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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to international negoti-
6 ation and cooperation concerning
7 the development of the Yukon-Taiya
8 diversion project.

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

10 WHEREAS the best opportunity for attracting electroprocess industries
11 to Alaska would be provided by a project which would deliver up to two
12 million kilowatts of power at the lowest possible rates to tidewater at a
13 deep-water harbor open 12 months a year; and

14 WHEREAS a diversion dam at Miles Canyon on the Yukon River above
15 Whitehorse, with the water of the upper Yukon being diverted from Lindeman
16 Lake under Chilkoot Pass to the Taiya River, would produce 1,200,000 kilo-
17 watts of installed capacity offering the lowest cost power at tidewater
18 (Skagway and Haines) that can be developed anywhere in Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the project would involve an international agreement with
20 Canada and be by far the closest (about 500 miles) of all major Alaskan
21 hydroelectric sites to the present Pacific Northwest power grid which is
22 currently being extended to the Peace River in northern British Columbia;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that a combined Canadian-American feasibility study be
24 initiated, resulting in the aggressive promotion of this project.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
26 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Lester B. Pearson,
27 Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor of the
28 State of Alaska; the Honorable F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon
29 Territory; the Honorable W. A. C. Bennett, Premier of British Columbia;

1 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett
2 and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W
3 Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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