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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Introduced:**  
**Referred:**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the governor to expand the subjects to be addressed during the Third Special**  
2 **Session of the Twenty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature to include an in-state natural gas**  
3 **pipeline for the transport of natural gas produced on the North Slope and to develop a**  
4 **plan for the economical distribution of that natural gas to communities throughout the**  
5 **state.**

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

7 **WHEREAS** energy prices, including home heating bills, are at an all-time high in  
8 every community in the state; and

9 **WHEREAS** the production of natural gas is declining and the decline is projected to  
10 result in energy shortages and increasing utility rates for the population centers in the state;  
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, although significant reserves of natural gas have been confirmed to exist  
13 on the North Slope, these reserves continue to be undeveloped; and

14 **WHEREAS** the people of Alaska expect that the natural resources of the state are to  
15 be developed in a responsible manner that benefits all Alaskans; and

1           **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska holds at least three trillion cubic feet of royalty gas in  
2 developed North Slope petroleum fields and significant additional reserves at Point Thomson;  
3 and

4           **WHEREAS** petroleum companies are, for the first time, drilling and exploring for  
5 natural gas on the North Slope and will need the development of a transportation system to  
6 encourage continued exploration, development, and production on the North Slope;

7           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to use her  
8 influence to encourage public and private sector entities to

9                   (1) prepare information and a project description for a natural gas pipeline and  
10 delivery system that will provide affordable energy to urban and rural communities in the  
11 state;

12                   (2) identify opportunities for the value-added processing of natural gas  
13 resources in the state;

14                   (3) develop a plan for the commercialization and development of the natural  
15 gas resources on the North Slope; and

16                   (4) identify alternative plans to maximize a project for transporting natural gas  
17 from the North Slope to market, including the export of liquefied natural gas and the creation  
18 of opportunities for the industrial use of natural gas; and be it

19           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to  
20 identify and assemble potential sponsors, including natural gas producers, marketing entities,  
21 construction and engineering firms, and financial institutions who could participate in the  
22 development, construction, and operation of an in-state natural gas pipeline project; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to expand the  
24 subjects to be addressed during the Third Special Session of the Twenty-Fifth Alaska State  
25 Legislature to include an in-state gas pipeline for the transport of natural gas produced on the  
26 North Slope and to develop a plan for the economical distribution of that natural gas to  
27 communities throughout the state.

Instate Gas Resolution  
Senate Concurrent Resolution

We've heard overwhelmingly from Alaskans STATEWIDE, that development of our resources, especially natural gas, for instate use and employment is paramount.

Heading toward a budget that is unsustainable, Alaska suffers from an abundance of stranded energy resources, and our citizens are suffering from exorbitant and economically debilitating fuel costs.

We are being asked to change this course, and the upcoming special session is pivotal to this mission.

Myself and many colleagues are contacted almost daily by Alaskans urging consideration of the Bullet line and other instate options.

It is CLEAR that our constituents do not want this option left in the dust or eclipsed by the enormity of the 1700 mile, world tilting, pipeline to Alberta.

The governor has conceded to evaluating in state and LNG options in the course of AGIA application evaluation.

Expanding the call of the special session to include these added evaluations codifies and fully legitimizes our taking those findings into consideration during the special session.

These are weighty decisions we're now called to make that will impact our economy, and the livelihoods and lifestyles of Alaskans deep into this century.

We cannot confine our deliberations to a "call" which too narrowly constrains our universe of inquiry and thereby may thwart the will and wisdom of Alaskans.

The special session must allow us a broader [than one applicant) base of considerations for development of our natural gas resources to ensure the maximum benefit for all Alaskans.