

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE MEMORIAL 7

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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TO THE HONORABLE NEIL H. MCELROY, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; THE HON-

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ORABLE FRED A SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE

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E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM

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ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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Your Memorialist, the Senate of the State of Alaska, in First

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Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

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WHEREAS, the City of Nenana, on the Tanana River, is strate-

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gically situated between Fairbanks and the currently developing

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missile site at Clear, Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Nenana is and will continue to be a

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focal point for the movement, diversion and intransit storage for

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critical and technical military supplies, materiel and impedimenta

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as well as commercial cargoes required to be transported between

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Fairbanks and Clear missile site in consignment lots suitable for

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motor vehicle movements; and

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WHEREAS, the orderly, progressive development of the Clear

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project does now and will continue to necessitate the movement of

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civilian technicians and military personnel in small compliments

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suitable for transportation by passenger carrying vehicles; and

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WHEREAS, no frequent or adequate motor vehicle transportation

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can currently operate throughout the year between the above named

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cities and the Clear missile site to provide present and future

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services in the absence of a bridge crossing at Nenana for such

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purposes; and

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WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad bridge that spans the Tanana

1 River at Nenana is used only a minute portion of every day for
2 railroad service and this lends itself readily to minimum improv-
3 sation and adaptation at minor expense to accommodate vehicular
4 traffic; and

5 WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad, by its enabling act, is dedi-
6 cated to the principle of serving civilian and defense needs and
7 the development of the state in general;

8 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that all possible
9 action be taken immediately to relieve the emergency transporta-
10 tion condition that prevails by designating the Alaska Railroad
11 bridge at Nenana as a vehicular bridge as well as a railroad
12 bridge; and that the General Manager of the Alaska Railroad be
13 directed to make the necessary minimum adaptation of existing
14 facilities including essential safety signals to accommodate
15 passenger and truck vehicles within the regulations prescribed
16 by the Alaska Railroad pertaining to load limits, width and
17 height and in conformity with safe operating practices.
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