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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 94

Relating to the restoration of service from the Snettisham power project.

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

WHEREAS the initial phase of the Snettisham project was completed and initial commercial operation was begun on December 1, 1973, with a maximum capacity output of 46,700 KW; and

WHEREAS a major transmission failure caused by the loss of three towers between Taku Inlet and Juneau has resulted in a complete loss of service from this facility to the Juneau community; and

WHEREAS the Juneau community has been forced to return to alternate electrical power service, supplied by diesel-powered generators; and

WHEREAS this alternate power service requires the expenditure of 2,200,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 14,000 gallons of motor fuel per year at a time when this nation is faced with a critical energy fuel crisis; and

WHEREAS it has been determined by the United States Corps of Engineers that a portion of the transmission line must be relocated if service is to be restored and continued reoccurrences of this power failure are to be avoided; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the nation, the State of Alaska, and the Juneau community that immediate restoration of the Snettisham energy source be accomplished and in a manner which will assure delivery of a dependable energy supply;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it urgently requests the Congress of the United States to (1) make the Snettisham Dam power restoration one of the highest priority; (2) assist in ensuring that the United States Forest Service provide the land and easements necessary to accomplish the relocation of the lines; and (3) do all that is otherwise necessary to ensure the commencement of construction at the earliest possible time.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John R. McGuire, Chief, United States Forest Service; Lieutenant General William C. Gribble, Chief of Engineers, United States Corps of Engineers; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee; the Honorable James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable W. R. Poage, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee; 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.