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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to the development of a  
hydroelectric power project in  
Tuksuk River, near Teller, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, more abundant electric power at lower cost would be highly beneficial to the Seward Peninsula by making possible the continuance of gold-dredging operations, the building of a cold-storage plant for the handling of reindeer meat, and the development of industries requiring large quantities of low-cost power, such as mining and refining of copper, beryllium and tin; and

WHEREAS, the development of a source of low-cost power would benefit the residents of Nome, Teller, and all the Seward Peninsula communities who now pay rates as high as 25¢ per Kilo-watt-hour for power, and would greatly contribute to the development of these communities; and

WHEREAS, a potential power site exists in Tuksuk River, which connects Imuruk Basin with Port Clarence, which, if developed, would be sufficient to operate a power plant with a rated capacity of 45,000 Kilowatts; and

WHEREAS, if the power is to be available in time to be of maximum benefit, the development of the project must be undertaken immediately;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army is respectfully urged to undertake an immediate pro-

1 gram of study and planning for the development of the Tuksuk  
2 River hydroelectric power project; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed  
4 to the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the  
5 Honorable Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Lt. General  
6 Emerson C. Itschner, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; the Federal  
7 Power Commission; and the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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