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Rep. Olson- Vice-Chair
Rep. Dahlstrom
Rep. Doogan
Rep. Kawasaki
Rep. Ramras
Rep. Samuels



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House Special Committee on Oil and Gas

Fax

To: Don Bullock

Fax #: 465-2029

Fm: Jim Round

Date: May 3, 2007, 4:20 PM

Re: Final CS for HJR 12 25-LS0188\E as amended

Number of pages including cover: 5

Please amend the above referenced legislation and prepared in final. See hand mark up version attached.

Page 1, Line 14

Slope Borough, and many of the residents of the North Slope Borough,....

Page 2, Line 17

...is declining [*by approximately 10 percent a year*] ;

Page 3, Line 6

...Arctic coastal plain, [that it can safely conduct] is capable of conducting oil and gas....

Page 3, Line 8

...the state will strive to ensure the continued health....

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Thank you

25-LS0188\E

Bullock

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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY**Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON, Stoltze, Lynn, Gatto, Crawford**

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the**
2 **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and**
3 **production.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS**, in 16 U.S.C. 3142 (sec. 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands
6 Conservation Act (ANILCA)), the United States Congress reserved the right to permit further
7 oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the coastal plain of the Arctic
8 National Wildlife Refuge; and

9 **WHEREAS** the oil industry, the state, and the United States Department of the
10 Interior consider the coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of very large oil
11 and gas accumulations on the continent of North America, estimated to be as much as
12 10,000,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil; and

13 **WHEREAS** the "1002 study area" is part of the coastal plain located within the North
14 Slope Borough, ^{many of the} and residents of the North Slope Borough, who are predominantly Inupiat
15 Eskimo, are supportive of development in the "1002 study area"; and

1 **WHEREAS** oil and gas exploration and development of the coastal plain of the refuge
2 and adjacent land could result in major discoveries that would reduce our nation's future need
3 for imported oil, help balance the nation's trade deficit, and significantly increase the nation's
4 security; and

5 **WHEREAS** the state's future energy independence would be enhanced with
6 additional natural gas production from the North Slope of Alaska including what are expected
7 to be significant gas reserves in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the development of
8 those reserves would enhance the economic viability of the proposed Alaska Natural Gas
9 Pipeline; and

10 **WHEREAS** domestic demand for oil continues to rise while domestic crude
11 production continues to fall, with the result that the United States imports additional oil from
12 foreign sources; and

13 **WHEREAS** development of oil at Prudhoe Bay, Kuparuk, Endicott, Lisburne, and
14 Milne Point has resulted in thousands of jobs throughout the United States, and projected job
15 creation as a result of coastal plain oil development will have a positive effect in all 50 states;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS** Prudhoe Bay production is declining by approximately 10 percent a year
18 and

19 **WHEREAS** the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, a transportation facility that is a
20 national asset and that would cost billions of dollars to replace, would have its useful physical
21 life extended for a substantial period if the additional reserves of recoverable oil from the
22 coastal plain were produced; and

23 **WHEREAS**, while new oil field developments on the North Slope of Alaska, such as
24 Alpine, Northstar, and West Sak, may temporarily slow the decline in production, only giant
25 coastal plain fields have the theoretical capability of increasing the production volume of
26 Alaska oil to a significant degree; and

27 **WHEREAS** opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge now
28 allows sufficient time for planning environmental safeguards, development, and national
29 security review; and

30 **WHEREAS** the 1,500,000-acre coastal plain of the refuge makes up only eight
31 percent of the 19,000,000-acre refuge, and the development of the oil and gas reserves in the

1 refuge's coastal plain would affect an area of only 2,000 to 7,000 acres, which is less than
2 one-half of one percent of the area of the coastal plain; and

3 **WHEREAS** 8,900,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already been set
4 aside as wilderness; and

5 **WHEREAS** the oil industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other locations
6 along the Arctic coastal plain, ^{is capable of conducting} [that it can safely conduct] oil and gas activity without adversely
7 affecting the environment or wildlife populations; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state ^{strive to} will ensure the continued health and productivity of the
9 Porcupine Caribou herd and the protection of land, water, and wildlife resources during the
10 exploration and development of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

