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Relating to the need for Congressional hearings on Arctic science policy.

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

WHEREAS the Arctic contains resources, including petroleum, strategic minerals, and fish, which are of vital importance to the nation; and

WHEREAS the Arctic has national strategic importance due to its location; and

WHEREAS activities related to defense are particularly difficult in the Arctic environment; and

WHEREAS the Arctic environment poses unique health problems and has effects on health that are not adequately understood; and

WHEREAS in many instances the scientific and industrial communities lack information on which to base decisions to develop Arctic resources, conduct military operations, or understand Arctic health problems; and

WHEREAS only a long-term, coordinated research program can develop the necessary Arctic expertise; and

WHEREAS a research program requires the partnership of government, industry, the scientific community, and others, which partnership does not presently exist;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Congress to convene hearings on developing an Arctic science policy.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable James B. Edwards, Secretary of Energy; the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.