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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the Snettisham Hydroelectric project in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS Congress in the Flood Control Act of 1962 authorized construction of the 70,000 kilowatt Snettisham hydroelectric project near Juneau and appropriated construction funds in fiscal years 1967, 1968 and 1969; and

WHEREAS the Corps of Engineers has established a reasonable and economical construction schedule placing the first generator in service October 15, 1972; and

WHEREAS the first contractor has completed the boat harbor, airfield, access roads and has essentially completed the construction camp and all necessary site preparation for the main contract and the main contract is ready for bid calls; and

WHEREAS the electric power is urgently needed both in the Juneau areas and by other applicants in the project area; and

WHEREAS any delay in the main contract would result in considerable, unwarranted cost increases on account of added interest during construction, cost of caretaker activities during the period of delay, loss of revenues as well as the economic harm to the area and cost for emergency power generating equipment for use during the period of delay; and

WHEREAS the prospective reduction in the level of construction funds in the fiscal year 1970 budget from \$8.6 to \$2.2 million would almost certainly force a one-year delay;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to appropriate and budget funds at the level necessary to keep the Snettisham project on schedule.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lt. General William F. Cassidy, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.