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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 156

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the withdrawal of land for a
7 utility corridor for extension of the Alaska Railroad
8 and the preparation of a report evaluating the effect
9 of construction of an extension of the Alaska Rail-
10 road; and providing for an effective date."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 19.05.122(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) Not later than April 1, 1982, the [THE] interior division of
14 the department shall delineate a proposed utility corridor for the
15 extension of the Alaska Railroad to the Canadian border. The proposed
16 utility corridor shall include a complete legal description of the [A
17 DELINEATION OF A] proposed railroad right-of-way.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 19.05.122(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) Within 90 days after receiving a report transmitting the work
20 of the interior division of the department under (a) of this section,
21 the [THE] commissioner shall, in conformity with the Administrative
22 Procedure Act (AS 44.62), if necessary, adopt a regulation approving,
23 modifying, or rejecting the proposed utility corridor and railroad
24 right-of-way.

25 * Sec. 3. AS 19.05.122(c)(1) is amended to read:

26 (1) the Department of Natural Resources shall promptly clas-
27 sify, or reclassify, and reserve any state land within the utility
28 corridor for use as a utility corridor and railroad right-of-way; and
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1 * Sec. 4. AS 19.05.122(c)(2) is amended to read:

2 (2) the department shall

3 (A) exercise its authority under AS 19.05.040 to acquire
4 rights-of-way across land within the utility corridor which is
5 subject to the state's power of condemnation;

6 (B) work with federal officials to secure reclassifica-
7 tion and withdrawal of federal land in the utility corridor for
8 reservations and rights-of-way across the federal land for use as
9 a utility corridor and railroad right-of-way, and

10 (C) prepare a report evaluating the impact of construc-
11 tion of an extension of the Alaska Railroad across federal lands
12 within the railroad right-of-way; the statement shall satisfy the
13 requirements for an "environmental impact statement" under 42
14 U.S.C. 4332.

15 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
16 10.070(c).