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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the completion of studies
6 on the Rampart Dam project.

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

8 WHEREAS a sound and vigorous development of Alaska's re-
9 sources is desirable, and indeed essential, not only from the
10 standpoint of the people of Alaska but of the Nation whose great
11 northermost and westernmost outpost and under-developed domin-
12 ion and potential is the State of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS a diversification and enlargement of Alaska's
14 economy is needed for the above declared objective; and

15 WHEREAS the resources on which the people of Alaska depended
16 when their numbers were far fewer in Territorial days, namely
17 gold mining and fishing -- both now diminished in quantity and
18 in economic impact -- will not suffice to create a vigorous,
19 thriving, and expanding economy; and

20 WHEREAS for years the federal government has developed the
21 hydroelectric resources of the 48 older states with such pro-
22 jects as the Tennessee Valley Authority, Hoover Dam, Grand Coulee
23 Dam, Bonneville Dam, Hungry Horse Dam, and others, and is now
24 engaged in the continuance of this sound utilization of our water
25 resources with Glen Canyon, Arkansas Frying-Pan, and other hydro-
26 electric projects; and

27 WHEREAS the greatest hydroelectric project on the North
28 American continent, and indeed in the free world, is available on
29 the Yukon River in Alaska, which can generate power at 2 mills

1 a kilowatt hour, which will be the lowest cost power under the
2 American flag; and

3 WHEREAS studies by the Corps of Engineers of the United
4 States Army have already established the engineering feasibility
5 of the dam at Rampart on the Yukon; and

6 WHEREAS the marketability of its low-cost power and the
7 consequent attraction to Alaska of diverse industries and the
8 utilization thereby of Alaskan and other raw materials not prac-
9 tically exploitable without low-cost power has been determined
10 in the authoritative study by the Development and Resources
11 Corporation of New York, a qualified agency retained by the Corps
12 of Engineers for that purpose; and

13 WHEREAS the United States, through its Foreign Aid Program,
14 is financing hydroelectric projects in many parts of the world
15 among people who pay no taxes to the United States, and the
16 products derived from them will be competitive with our own U. S.
17 products;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature strongly urges
19 the federal agencies involved to speed the conclusion of the
20 remaining Rampart and other Yukon River studies, and to report
21 promptly to the Congress, and make possible the early request by
22 the Alaska delegation in Congress for legislation providing au-
23 thorization and appropriation for the Rampart Canyon Dam; and
24 be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
26 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
27 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President and President of
28 the Senate; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense;
29 the Honorable Stewart F. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the

1 Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable
2 Lt. General W. K. Wilson, Jr., Chief of the Corps of Engineers,
3 U. S. Army; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House
4 of Representatives; and to the members of the Alaska delegation
5 in Congress.
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