



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Relating to the proposed trans-Alaska gas pipeline.

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

WHEREAS the United States is experiencing a serious energy crisis; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has vast known and yet undiscovered natural resources, the wise development of which will serve to reduce this crisis; and

WHEREAS the economic viability of the State of Alaska is dependent to a large extent upon the development of its natural resources; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the state and the country to initiate and support those programs and projects which will ensure the expeditious and wise development of these necessary resources; and

WHEREAS alternative trans-Alaskan or trans-Canadian pipeline proposals have been made for the transportation of the natural gas from the North Slope; and

WHEREAS a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline has numerous and significant benefits to the state and the nation, such as:

(1) the line would be entirely within the United States and not subject to the interests or partial control of a foreign government, however friendly;

(2) the line will cross geological basins which will possibly open new areas to exploration and development;

(3) it would provide employment of Alaskans and other citizens of the United States in the operation and maintenance of the gas pipeline and related facilities after the construction phase has ended and create additional jobs in supporting industries;

(4) the pipeline would, directly and indirectly, create a large and significant permanent tax base for the State of Alaska and its cities and boroughs and would improve the nation's balance of payments;

(5) a trans-Alaska line could probably be completed much sooner, thus ensuring an earlier supply of natural gas to the United States;

(6) it would promote additional industrial development and consequent employment within many areas of Alaska through the use of natural gas as an energy source and provide for the needs of existing industry;

(7) the environmental impact in Alaska would be minimized;

(8) delivery of Alaska natural gas to the west coast of the United States will permit diversion of existing gas supplies to the midwest and eastern United States markets to assist in providing those markets with adequate supplies at moderate prices;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the construction of a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline, generally following the planned trans-Alaska oil pipeline, and strongly urges the Governor to make available all of the resources at his command to ensure an early favorable decision regarding the proposed trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline and the beginning of construction at the earliest possible time; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to take the necessary action to assure that the interest of the State of Alaska is fully represented before the Federal Power Commission or any other federal agency having jurisdiction over the disposition of the gas produced from state lands.