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IN THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to the completion of  
studies on the Rampart Dam Project.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS a sound and vigorous development of Alaska's re-  
sources is desirable, and indeed essential, not only from the  
standpoint of the people of Alaska but of the Nation whose great  
northernmost and westernmost outpost and under-developed dominion  
and potential is the State of Alaska; and

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

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

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

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

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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 Senate strongly urges the  
19 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  
23 authorization 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

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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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