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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to international negotiation and cooperation concerning the development of the Yukon-Taiya diversion project.

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

WHEREAS the best opportunity for attracting electroprocess industries to Alaska would be provided by a project which would deliver up to two million kilowatts of power at the lowest possible rates to tidewater at a deep-water harbor open 12 months a year; and

WHEREAS a diversion dam at Miles Canyon on the Yukon River above Whitehorse, with the water of the upper Yukon being diverted from Lindeman Lake under Chilkoot Pass to the Taiya River, would produce 1,200,000 kilowatts of installed capacity offering the lowest cost power at tidewater (Skagway and Haines) that can be developed anywhere in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the project would involve an international agreement with Canada and be by far the closest (about 500 miles) of all major Alaskan hydroelectric sites to the present Pacific Northwest power grid which is currently being extended to the Peace River in northern British Columbia;

BE IT RESOLVED that a combined Canadian-American feasibility study be initiated, resulting in the aggressive promotion of this project.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor of the State of Alaska; the Honorable F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory; the Honorable W. A. C. Bennett, Premier of British Columbia; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; 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.