

House Joint Resolution 11

In The House

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA COMMENDING AND
 6 SUPPORTING NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC., AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN
 7 A PROPOSED PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A HYDROELECTRIC DAM ON THE
 8 KOOTENAI RIVER NEAR TROY.*

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 10 WHEREAS, Northern Lights, Inc., a tristate rural
 11 electric cooperative, is presently holding a preliminary
 12 permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to
 13 investigate the feasibility of constructing a hydroelectric
 14 project on the Kootenai River near the Idaho-Montana border
 15 and 4 miles upstream from Troy, Montana; and

16 WHEREAS, Northern Lights, Inc., has joined with the six
 17 electric cooperatives serving Western Montana and the
 18 Flathead Irrigation Districts in a generation and
 19 transmission cooperative to develop the above project with
 20 Northern Lights, Inc., acting as agent for the participants;
 21 and

22 WHEREAS, the participant's energy loads are growing at
 23 an annual rate of 14%; and

24 WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration may not be
 25 able to provide electric power for load growth beyond 1983;

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2 WHEREAS, the environmental effects of the project will
 3 be minimal; and

4 WHEREAS, studies are presently being made on
 5 innovations in construction such as an underwater spillway
 6 and an underground powerhouse which will help to preserve
 7 the environment, and the project will be a run-of-the-river
 8 plant utilizing the water released from Libby Dam upstream;
 9 and

10 WHEREAS, the water used in the project is a
 11 self-renewable resource and if not utilized will be wasted;
 12 and use of this water will be an outstanding example of good
 13 conservation.

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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 16 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

17 (1) That Northern Lights, Inc., and the other
 18 participants in the proposed hydroelectric project at Troy
 19 are commended for their efforts to continue to bring
 20 low-cost energy to their consumers.

21 (2) That all federal, state, and local regulatory
 22 agencies involved in approval of the project are urged to
 23 grant the necessary permits so that the project may be
 24 constructed.

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INTRODUCED BILL

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