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BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the timing of legis-
6 lative action on the proposed
7 Rampart Dam Hydroelectric Project.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CON-
9 CURRING:

10 WHEREAS, private groups in Alaska are seeking public funds to
11 help promote favorable action on a proposal to build a hydro-
12 electric power project in Rampart Canyon on the Yukon River,
13 Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for
15 reporting the feasibility of the project to the Congress of the
16 United States; and

17 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has not officially reported
18 project feasibility to Congress, to the people of Alaska, or to
19 the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, important aspects of this project have not received
21 sufficient study by the Corps of Engineers or its subcontracting
22 agencies: namely (but not exclusively), the effects of the pro-
23 ject on the lives of several thousand people now earning their
24 livelihood from the natural, renewable resources of the Yukon
25 River from its source to its mouth; the effects of reduced and
26 modified river flows on fish and wildlife below the proposed dam
27 site; the precise market conditions in 15 or 20 years when large
28 blocks of power could be available from the Rampart project; the
29 effects of the dam on Canadian citizens in Yukon Territory,

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1 especially relative to reduced runs of salmon and dedication of
2 flows of the Yukon River; the effects of the 10,800-square-mile
3 impoundment on local climates; the costs of mitigating losses to
4 valuable wild animal populations; and policies and procedures
5 relating to payment or compensation of people for tangible and in-
6 tangible losses sustained if the dam is built and the entire river
7 modified;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
9 shall refrain from appropriating or authorizing use of public
10 funds to promote favorable Congressional action on the proposed
11 Rampart Dam Hydroelectric Project, until full study has been made
12 of all aspects of this project, and until such studies have been
13 submitted officially to Congress and the people of the United
14 States for consideration.

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