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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to a feasibility study for a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

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

WHEREAS there is presently a great interest on the part of the Japanese in Alaska products and resources; and

WHEREAS the Yukon River is without a seaport at its mouth, and products and resources from the Yukon Valley and the surrounding area cannot compete with those from Siberia which has access to ocean-going vessels; and

WHEREAS Bethel, on the Kuskokwim River, is the best developed and most accessible deep-water seaport in western Alaska; and

WHEREAS construction of a Yukon-Kuskokwim canal would greatly enrich the economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon and Kuskokwim River valleys readily available to world markets;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested, with the cooperation of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, to initiate a study and prepare a report on the feasibility of the construction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lt. General William F. Cassidy, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; and to 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.