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Supporting "Frontier Thinking," an international conference, and its goal of finding complementary economic and environmental strategies.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS 1990 has ushered in the last decade of the 20th century and the first decade of the common future; and

WHEREAS as the global community was waking to the threat of serious problems including global warming and ozone depletion, the Prince William Sound oil spill shocked state residents into a firsthand awareness of the profound economic and environmental questions that will require political and ethical answers in the future; and

WHEREAS the answers to these economic and environmental questions will determine the nature and quality of life in the 21st century in this state and around the world; and

WHEREAS the state's natural wealth imposes on state residents a responsibility to examine these questions and their implications as the state strives to develop its economy and to protect its environment; and

WHEREAS in its role as trustee of the Last Frontier's great natural resources, the state is increasingly challenged to develop strategies to reconcile real and perceived conflicts between the environment and economic development in a manner that meets the needs of present generations without compromising the capacity of future generations to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS the lives of residents of the state are based on the frontier traditions of perseverance and of pulling together when the sledding gets tough, and the residents can, therefore, draw on those traditions of "Frontier Thinking" to handle economic development and environmental protection as complementary goals

rather than opposing forces; and

WHEREAS an international conference entitled "Frontier Thinking" will be held in Anchorage on March 21 - 23, 1990, the Anniversary of the Prince William Sound oil spill; and

WHEREAS the conference will concentrate on the development of innovative strategies for reconciling economic development and environmental protection;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports the international conference on "Frontier Thinking" to be held in Anchorage March 21 - 23, 1990, and urges all residents of the state to unite behind their common concern for the common future and the future of their children, their state, their country, and their world and to assume global leadership by using "Frontier Thinking" to find complementary strategies for stimulating a healthy economy and maintaining a stable environment.