

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 362(TRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/3/00

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MURKOWSKI, Harris

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing the exchange of land between the Alaska Railroad
2 Corporation and Eklutna, Inc., between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the
3 United States Department of the Army and the United States Department of the
4 Air Force, between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Chugach Alaska
5 Corporation, and between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Municipality
6 of Anchorage; authorizing the transfer of land between Alaska Railroad mileposts
7 133 and 134 from the Alaska Railroad Corporation to certain named individuals;
8 and providing for an effective date."

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

10 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new
11 section to read:

12 APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO EKLUTNA, INC. (a)
13 The Alaska Railroad Corporation is authorized to convey the corporation's entire interest in

1 approximately 384 acres of rail land within Tract 39 of Dependent Resurvey of Rectangular
 2 Survey of Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, officially filed November 10,
 3 1992, to Eklutna, Inc., in exchange for the conveyance to the corporation by Eklutna, Inc., of
 4 approximately 65 acres of land adjacent to the railroad utility corridor at railroad mileposts
 5 129, 130, 133, 140, 142, 146, and 151 and sufficient additional acreage east of Birchwood
 6 Airport and adjacent to the railroad between miles 134.5 and 136.3 to equalize the value of
 7 lands exchanged.

8 (b) The conveyances described in this section are made for the purpose of realignment
 9 of railroad track to improve operating efficiency and enhance safety.

10 (c) The land conveyed by Eklutna, Inc. to the Alaska Railroad Corporation shall be
 11 held and managed by the corporation in accordance with AS 42.40.

12 (d) This section constitutes legislative approval under AS 42.40.285(1) for the Alaska
 13 Railroad Corporation to convey its entire interest in the land described in (a) of this section.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 15 to read:

16 APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE UNITED
 17 STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
 18 OF THE AIR FORCE. (a) The Alaska Railroad Corporation is authorized to convey the
 19 corporation's entire interest in approximately 229 acres of railroad utility corridor between
 20 railroad mileposts 118 and 127.5, within Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian,
 21 Township 14 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian, and Township 14 North, Range 2 West,
 22 Seward Meridian to the United States Department of the Army and the United States
 23 Department of the Air Force in exchange for the conveyance of approximately 227 acres of
 24 land in the same vicinity to the corporation by the United States.

25 (b) The conveyances described in this section are made for the purpose of realignment
 26 of railroad track to improve operating efficiency and enhance safety.

27 (c) The land conveyed by the United States to the Alaska Railroad Corporation shall
 28 be held and managed by the corporation in accordance with AS 42.40.

29 (d) This section constitutes legislative approval under AS 42.40.285(1) for the Alaska
 30 Railroad Corporation to convey its entire interest in the land described in (a) of this section.

31 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section

1 to read:

2 APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO CHUGACH ALASKA
3 CORPORATION. (a) Contingent upon the conveyance to the Alaska Railroad Corporation
4 by the Chugach Alaska Corporation of an equivalent interest in real property onto which the
5 railroad utility corridor may be relocated, the Alaska Railroad Corporation is authorized to
6 convey the corporation's entire interest in approximately 6.4 acres of railroad utility corridor
7 between railroad mileposts 14 and 15, within Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Sections 6 and
8 7, Seward Meridian, to the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

9 (b) The conveyances described in this section are made for the purpose of realignment
10 of the railroad to allow relocation of the Seward Highway by the Department of
11 Transportation and Public Facilities to improve highway operations and enhance safety.

12 (c) Land conveyed by the Chugach Alaska Corporation to the Alaska Railroad
13 Corporation shall be held and managed by the Alaska Railroad Corporation in accordance with
14 AS 42.40.

15 (d) This section constitutes legislative approval under AS 42.40.285(1) for the Alaska
16 Railroad Corporation to convey its entire interest in the land described in (a) of this section.

17 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
18 to read:

19 APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE
20 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE. (a) Contingent upon the approval of the conveyance
21 of affected municipal park land by the voters of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Alaska
22 Railroad Corporation is authorized to convey the corporation's entire interest in

23 (1) approximately 4.5 acres of railroad utility corridor between railroad
24 mileposts 133 and 134, within Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Sections 13 and 24, Seward
25 Meridian, to the Municipality of Anchorage in exchange for the conveyance of approximately
26 13.6 acres of land in the same vicinity to the corporation by the Municipality of Anchorage;

27 (2) approximately 5.1 acres of railroad utility corridor between railroad
28 mileposts 133 and 134, within Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Sections 13 and 24, Seward
29 Meridian, to Richard and Carol Drebert, Harry and Simone Thomson, and Richard Moore or
30 their personal representatives, successors, or assigns; each to receive that portion of the
31 railroad utility corridor immediately adjacent to their respective parcels of land.

1 (b) The conveyances described in this section are made for the purpose of realignment
2 of railroad track to improve operating efficiency and enhance safety.

3 (c) The land conveyed by the Municipality of Anchorage to the Alaska Railroad
4 Corporation shall be held and managed by the corporation in accordance with AS 42.40.

5 (d) This section constitutes legislative approval under AS 42.40.285(1) for the Alaska
6 Railroad Corporation to convey its entire interest in the land described in (a) of this section.

7 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).