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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS WEISE, COGHILL,  
McNABB AND McNEALY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to a bridge at Bethel.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION  
ASSEMBLED, THE HOUSE CONCURRING:

WHEREAS, the present surveyed townsite of Bethel is separated  
from the Old Village by Brown's Slough and connected with it only  
by a bridge referred to as the "Slough Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, the headquarters of services which provide water,  
heating fuel, electricity, garbage disposal, fire protection and  
medical and hospital facilities throughout the area are within  
the townsite of Bethel, and over 150 residents of the Old Village  
depend upon these services; and

WHEREAS, the Slough Bridge provides the only access from  
Bethel to the Alaska Air National Guard hangar on Hangar Lake, a  
natural seaplane landing and parking area not subject to severe  
wind and tide action, and to the garbage dump on the Hangar Lake  
road designated by the Bethel City Council and controlled by city  
ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the present Slough Bridge, having been designed  
solely for vehicles, is unsafe for foot traffic, and, having been  
planned and constructed approximately 15 years ago, is wholly  
inadequate to handle the fivefold increase in vehicles in the  
Bethel area since that time; and

WHEREAS, the present Slough Bridge is unsafe during the  
summer months for crawler-type tractors and heavy equipment, and  
its footings are not approved for heavy loads and are in danger

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1 of being completely washed out during the spring thaw and breakup;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First  
3 Session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring, that  
4 the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Commissioner of Public  
5 Works take such steps as are necessary to maintain the Brown's  
6 Slough Bridge at Bethel according to specifications and design  
7 standards of the Division of Highways; and be it

8 { FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed  
9 to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska;  
10 and to the Honorable Richard Downing, Commissioner of the Depart-  
11 ment of Public Works.

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