

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 39

To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Defense now have under consideration the question of whether or not natural gas from the Gubik structure north of the Brooks Range should be utilized as a source of fuel for the several military bases and installations in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior did in 1958 release said structure and proximate areas for oil and gas leasing; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the Secretary thus expressed to encourage the exploration and development of oil and gas production from the area of known potential north of said range, was the culmination of the persistent and tireless efforts by agencies and representatives of the Territory of Alaska, civic-minded organizations and other interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, the fruition of that policy will have its inception in the distribution of gas to the residents of Fairbanks and vicinity and to said military bases and installations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition thereof, the Secretary of the Interior has granted a pipeline right-of-way from said Gubik gas structure to the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, the substantial investment and cost involved in the development of the Gubik gas reserve and the construction and installation of said pipeline is not economically feasible without the utilization of gas by said several bases and installations as the largest potential consumer thereof; and

WHEREAS, natural gas can be supplied to said bases and installations and to the residents of the Fairbanks area at far less cost than the present principal source of fuel; and

WHEREAS, the availability of such a source of fuel will have a substantial and favorable impact upon the economic and industrial development of the Fairbanks area, and ultimately upon the entire state; and

WHEREAS, such source of fuel will likewise have a substantial and beneficial impact on the facility of maintaining the national defense in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist respectfully prays that the President support and that the Department of Defense take prompt and favorable action that will bring about early utilization of natural gas by the several military bases and installations in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Passed by the House February 8, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 11, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 42

To the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the Senate; the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature,

Second Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the welfare of the people of Alaska and the economic future of the State of Alaska is inextricably joined with the sound, systematic and secure development of its mining resources without undue delay; and

WHEREAS, every effort should be made to encourage the development of