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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 86-160

URGING CONGRESS TO OPEN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TO OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge includes more than 19 million acres of land, amounting to approximately five percent of the entire state landmass; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Plain is approximately eight percent of the refuge and is considered to be highly prospective for the discovery of large quantities of oil and gas; and

WHEREAS, Congress has reserved the discretion to decide if the 1.5 million acres will be opened to further exploration, development and production; and

WHEREAS, the petroleum industry has consistently demonstrated its ability to operate in conditions similar to those found on the Coastal Plain in a safe, responsible manner without significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the United States must develop additional domestic petroleum resources if it is to preclude overwhelming dependence on foreign petroleum sources in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the value and development potential of state-owned tidelands and federally-owned OCS lands offshore of the ANWR Coastal Plain would be enhanced by a congressional decision to open the Coastal Plain to further exploration, development and production; and

WHEREAS, facilities developed to transport petroleum resources on the Coastal Plain to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline may allow marginal discoveries between the ANWR Coastal Plain and Prudhoe Bay to be developed; and

WHEREAS, national energy security depends on the development of domestic oil and gas resources to replace depleted U.S. reserves; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska stands to derive revenues including portions of bonuses, royalties and rents from oil and gas development on the ANWR Coastal Plain; and

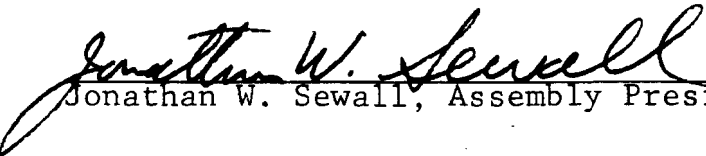
WHEREAS, opening the ANWR Coastal Plain to further exploration, development and production will generate increased employment and business opportunities for all Alaskans and Americans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly urges the Congress of the United States to open the ANWR Coastal Plain to environmentally responsible oil and gas exploration, development and production.

Section 2. That borough clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Donald P. Hodel, U.S. Secretary of the Interior; to Governor Cowper; U.S. Senators Frank Murkowski and Ted Stevens; and to U.S. Representative Don Young.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 2nd DAY OF December, 1986.

  
Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Borough Clerk