

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to the construction of the proposed Rampart Dam on the Yukon River.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, it is known that the primary and pressing need of Alaska is economic development; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's economy is now in a period of transition from one based on construction to one based on the full development of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, every means available for the economic development of Alaska must be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the economic development of every country, including the United States, has inevitably and rapidly followed the creation of hydroelectric facilities and surplus electric power; and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, potential hydroelectric sites in the world is located at Rampart, Alaska, on the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, however, the flooding of such a large area has, as well as beneficial aspects, some of questionable merit such as at least partial destruction of salmon runs, elimination of important fur-

breeding and waterfowl nesting habitat, flooding of potential mineral resource lands and possible adverse sociological and economical repercussions upon the Yukon Native Villages, both above and below the damsite;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska, First Session assembled that the Government of the United States is respectfully urged to emphasize and accelerate biological, mineralogical and sociological studies of the proposed Rampart Dam in order they not lag behind engineering and economical feasibility studies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States; the Chairman, Senate Public Works Committee; the Chairman, House Public Works Committee; the Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; the Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; the Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; the Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1961.

Passed by the House February 25, 1961.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Urging the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the Seward small boat harbor basin for purposes of restoring the original depth and moorage area of same.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers originally constructed the Seward small boat harbor basin in 1931, located at Seward, Alaska, near the head of Resurrection Bay, and made further improvements to same in 1937 and again in 1956, with the total cost to the federal government for such work approximating the sum of \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the present Seward small boat harbor has served many and numer-

ous commercial fishing vessels of the Seward area and of adjacent Alaska coastal communities as a refuge and shelter from bad weather for over 29 years; and

WHEREAS, the present Seward small boat harbor has also served as a place of launching and as a storm shelter for the numerous small pleasure craft owned by Anchorage residents and transported by trailer over the highway from Anchorage to Seward during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, during recent years, the Seward small boat harbor has also frequently served as a place of protected moorage for the smaller craft of the U. S. Army Transport Service; and

WHEREAS, the present small boat harbor basin has become partially filled with