11 **WHEREAS** the oil and gas industry is developing directional drilling technology that
12 will allow horizontal drilling in a responsible manner by minimizing the development
13 footprint within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and this directional drilling technology
14 may be capable of drilling from outside of the boundaries of the 1002 study area; and

15 **WHEREAS** the oil industry is using innovative technology and environmental
16 practices in the new field developments at Alpine and Northstar, and those techniques are
17 directly applicable to operating on the coastal plain and would enhance environmental
18 protection beyond traditionally high standards;

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United
20 States is urged to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife
21 Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production, and that the Alaska State
22 Legislature is adamantly opposed to further wilderness or other restrictive designation in the
23 area of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that that activity be conducted in a manner that protects the
25 environment and the naturally occurring population levels of the Porcupine Caribou herd on
26 which the Gwich'in and other local residents depend, that uses directional drilling and other
27 advances in technology to minimize the development footprint in the 1002 study area, and
28 that uses the state's work force to the maximum extent possible; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress of the
30 United States to pass legislation opening the 1002 study area for oil and gas development
31 while continuing to work on measures for increasing the development and use of renewable

1 energy technologies; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes any unilateral
3 reduction in royalty revenue from exploration and development of the coastal plain of the
4 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and any attempt to coerce the State of Alaska into accepting
5 less than the 90 percent of the oil, gas, and mineral royalties from the federal land in Alaska
6 that was promised to the state at statehood.

7 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
8 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
9 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, United States Secretary of
10 the Interior; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
11 Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
12 Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell,
13 Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the Energy and
14 Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
15 Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
16 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and, by electronic
17 transmission, to all other members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives
18 serving in the 110th United States Congress.

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- Sponsor Statement -

House Joint Resolution No. 12

"Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production."

House Joint Resolution 12 urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to environmentally responsible oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

Opening ANWR is vital to ensuring Alaska's continued fiscal security, protecting and developing Alaskan jobs, and sustaining the state's economic growth. Oil production from ANWR will improve America's energy security and provide new jobs throughout the country.

Alaska has proven that Arctic oil and gas resources can be developed in an environmentally responsible manner consistent with protection of wildlife and preservation of traditional lifestyles and human values. Exploration in ANWR will be the most environmentally and socially responsible oil development undertaken anywhere in the world.

It is vitally important that the 25th Alaska Legislature endorses previous legislatures' efforts, demonstrates our solidarity, and enthusiastically states our support for opening ANWR. HJR 12 mirrors resolutions passed by previous Alaska legislatures and will be a cornerstone of this legislature's commitment to responsibly develop our natural resources; promote sustained economic expansion; create job opportunities for our citizens; and assure safe, growing, and healthy communities throughout our state.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: March 7, 2007

FURTHER REFERRALS: Resources

Date of Committee Action: May 03, 2007

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS considered:

HJR 12

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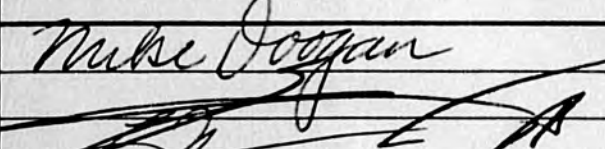
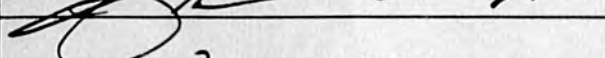
Recommends it be replaced with ☐ HCS or ☒ CS for HJR 12 (O+G)
For Senate Bills with new title: ☐ Technical Title ☐ New Title: HCR ☒ Same Title ☐ New Title

- [] attach amendments
[] add new referral to _____ Committee
[] Letter of Intent _____ Committee

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<u>NEW</u> FISCAL NOTES				
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LTGov				✓

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: HJR 12
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 Sponsor: Representatives Johnson, Stoltze, Lynn, et al
 Requester: House Oil and Gas Committee

Dept. Affected: OOG
 RDU: Office of the Lt. Governor
 Component: Office of the Lt. Governor
 Component No. 11

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal: ☐

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution will have no fiscal impact on the Office of the Lt. Governor.

Prepared by: Gail Fenumiai, Asst. Administrative Director

Division: Division of Administrative Services

Approved by: Jim Merriner, Chief of Staff

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