



Alaska State Legislature

1975

Source:

HJR 22

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Relating to financial assistance from the federal government to restore state highway damage occasioned by construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

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

WHEREAS the final completion of the trans-Alaska pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez and its appurtenant facilities is of vital importance to the national interest in mitigating the effects of the energy crisis; and

WHEREAS this largest, single, privately financed construction project involves a highway movement of unprecedented amounts of supplies, materials, and equipment; and

WHEREAS the majority of Alaska's present rural highway system was constructed during territorial days by agencies of the federal government for far more modest levels of traffic; and

WHEREAS by the time of completion of the pipeline the State of Alaska will be faced with the fact that the Richardson, Alaska, Elliott, and possibly other highways will be literally destroyed due to the unprecedented trucking over these highways occasioned by construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska, even with anticipated oil revenues, will still be hard pressed to meet its highway needs; and

WHEREAS the principles of equity demand that all the beneficiaries of the trans-Alaska pipeline should share in the restoration of the damaged portions of the state highway system, which is estimated to cost between \$90 million and \$100 million;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of Transportation is urgently requested to initiate such measures as are necessary to provide federal financial assistance to Alaska in the appropriate amounts to restore those highways damaged by pipeline-related traffic to safe and modern conditions.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, the Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr., Secretary, Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.