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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Alaska Power Authority,
6 the Phase I environmental, economic,
7 social and engineering studies of the
8 Susitna Hydroelectric Project, and the
9 incurring of indebtedness for Phase I.

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

11 WHEREAS the Alaska Power Authority under AS 44.56.180 has submitted to
12 the legislature and to the commissioner of commerce and economic develop-
13 ment a statement outlining the status of the Susitna Hydroelectric Project
14 and the Plan of Study outlining the necessary feasibility studies of the
15 project which is planned to be designed, and may be acquired or constructed,
16 by the United States under an agreement providing for ownership of the
17 project by the authority; and

18 WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, on October 22, 1976, en-
19 acted P.L. 94-587, the Alaska Hydroelectric Power Development Act, which
20 Act authorized the Secretary of the Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-
21 neers to participate in the Susitna Hydroelectric Project; and

22 WHEREAS the Phase I activities outlined delineate the environmental,
23 economic, social, and engineering studies requisite to informed decision-
24 making; and

25 WHEREAS the cost to be incurred during Phase I is now estimated to be
26 \$25,000,000, but may exceed that amount; and

27 WHEREAS it is considered to be in the best interests of the State of
28 Alaska to proceed with Phase I of the project through the use of Alaska
29 Power Authority sponsored financing; and

1 WHEREAS legislative approval of project construction is required if
2 project feasibility and desirability result from the study process con-
3 ducted under Phase I activities;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the plan outlined in the statement of
5 the Alaska Power Authority to the legislature and to the commissioner of
6 commerce and economic development, the legislature agrees to the incurring
7 of indebtedness by the Alaska Power Authority in an amount necessary to
8 finance the cost of the Phase I feasibility studies of the Susitna Hydro-
9 electric Project, including interest; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that Phase I studies must provide for substantive
11 public involvement throughout the study process; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Affairs Agency shall conduct or
13 contract for an independent review, in consultation with the Alaska Power
14 Authority, based on existing data, of the economic, financial, biological
15 and geophysical implications of the proposed Susitna Hydroelectric Project,
16 and shall report to the legislature by January 15, 1980.

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