

Young's Resolution—

Repair of Highways

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Alaska Rep. Don Young introduced a resolution in the U.S. House seeking federal financial assistance for the repair and reconstruction of Alaskan highways.

Under current laws, federal funds are available for the construction of new highways, but not for the repair and reconstruction of existing highways.

In introducing the resolution, Young told his colleagues that "Alaska has found her roads

deteriorating into impassable rubble" due to the heavy traffic generated by work on the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

"The movement of unprecedented loads of supplies, materials and heavy equipment over our pioneer roads is destroying the sparse state highway system," said Young.)

The congressman added that since "the timely completion of the pipeline is a matter of some national urgency, I do not believe that I am out of line" in making the request for funding.