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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to allocation of funds for
6 the Snettisham hydroelectric project
7 near Juneau.

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

9 WHEREAS the Federal Government in 1962 authorized construction of the
10 Snettisham hydroelectric project near Juneau with a projected completion
11 date of 1969; and

12 WHEREAS because of sundry factors necessitating delays the scheduled
13 completion date for the project is now anticipated to be 1972; and

14 WHEREAS power needs in the capital city area are anticipated to reach
15 critically deficient proportions by 1970 and there is a necessity for all
16 speed in making available the power to be generated to the Juneau area from
17 the Snettisham hydroelectric project; and

18 WHEREAS the sum of \$750,000 has been appropriated by the Congress for
19 the 1967 Fiscal Year for purposes of proceeding with construction of the
20 project and the President has requested the sum of \$1,740,000 in new funds
21 for the project for Fiscal Year 1968; and

22 WHEREAS the Snettisham hydroelectric project comes within the President's
23 recent directive delaying all new public works construction starts for six
24 months, with the result that the major portion of funds appropriated by the
25 Congress will not be available to initiate construction of the project until
26 September 1 of this year at the earliest; and

27 WHEREAS the delay directed will seriously affect the construction sched-
28 ule for the Snettisham hydroelectric project, inasmuch as climatic and
29 topographical conditions at the site render winter construction activities

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1 virtually impossible; and

2 **WHEREAS** the critical power needs of the capital city area and the
3 special conditions affecting construction activities at the project site
4 indicate an urgent necessity to except the Snettisham hydroelectric project
5 from the blanket delay in construction starts which the President has found
6 necessary to direct in the national interest;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the President is respectfully requested to direct
8 that the authorization for expenditure of funds appropriated for the
9 Snettisham hydroelectric project not be deferred but be made available
10 immediately so that the construction of this vitally needed facility may
11 be advanced at a faster rate.

12 **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
13 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stanley R. Resor,
14 Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the
15 Interior; Lt. General W.F. Cassidy, Chief of Engineers, Department of the
16 Army; the Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Commissioner, the Bureau of Reclamation,
17 and the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S.
18 Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members
19 of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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