

Mr. President:

FINANCE

Committee considered

HCR 6

Supporting the development of coal mining at Wishbone Hill

and recommended

- replace with _____ CS) same title
- or adopt _____ SCS HCR 6 (ZTT)) new title
- attached amendment(s) and technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

FISCAL NOTE(S) zero fiscal impact appropriation no FN
 new updated previous
 same as previous fiscal note(s) published _____

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup attached *[Handwritten signature]* Co-CHAIR

No-REC UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THAT IDEMITSU KOSAN DOESN'T OWN ANY SALMON PIRATE SHIPS

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STATE OF ALASKA
1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: SCS HCR 6 (ITT)
PUBLISH DATE: 3/20/89

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Supporting the development
of coal mining at Wishbone Hill
Sponsor: Menard, Larson, Zawacki, Gruenberg
Requestor: House Resources Committee

Agency Affected: Department of Natural Resources
BRU: _____
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: _____

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Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

Original sponsors: Menard, Larson,
Zawacki, et al.

1 IN THE HOUSE
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 (ITT)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Supporting the development of coal
6 mining at Wishbone Hill.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the economies of communities in Southcentral Alaska have been
9 slowed in recent years due to a variety of factors; and
10 WHEREAS Alaska's coal reserves are the greatest of any state, yet
11 remain largely undeveloped and untapped; and
12 WHEREAS Alaska has long sought to encourage trade with its neighbors
13 on the Pacific Rim; and
14 WHEREAS Idemitsu Alaska, Inc., the subsidiary of a large Japanese
15 energy firm, Idemitsu Kosan, Ltd., owns eight state coal leases in the
16 Wishbone Hill district and has immediate plans to mine the coal and export
17 it to Japan; and
18 WHEREAS the Wishbone Hill district has been the site of extensive coal
19 mining activity over the last 70 years; and
20 WHEREAS Idemitsu Alaska, Inc., anticipates an employment base of 180
21 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of approximately \$10,000,000 for the
22 mine itself; and
23 WHEREAS the State of Alaska, the Matanuska-Susitna Bcrough, the Alaska
24 Railroad, and the City of Seward would each benefit from increased revenue
25 and employment from royalties, property taxes, indirect effects on trans-
26 portation, and the other services required by an operating mine; and
27 WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is the principal transportation link from
28 Wishbone Hill to tidewater; and
29 WHEREAS one of the purposes of the Alaska Railroad is support for the

1 development of Alaska's natural resources; and

2 WHEREAS the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority has
3 been effective in promoting resource development projects similar to the
4 Wishbone Hill coal mine;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature strongly
6 supports the development of Alaska's natural resources, including the coal
7 deposits at Wishbone Hill; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature strongly urges that the state
9 agencies working on this project coordinate their actions and do their
10 utmost to take whatever prudent action is necessary to bring this project
11 into operation; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Railroad is encouraged to support the
13 development of coal mining at Wishbone Hill to the greatest extent allowed
14 under the findings and purposes of the Alaska Railroad Corporation Act; and
15 be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the
17 Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to do everything possi-
18 ble to support and promote the development of coal mining at Wishbone Hill.

19 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mark S. Hickey, commis-
20 sioner of transportation and public facilities; to Lennie Boston-Gorsuch,
21 commissioner of natural resources; to Dennis D. Kelso, commissioner of
22 environmental conservation; Don W. Collinsworth, commissioner of fish and
23 game; and to Frank Turpin, president and chief-executive officer of the
24 Alaska Railroad Corporation.



Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Rick Uehling, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee
Senator John Binkley, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Rep. *Curt* Menard, Co-Chair House Resources Committee

DATE: March 22, 1989

RE: HCR No. 6 - Supporting the development of coal mining at
Wishbone Hill

I would like to request that the Senate Finance Committee hear House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 at the earliest possible date. Speedy passage is warranted in this case given that the Resolution has no fiscal impact and will send a strong message of support to the various state agencies which are currently handling administrative aspects of the project or will be integrally involved with the project over its anticipated 12-15 year life.

Again, I would appreciate your prompt consideration of this very important resolution.