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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to allocation of funds for the Snettisham hydroelectric project near Juneau.

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

WHEREAS the federal government in 1962 authorized construction of the Snettisham hydroelectric project near Juneau with a projected completion date of 1969; and

WHEREAS because of sundry factors necessitating delays the scheduled completion date for the project is now anticipated to be 1972; and

WHEREAS power needs in the capital city area are anticipated to reach critically deficient proportions by 1970 and there is a necessity for all speed in making available the power to be generated to the Juneau area from the Snettisham hydroelectric project; and

WHEREAS the sum of \$750,000 has been appropriated by the Congress for the 1967 fiscal year for purposes of proceeding with construction of the project and the President has requested the sum of \$1,740,000 in new funds for the project for fiscal year 1968; and

WHEREAS the Snettisham hydroelectric project comes within the President's recent directive delaying all new public works construction starts for six months, with the result that the major portion of funds appropriated by the Congress will not be available to initiate construction of the project until September 1 of this year at the earliest; and

WHEREAS the delay directed will seriously affect the construction schedule for the Snettisham hydroelectric project, inasmuch as climatic and topographical conditions at the site render winter construction activities virtually impossible; and

WHEREAS the critical power needs of the capital city area and the special conditions affecting construction activities at the project site indicate an urgent necessity to except the Snettisham hydroelectric project from the blanket delay in construction starts which the President has found necessary to direct in the national interest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President is respectfully requested to direct that the authorization for expenditure of funds appropriated for the Snettisham hydroelectric project not be deferred but be made available immediately so that the construction of this vitally needed facility may be advanced at a faster rate.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; Lt. General W.F. Cassidy, Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army; the Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Commissioner, the Bureau of Reclamation; and the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.