

Appendix B

(The following resolution was adopted by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on July 21, 1960:)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST (BONNEVILLE) CALIFORNIA INTERTIE

Whereas the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs by resolution on May 19, 1959, requested the Secretary of the Interior to suspend all negotiations for the interconnection and the sale of surplus power from the Bonneville or Columbia River Basin system to California until a study and analysis of the feasibility and desirability of a high voltage interconnection for the disposal of surplus secondary energy between the Federal power systems of the Pacific Northwest and California; and

Whereas a report on the analysis requested was submitted to the committee under date of February 17, 1960; and the committee held public hearings May 5, 1960, and June 15, 1960, on the subject; and

Whereas the Governor of California, in cooperation with the Governors of Oregon and Washington, has requested further time for a study and analysis of a high voltage interconnection pending the completion of the report of consultants retained by the Governor of California in cooperation with the Governors of Oregon and Washington, and in consideration of legislation that would effectively protect the interests of the United States and the power consumers of the Pacific coast areas; and

Whereas the quantities of surplus energy which may be interchanged between the Pacific Northwest and California range from 4 billion kilowatt-hours in a dry year to 25 billion kilowatt-hours in a wet year; and

Whereas the committee has heard testimony asserting very substantial benefits accruing from the construction of a high-voltage interconnection between the Pacific Northwest and California and indicating that further studies are required to make a full disclosure of the potentialities of the proposed intertie; and

Whereas the committee finds that the public interest in the interconnection and transfer of power or energy within the Pacific coast areas may require legislation to insure protection of the Federal power and multiple-purpose projects in the systems; and

Whereas a completion of the independent study and analysis of the proposals is essential before any commitment is made on behalf of the United States with respect to the transfer of power or energy from one area to the other of the Pacific Coast States; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs requests the Secretary of the Interior to continue to suspend negotiations looking to the sale and transfer of surplus power or energy from the Pacific Northwest to California, pending the completion of the survey and analysis by the consultants retained by the Governors of the Pacific Coast States; the submission of their report to the committee; and the consideration of