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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 138

Relating to the Kuskokwim River flood.

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

WHEREAS on May 17, 1972 the town of McGrath was being flooded by the waters of the Kuskokwim River as the result of a series of ice jams downstream from that community; and

WHEREAS, although there is every indication that there are sufficient disaster supplies and services available to prevent a major dislocation of the community and its residents due to this season's flood waters, an effort should be made at the earliest date to prevent future occurrences of flooding that have plagued this community and others along the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS the United States Army Corps of Engineers has the capability to undertake a river channel dredging project that would prevent potentially disastrous future floods;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Army Corps of Engineers is respectfully requested to conduct a feasibility study of the dredging of the channel of the Kuskokwim River in the vicinity of the town of McGrath and other communities to prevent future floods.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert F. Froehlke, Secretary, Department of the Army; to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and to its state headquarters in Anchorage; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.