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IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS HOPSON AND McNABB

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to the construction of the  
proposed Rampart Dam on the Yukon River.

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

WHEREAS, it is known that the primary and pressing need  
of Alaska is economic development; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's economy is now in a period of transition  
from one based on construction to one based on the full develop-  
ment of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, every means available for the economic development  
of Alaska must be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the economic development of every country, including  
the United States, has inevitably and rapidly followed the  
creation of hydroelectric facilities and surplus electric power;  
and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, potential  
hydroelectric sites in the world is located at Rampart, Alaska,  
on the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, however, the flooding of such a large area has, as  
well as beneficial aspects, some of questionable merit such as  
at least partial destruction of salmon runs, elimination of  
important fur-breeding and waterfowl nesting habitat, flooding  
of potential mineral resource lands and possible adverse sociolo-  
gical and economical repercussions upon the Yukon Native Villages,  
both above and below the damsite.

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska,  
2 First Session assembled that the Government of the United States  
3 is respectfully urged to emphasize and accelerate biological,  
4 mineralogical and sociological studies of the proposed Rampart  
5 Dam in order they not lag behind engineering and economical  
6 feasibility studies; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
8 the President of the United States; the Chairman, Senate Public  
9 Works Committee; the Chairman, House Public Works Committee;  
10 the Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; the Chairman, House Ways  
11 and Means Committee; the Chairman, Senate Appropriations Commit-  
12 tee; the Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; the Chairman,  
13 Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Chairman,  
14 House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and the Alaska  
15 delegation in Congress.  
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