

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of
6 the Bradley Lake hydroelectric
7 power project in Southcentral
8 Alaska and the Crater-Long Lakes
9 division of the Snettisham hydro-
10 electric power project in South-
11 eastern Alaska.

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

14 WHEREAS, President Kennedy said in speeches at Palmer and
15 Anchorage, Alaska, on September 3, 1960, "We have substituted in
16 this state a program of no new starts. We have failed to recog-
17 nize the fact which the Soviet Union has recognized, and that is
18 the necessity of (hydroelectrical) power as the key to their
19 national development...I think this is the kind of project which
20 Alaska needs...For the Alaska that I see is not the Alaska of no
21 new starts. It will not come about when...water runs useless to
22 the sea"; and

23 WHEREAS, the economy of Southcentral and Southeastern Alaska
24 is in great need of new industries capable of utilizing the
25 abundant natural resources of this area and providing stable,
26 nonseasonal employment; and

27 WHEREAS, present and potential developments in the exploita-
28 tion of natural resources, establishment of industries, and ex-
29 pansion of the population indicate the need for the immediate

1 construction of additional sources of electrical energy; and

2 WHEREAS, private power companies have indicated that they
3 cannot or will not undertake the construction necessary to
4 guarantee the comfort or well-being of an enlarged population or
5 the demands of industrial expansion; and

6 WHEREAS, the Federal Power Commission has estimated that the
7 electrical power needs of the city of Juneau alone will more than
8 double by 1970 and more than triple by 1980; and

9 WHEREAS, the present cost of power is much higher in Alaska
10 than in most areas of the United States, due to the lack of
11 modern power facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, feasibility studies have shown that these hydro-
13 electric power projects can be economically constructed and are a
14 necessity to the continued progress of Southcentral and South-
15 eastern Alaska;

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
17 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Congress
18 of the United States is urgently requested to expedite in every
19 possible way the construction of the Bradley Lake hydroelectric
20 power project and the Crater-Long Lakes division of the Snettisham
21 hydroelectric power project; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
23 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the
24 Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honor-
25 able Kenneth Holum, Assistant Secretary (Water and Power),
26 Department of the Interior; the Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Com-
27 missioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; the
28 Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Secretary of the Army; Lt. General
29 W. K. Wilson, Jr., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; the Honorable

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1 Joseph C. Swidler, Chairman, Federal Power Commission; the
2 Honorable Harry J. Trainor, Executive Director, Federal Power
3 Commission; the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of
4 the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable
5 John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the
6 Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; the
7 Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman, Senate Interior and
8 Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Dennis Chavez, Chairman,
9 Senate Public Works Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall,
10 Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honor-
11 able Charles A. Buckley, Chairman, House Public Works Committee;
12 the Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means
13 Committee; and to the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress

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