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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY HAYES, MOSS AND PHILLIPS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 585

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Railroad Negotiating
7 Commission; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. ALASKA RAILROAD NEGOTIATING COMMISSION. (a) There is
10 established in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Railroad Negotiating
11 Commission.

12 (b) The Alaska Railroad Negotiating Commission consists of the follow-
13 ing members: two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
14 senate, two members of the house appointed by the speaker of the house, and
15 three public members appointed by the governor. Members of the commission
16 serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses
17 authorized by law for boards and commissions.

18 (c) The Alaska Railroad Negotiating Commission shall initiate discus-
19 sions with the federal government concerning the transfer of ownership of
20 the Alaska Railroad to the state or to private enterprise and concerning
21 additional access to other areas of Alaska not presently served by the
22 Alaska Railroad. The commission shall also initiate discussions with the
23 federal, provincial, and territorial governments of Canada as well as inter-
24 ested private parties concerning the incorporation of the Alaska Railroad
25 into a transcontinental rail system. The commission shall report its find-
26 ings and recommendations concerning the transfer of ownership to the legis-
27 lature as soon as possible or, if the legislature is not in session at the
28 time of the report, to each member of the legislature.

29 (d) The Alaska Railroad Negotiating Commission shall continue until

1 the ownership of the Alaska Railroad is transferred from the federal govern-
2 ment or until it appears to the commission that the ownership will not be
3 transferred.

4 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
5 070(c).

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