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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed Stikine Dam  
6 project in Canada.

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

8 WHEREAS the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority is doing pre-  
9 liminary studies for a proposed major hydroelectric dam project on the  
10 Stikine River and its tributary, the Iskut River; and

11 WHEREAS the Stikine River passes through Alaska below the point where  
12 the proposed dams would be built; and

13 WHEREAS many Alaskans depend on the Stikine River, directly or indir-  
14 ectly, for salmon and other resources, recreation, transportation, and water  
15 supplies; and

16 WHEREAS a dam project of the size proposed for the Stikine River has  
17 the potential for significant impact on the fish and wildlife, hydrology,  
18 biological ecosystems, and Native cultures of the area surrounding the  
19 river; and

20 WHEREAS decisions made by the governments of Canada and British  
21 Columbia concerning the construction of the Stikine Dams may affect citizens  
22 of the United States; and

23 WHEREAS the people and legislature of the State of Alaska are concerned  
24 over the possible impact of the Stikine Dams and feel that it is imperative  
25 that Alaskans be involved during the study, analysis, and planning phases of  
26 this project; and

27 WHEREAS the Stikine River is covered under international treaties (the  
28 Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the Navigable Waterways Treaty of 1871)  
29 which apply to actions taken on the waterway by one country that could

1 affect the interest of the other;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the President of  
3 the United States is respectfully requested to direct the Secretary of State  
4 to take steps to facilitate the exchange of information between Canadians  
5 and Americans concerning the Stikine Dams and to ensure that a method is  
6 established to provide for meaningful input by Americans on local, state,  
7 and federal levels before and during the planning, decision making, and  
8 development phases of the Stikine River hydroelectric dam project by Canada.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
10 President of the United States; the Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.,  
11 Secretary of State; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
12 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
13 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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