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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Relating to the Devil Canyon Project.

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

WHEREAS in 1961 the Secretary of the Interior approved a report by the Commissioner of Reclamation regarding the feasibility of what is commonly known as the Devil Canyon Project in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the proposed plan, as stated in 1961, was essentially a single-purpose hydroelectric power development designed to meet present and anticipated future power and energy requirements for domestic, municipal and industrial purposes in South-central Alaska; and

WHEREAS it was also recognized at that time that the proposed project was economically justifiable and that the project would be the catalyst to spark the economic expansion of the Railbelt area; and

WHEREAS the Devil Canyon Project, if built, would be of great importance to the State of Alaska, as well as the Nation;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Secretary of the Interior is respectfully requested to direct the Commissioner of Reclamation to immediately undertake a complete updating of the 1961 reclamation report on the feasibility of the Devil Canyon Project, including a detailed report on what environmental impact construction of the proposed facilities would have.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable James R. Smith, Assistant Secretary, Water and Power Resources, Department of the Interior; the Office of the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.