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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HCS FOR 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 northernmost and westernmost outpost and under-developed dominion
12 and potential is the State of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS a diversification and enlargement of Alaska's economy
14 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 gold
17 mining and fishing -- both now diminished in quantity and in
18 economic impact -- will not suffice to create a vigorous, thriving,
19 and expanding economy; and

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

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

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1 a kilowatt hour, which would 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 con-
7 sequent attraction to Alaska of diverse industries and the utili-
8 zation thereby of Alaska and other raw materials not practically
9 exploitable without low-cost power has been suggested in a study
10 by the Development and Resources Corporation of New York, a quali-
11 fied, promotional agency retained by the Corps of Engineers for
12 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 to prevent their amalgamation with Communist bloc
16 nations, but who pay no taxes to the United States, and the pro-
17 ducts derived from them will be competitive with our own United
18 States products;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature strongly urges
20 Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to the federal agencies
21 involved to speed the completion of Rampart and other Yukon River
22 studies, and to report promptly to the Congress, and make possible
23 the early request by the Alaska delegation in Congress for legisla-
24 tion providing authorization and appropriation for the advanced
25 planning of Rampart Canyon Dam; and be it

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

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

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