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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the endorsement of H. R. 3958 which eliminates the ceiling on the amount of funds which may be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation for its planning activities in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the Secretaries of the Army and Interior entered into an agreement in March 1962 making the Bureau of Reclamation responsible for all planning studies relating to hydroelectric and other water resource development projects in Alaska, and the United States Army, Corps of Engineers responsible for the engineering design and construction of these projects; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Reclamation, under the agreement of March 1962, in addition to all other duties imposed by the agreement, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the hydroelectric and water resource development projects upon their completion; and

WHEREAS the responsibilities placed on the Bureau of Reclamation by the agreement of March 1962 are applicable only to the Bureau's responsibilities in Alaska and no other state; and

WHEREAS the workload of the Bureau of Reclamation has been vastly increased by this agreement; and

WHEREAS the workload of the Bureau of Reclamation has also been increased by the studies it is making and will continue to make for the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska created by Executive Order 11182, as well as for the Federal Power Commission in its Alaska Power Survey; and

WHEREAS Public Law 84-322 limits the amount of money which may be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation for its planning activities in Alaska, and that amount has been exceeded by the Congress during recent years, a practice which the Appropriations Committees of the Congress have objected to; and

WHEREAS Congressman Ralph J. Rivers has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill, H. R. 3958, to alleviate this situation by removing the statutory ceiling on appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation's planning activities in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior by letters dated January 20, 1965 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate has strongly endorsed H. R. 3958;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to enact, as soon as possible H. R. 3958, thereby enabling the Bureau of Reclamation to make the greatest possible contribution to Alaska's economic development.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S.

Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.