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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. HOFFMAN AND MR. HARRIS

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to inland  
waterway development.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN THE  
FIRST LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, the development of the inland waterways of the State  
of Alaska is essential to the defense of the nation and the  
economic growth of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, some 3,000 miles of the inland waterways of Alaska  
can be served by and through the seaport of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the development of waterways in this area would  
provide a transportation system for shipment of heavy supplies  
to defense installations throughout much of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, said development would afford opportunities for ex-  
perimentation with construction methods that could be applied to  
other engineering projects in sub-arctic regions; and

WHEREAS, the development of these waterways would also reduce  
transportation costs sufficiently to encourage the productive  
exploitation of basic metal deposits in a vast area of Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State  
of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled that the  
Corps of Engineers of the United States Army be and hereby is  
urged to survey for and construct the following facilities:

(1) a channel across Oscarville Bar, seven miles below Bethel,  
Alaska on the Kuskokwim River; (2) protection from erosion of the  
river banks at Bethel; (3) a canal connecting the Kuskokwim and

1 Yukon Rivers between Kalskag on the Kuskokwim and Russian Mission  
2 on the Yukon; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
4 the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United  
5 States; the Honorable Neil H. McElroy, Secretary of Defense; the  
6 Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable  
7 Major General Emerson C. Itschner, Chief of Engineers, United  
8 States Army; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable  
9 Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph  
10 J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

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