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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the construction by the federal government of the proposed Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project.

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

WHEREAS the growth and development of Alaska depends upon continued planning and construction of hydroelectric projects assuring adequate power at reasonable costs to the consumer; and

WHEREAS the official 1960 U. S. Census Report reported a total population of 8,866 people residing on the Kenai Peninsula and the population has rapidly expanded since that census; and

WHEREAS the development of agriculture and industry on the Kenai Peninsula requires substantial amounts of low-cost electrical power; and

WHEREAS a number of public hearings sponsored by existing utilities and studies made by engineers in the power field during the past years indicate that the Kenai Peninsula and the Cook Inlet area will face a power shortage within the next few years unless new sources are immediately developed; and

WHEREAS several years ago the U. S. Corps of Engineers completed the study of the proposed Bradley Lake Hydroelectric

Project located on the Kenai Peninsula and this study was examined and approved by the interested federal agencies; and

WHEREAS this study showed that the proposed Bradley Lake Project would develop 64,000 kilowatts of energy at a cost of seven mills per kilowatt-hour; a cost comparable with the cost of energy produced from other possible projects of like size; and

WHEREAS new construction techniques may make the cost of the Bradley Lake Project lower than originally projected; and

WHEREAS it is in the national interest that water power be utilized as much as possible for the generation of electric power rather than petro-chemicals which are not replenishable resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to appropriate the necessary funds for and to expedite in every possible way the construction of the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; the Honorable Charles L. Schultze, Director, Bureau of the Budget; the Honorable Elmer B. Staats, Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget; the Honorable Russell B. Long, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; 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.