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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the processing of
6 licenses of Alaska hydroelectric
7 projects by the federal Energy
8 Regulatory Commission.

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

10 WHEREAS, although Alaska is blessed with half of the undeveloped hydro-
11 electric potential of the United States, the state is presently dependent
12 on petroleum products and natural gas for 92 percent of its energy needs;
13 and

14 WHEREAS expedited development of renewable energy hydroelectric
15 projects will conserve oil and gas, decreasing the nation's dependence
16 on imported fuels; and

17 WHEREAS Alaska's electrical power systems are not connected with
18 the electrical power systems of any other state or country; and

19 WHEREAS hydroelectric projects under consideration are fully
20 contained in Alaska and would not affect any other state or country; and

21 WHEREAS the complexity of issues involving hydropower development
22 for Alaska's domestic energy needs is quite minor; and

23 WHEREAS Alaska will take sole responsibility for financing and
24 developing of hydroelectric projects needed to produce electricity for
25 the state;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Energy
27 Regulatory Commission process license applications for Alaska hydropower
28 projects in less than 6 months and that projects be automatically granted
29 a license when the processing time reaches 6 months.

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1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James B.
2 Edwards, Secretary of the Department of Energy; the Honorable James G.
3 Watt, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable
4 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
5 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
6 in Congress.

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