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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the possible construction
6 of the proposed Devils Canyon
7 Project.

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

9 WHEREAS the Governor has requested the legislature to fund a feasi-
10 bility study of construction of the proposed Devils Canyon Project by
11 the state; and

12 WHEREAS the proposed project would utilize the hydroelectric power
13 potential of the Devils Canyon site on the Susitna River; and

14 WHEREAS it is anticipated that the project would make a large block
15 of electricity available for utilization on railbelt power grid and in
16 addition would provide a private sector industrial complex on the
17 southcentral coastline; and

18 WHEREAS, even though the potential benefits to Alaskans of construction
19 of the project may indeed be great, there is grave concern that construction
20 of the project would irreparably harm the fishery resources of the
21 Susitna River;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the Governor, if his request for a feasibility study of the project is
24 approved, to direct whatever firm contracted with to give the most serious
25 consideration to the dangers inherent to the fishery resources and to
26 specifically incorporate into the analysis of the project plans for the
27 preservation of the fishery resources and especially assuring the
28 feasibility of providing an adequate method for the bypassing of the
29 proposed dam by the fishery resource.