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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Solomon Gulch hydroelec-
6 tric project.

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

8 WHEREAS the Copper Valley Electric Association currently has pending
9 before the Federal Power Commission an application for license for the
10 Solomon Gulch hydroelectric project; and

11 WHEREAS the electric system now served by the Copper Valley Electric
12 Association is experiencing and will continue to experience vastly increased
13 system loads due to the increased population and industrial activity associ-
14 ated with the construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline system; and

15 WHEREAS the Copper Valley electric system also serves the City of Valdez,
16 a rapidly growing industrial area that is the terminal storage and shipping
17 site of the trans-Alaska pipeline system; and

18 WHEREAS there is an existing dam and power development at the proposed
19 Solomon Gulch site and environmental ill effects appear to be minimal; and

20 WHEREAS the Copper Valley Electric Association displayed great foresight
21 in projecting the need for power that would develop as the pipeline project
22 came into fruition by beginning the permit application process in 1975; and

23 WHEREAS the Copper Valley Electric Association has submitted a loan
24 application for construction funds for this project to the Rural Electrifica-
25 tion Administration; and

26 WHEREAS the utilization of the energy potential of Solomon Gulch will
27 replace expensive and nonrenewable energy generated with diesel engine units;
28 and

29 WHEREAS it is vital to the state, and especially the residents and

1 commercial concerns in the area serviced by the Copper Valley Electric Associ-
2 ation, that the proposed project be completed at the earliest possible time;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Power
4 Commission is urgently requested to give immediate favorable consideration to
5 the Copper Valley Electric Association's application for license for the
6 Solomon Gulch hydroelectric project so that construction can begin at the
7 earliest possible time and utilize the 1978 construction season.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John N.
9 Nassikas, Chairman, Federal Power Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
10 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
11 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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