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## HOUSE RESOURCES

### Summary of Previous Action on HB 386

To Date the resources committee has made the following changes to HB 386:

\*Page 1, line 16, deleted directors, and after the words majority of the, added full membership.

\*Page 4, line 8, added a new section 6 so as to conform identically with SB 168. All other sections remain the same.

Final discussion was on the topic of the "blackmail clause" and the validity of its retention in statute. At the close of the meeting the chairman indicated further discussion is necessary.

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Offered in the HOUSE

BY:

To: HCS CSSB 168 (Res) .

Page 9, line 22: following the word "with",

insert the

Page 9, line 25: delete all material, and insert

finance power projects in the Energy Program for Alaska.

## HOUSE LETTER OF INTENT

House CS for CS for Senate Bill No: 168 (Resources)

The Legislature, in enacting the Energy Program for Alaska, expressed its desire to provide the lowest reasonable power costs to consumers. To further achieve that end, it is the intent of the Legislature to take appropriate action to enhance the Alaska Power Authority's ability to obtain long-term bond financing at the lowest possible cost. It is for this purpose that we have amended the "Susitna equity clause."

Substantial equity has been invested in the Energy Program by the State of Alaska and declining state revenues will have an impact on the development of energy projects for other regions of the state. It is the intent of the Legislature that the balance of the financing needed for those projects under construction in the Program be raised by debt financing - thus reserving future revenues for future energy projects throughout the rest of the state. We support the intent of the Alaska Power Authority to go to the bond market in early 1984 for the necessary funds. However, in order to further facilitate the bonding capability of the Power Authority, it is imperative that utilities who will receive wholesale power from Solomon Gulch, Terror Lake, Tye Lake and Swan Lake sign power sales contracts as soon as possible and no later than January 1, 1984. By taking this action, the utilities served will ensure long-term benefits to their consumers through stable power rates.

The Governor is requested to prepare a plan for providing the necessary equity for future projects in the Energy Program for Alaska. This plan must be constitutionally sound and provide for the proper administrative and Legislative approval for the various projects. This plan shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than January 15, 1984.



