

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 22

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS
7 FROM ALASKA; THE COMMISSIONER, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMA-
8 TION, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND JOSEPH M. MORGAN, MANAGER, ALASKA
9 DISTRICT, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, JUNEAU, ALASKA:

10 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of
11 Alaska, in Twenty-First Regular Session assembled, respectfully
12 submits that:

13 WHEREAS, investigations by private enterprise are under way
14 to determine the economic feasibility of utilizing a large
15 magnetite iron deposit at Klukwan, near Haines, Alaska, for the
16 production of electrothermic steel and/or ferroalloys; and

17 WHEREAS, if surplus power from the proposed Taiya hydro-
18 electric project does not become available it will be necessary
19 to develop independent power sources in the Klukwan region to
20 cover iron mining equipment, ore treatment facilities, and
21 electric furnaces; and

22 WHEREAS, there are two promising power sites in the
23 adjacent upper Chilkat River region lying wholly within the
24 Territory of Alaska; and

25 WHEREAS, the Chilkat River power sites are within economic
26 transmission distance to both the Klukwan magnetite deposit and
27 town of Haines; and

28 WHEREAS, this development would beneficially affect the
29 economy of the upper Lynn Canal region in Southeastern Alaska

1 and would provide a market for other mineral occurring in the
2 Territory that are required in the production of ferroalloys;

3 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
4 Territory of Alaska respectfully urges that the Bureau of
5 Reclamation investigate during its 1953 field season the two
6 power sites on the upper Chilkat River to determine their annual
7 firm output of hydroelectric energy and other engineering and
8 economic data pertinent to this development.

9 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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