

ALASKA
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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to appropriate federal
6 action to protect the interests
7 and rights of persons and villages
8 affected by the Rampart Dam
9 Hydroelectric Project.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS, the proposed Rampart Dam hydroelectric power project
12 is accepted as a project of vital importance to the Nation and the
13 State of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS, plans are proceeding for the construction of this
15 dam and project and the Legislature wishes to make known that it
16 is cognizant of the effect of the construction and completion of
17 this needed project on the people and villages now occupying the
18 area to be flooded for the reservoir; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the urgent desire of the Legislature that the
20 federal agencies concerned with the project take immediate action
21 for studies necessary to determine the means for the relocation,
22 reimbursement, and the protection of rights of the people and
23 villages concerned and that provision be made for the following:

24 1. Each village to be relocated near the reservoir lake
25 at a site agreed upon by the inhabitants of the village;

26 2. All church, business and organizational edifices
27 located at the original village site be relocated at or near
28 the new village site;

29 3. Priority in employment for the clearing of the

1 reservoir site and other construction work on the hydro-
2 electric project be given to the village and rural population
3 now occupying the affected area and that immediate steps be
4 taken to qualify these people for employment on the general
5 project;

6 4. Rules and regulations regarding labor be waived in
7 the employment of local inhabitants on the dam project and
8 that jobs be assigned on the basis of physical ability to
9 perform the work assigned; and

10 5. The timber cleared from the project site be given
11 to the villages for local construction and firewood.

12 BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government, through the
13 Department of the Interior, is respectfully and urgently requested
14 to proceed with the necessary studies and action to accomplish the
15 goals of this resolution; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
17 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;
18 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Repre-
19 sentatives; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of
20 the Senate; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the
21 Interior; the Honorable W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; the
22 Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation;
23 the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the
24 Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife
25 Service; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director,
26 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska Delegation
27 in Congress.