

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-first Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, Palmer and Nenana, Alaska, together with the balance of the area known as the Alaska Railbelt, are hampered in their growth by a severe shortage of electric power; and

WHEREAS, military establishments within this most strategic section of the Territory of Alaska similarly are handicapped by a power shortage; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary study by the Bureau of Reclamation has established that a hydroelectric power dam and plant can be constructed at Devil Canyon on the Susitna River so as to generate 1,150,000,000 kilowatt hours annually of firm power at a cost of less than 10 mills per kilowatt hour; and

WHEREAS, this energy transmitted to the cities and areas named above would solve the power problems of the Alaska Railbelt and would find a ready market which would insure repayment of the federal investment in the dam and power and transmission facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, respectfully prays that the Congress of the United States enact suitable legislation to authorize and carry forward construction of the Devil Canyon Dam on the Susitna River, together with appurtenant power production and transmission facilities, as a federal project.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House February 2, 1953.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1953.

Approved by Governor February 10, 1953.