

IN THE SENATE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the early construction
of the Rampart Hydroelectric
Project on the Yukon River in
Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the early construction of the Rampart Hydroelectric Project has been a very controversial issue; and

WHEREAS Alaska's delegation to Congress believes that the early construction of this project is needed as soon as possible and are devoting much time and effort toward that end; and

WHEREAS studies have shown that the Rampart Hydroelectric Project will provide a large quantity of low cost electric power; and

WHEREAS many citizens of Alaska believe that this large source of electric power will encourage new industry to come to Alaska and will help develop the state's natural resources; and

WHEREAS there are also many citizens of Alaska who oppose construction of the Rampart Hydroelectric Project on the grounds that the huge lake to be created by the dam would unnecessarily destroy much wildlife in, and natural history of, the Yukon River area; and

WHEREAS the wishes of the majority of the citizens of Alaska should be accurately known before settlement of this controversial issue;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is urgently requested to

direct the Secretary of State to place the following question on a ballot in the forthcoming general election:

Do you favor the early construction of the Rampart Hydro-electric Project?

Yes



No



COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and 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.