

BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON ENERGY

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 94

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the restoration of service  
6 from the Snettisham power project.

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

8 WHEREAS the initial phase of the Snettisham project was completed and  
9 initial commercial operation was begun on December 1, 1973, with a maximum  
10 capacity output of 46,700 KW; and

11 WHEREAS a major transmission failure caused by the loss of three towers  
12 between Taku Inlet and Juneau has resulted in a complete loss of service from  
13 this facility to the Juneau community; and

14 WHEREAS the Juneau community has been forced to return to alternate  
15 electrical power service, supplied by diesel-powered generators; and

16 WHEREAS this alternate power service requires the expenditure of  
17 2,200,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 14,000 gallons of motor fuel per year  
18 at a time when this nation is faced with a critical energy fuel crisis; and

19 WHEREAS it has been determined by the United States Corps of Engineers  
20 that a portion of the transmission line must be relocated if service is to  
21 be restored and continued reoccurrences of this power failure are to be  
22 avoided; and

23 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the nation, the State of Alaska,  
24 and the Juneau community that immediate restoration of the Snettisham energy  
25 source be accomplished and in a manner which will assure delivery of a  
26 dependable energy supply;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it urgently requests  
28 the Congress of the United States to (1) make the Snettisham Dam power restor-  
29 ation one of the highest priority; (2) assist in ensuring that the United

1 States Forest Service provide the land and easements necessary to accomplish  
2 the relocation of the lines; and (3) do all that is otherwise necessary to  
3 ensure the commencement of construction at the earliest possible time.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John R. McGuire, Chief,  
6 United States Forest Service; Lieutenant General William C. Gribble, Chief  
7 of Engineers, United States Corps of Engineers; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,  
8 Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Herman  
9 E. Talmadge, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee; the Honor-  
10 able James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee;  
11 the Honorable W. R. Poage, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee; and to the  
12 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the  
13 Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation  
14 in Congress.

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