

1 IN THE HOUSE BY FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 60  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR;  
7 THE HONORABLE FLOYD E. DOMINY, COMMISSIONER, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION;  
8 THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING,  
9 SENATORS FROM ALASKA: AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

11 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
12 First Legislature, Second Session assembled respectfully submits  
13 that:

14 WHEREAS, the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project of the Bureau of  
15 Reclamation is one of the principal sources of electric power for  
16 the City of Anchorage and the Chugach Electric Association the only  
17 source of power for the Matanuska Electric Association; and

18 WHEREAS, these electric power wholesalers serve a consumer  
19 population of well over 100,000 people, hundreds of businesses,  
20 and dozens of industries; and

21 WHEREAS, it is standard practice of the federal government to  
22 set amortization periods for Bureau of Reclamation projects, such  
23 as the Eklutna Project, at 50 years, but the Act of Congress  
24 authorizing the Eklutna Project set the amortization period at  
25 40 years; and

26 WHEREAS, the shorter period for amortization of the Eklutna  
27 Project adversely affects rates to wholesalers who must then pass  
28 on the additional charges to their consumers; and

29 WHEREAS, electric power rates have a vital and direct effect

1 on the economic development of an area and the wise and profitable  
2 utilization of its natural resources;

3       NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the Congress to extend  
4 the amortization period for the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project  
5 from 40 years to the standard 50 years and the Bureau of Reclama-  
6 tion to conduct a rate study to reflect the change in amortization  
7 period in order that the consumers of the Anchorage-Matanuska area  
8 may enjoy the same benefits from the Bureau of Reclamation projects  
9 as are enjoyed by public power consumers elsewhere.

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