

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. M. REED

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Rampart Dam and
6 Taiya hydroelectric projects.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS Yukon Power for America, Inc., a private promotional
9 lobby, seeks state money to promote the Rampart Canyon dam pro-
10 posal; and

11 WHEREAS Gwitchya Gwitchin Ginkhye, an organization of Native
12 Alaskans, seeks state money to oppose said Rampart Canyon dam
13 proposal; and

14 WHEREAS the governments of the United States and Canada have
15 by treaty recently reached agreement concerning joint usage of the
16 Columbia River's power potential; and

17 WHEREAS such treaty indicates an improved international re-
18 lationship for the joint development and use of such international
19 waters as the Columbia and Yukon Rivers; and

20 WHEREAS an earlier and contrasting international relationship
21 prevented the Aluminum Company of America's building the Taiya
22 project which would have impounded headwaters of the Yukon River
23 in British Columbia and Yukon Territory, and their diversion to a
24 power plant in the Dyea Valley near Skagway, Alaska; and

25 WHEREAS the creation and purposes of the said two lobby groups
26 indicates the degree and difference of feeling about Rampart among
27 Alaskans; and

28 WHEREAS the proposed Taiya project could provide sufficient
29 power for foreseeable needs, at less cost than Rampart and without

1 fish, game, or resident relocation problems; and

2 WHEREAS the Dyea Valley at tidewater is served by a deep
3 water, year-around port; is 2,500 miles closer than Rampart to
4 outside markets; and could utilize existing highway, rail and
5 pipeline rights-of-way for transmission lines to Westward and
6 Interior Alaska and to Canadian and lower United States markets;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that if the Rampart project is not authorized
8 in 1964 by the 88th Congress, the target for authorization set by
9 Yukon Power for America, the State of Alaska seek authorization
10 of the Taiya project and the updating of studies heretofore made
11 of said project to determine comparative costs, feasibility, and
12 other pertinent data; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor of Alaska and Alaska's
14 delegation in Congress initiate discussions now, through appropri-
15 ate channels, with the government of Canada to determine on what
16 terms the two nations can agree to the Taiya project's construc-
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