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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the endorsement of  
6 H. R. 3958 which eliminates the  
7 ceiling on the amount of funds  
8 which may be appropriated to the  
9 Bureau of Reclamation for its  
10 planning activities in Alaska.

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

12 WHEREAS the Secretaries of the Army and Interior entered  
13 into an agreement in March 1962 making the Bureau of Reclamation  
14 responsible for all planning studies relating to hydroelectric  
15 and other water resource development projects in Alaska, and the  
16 United States Army, Corps of Engineers responsible for the en-  
17 gineering design and construction of these projects; and

18 WHEREAS the Bureau of Reclamation, under the agreement of  
19 March 1962, in addition to all other duties imposed by the agree-  
20 ment, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the  
21 hydroelectric and water resource development projects upon their  
22 completion; and

23 WHEREAS the responsibilities placed on the Bureau of  
24 Reclamation by the agreement of March 1962 are applicable only to  
25 the Bureau's responsibilities in Alaska and no other state; and

26 WHEREAS the workload of the Bureau of Reclamation has been  
27 vastly increased by this agreement; and

28 WHEREAS the workload of the Bureau of Reclamation has also  
29 been increased by the studies it is making and will continue to

1 make for the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in  
2 Alaska created by Executive Order 11182, as well as for the Federal  
3 Power Commission in its Alaska Power Survey; and

4 WHEREAS Public Law 84-322 limits the amount of money which  
5 may be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation for its planning  
6 activities in Alaska, and that amount has been exceeded by the  
7 Congress during recent years, a practice which the Appropriations  
8 Committees of the Congress have objected to; and

9 WHEREAS Congressman Ralph J. Rivers has introduced in the  
10 House of Representatives a bill, H.R. 3958, to alleviate this  
11 situation by removing the statutory ceiling on appropriations for  
12 the Bureau of Reclamation's planning activities in Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior by letters dated  
14 January 20, 1965 to the Speaker of the House and the President of  
15 the Senate has strongly endorsed H. R. 3958;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is  
17 respectfully urged to enact, as soon as possible H. R. 3958,  
18 thereby enabling the Bureau of Reclamation to make the greatest  
19 possible contribution to Alaska's economic development.

20 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable  
21 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Floyd  
22 E. Dominy, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation; the Honor-  
23 able Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Committee on  
24 Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,  
25 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs;  
26 and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest  
27 Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S.  
28 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.