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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

Relating to a conference on the development of Alaska's tourism industry.

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

WHEREAS the recent court decision regarding the trans-Alaska pipeline will undoubtedly further delay the beginning of construction of the pipeline; and

WHEREAS many of Alaska's potential sources of private enterprise employment, in addition to the pipeline project, are also incurring roadblocks and delays, thus adding to the dilemma of our employable unemployed; and

WHEREAS the availability and expenditure of federal money in Alaska, both in the military and civilian sectors, are being drastically reduced and in many cases eliminated entirely; and

WHEREAS the cumulative effect of these separate but related events will have a severe adverse impact on the economy of the state during the immediate years ahead; and

WHEREAS, even with all obstacles removed, the full development of Alaska's natural resources will take a long period of time; and

WHEREAS the tourism industry is a notable exception to the general lack of viability being witnessed in other areas and has actually enjoyed a 14 per cent annual growth rate in Alaska during the past decade; and

WHEREAS in 1972 alone tourism figures show that 182,300 visitors spent some \$66 million in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the continued expansion of the tourism industry could be accelerated in an orderly manner through expanded cooperative efforts by government officials and the private sector, thereby creating jobs and generating income for countless Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to convene at the earliest possible time, but no later than the latter part of March, 1973, a conference of government and visitor industry representatives to discuss possible courses of action that government, both at the local and state level, can take immediately to bring about the acceleration and expansion of Alaska's tourism industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the conference be conveyed to the Eighth State Legislature as soon as possible.