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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 am

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 is respectfully requested to process license applica-  
28 tions for Alaska hydropower projects in less than 6 months and that projects  
29 be automatically granted a license when the processing time reaches 6 months.

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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