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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 158

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 construction of a Knik Arm
7 crossing and related tidal power generation facility;
8 and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that

11 (1) resource and economic development potentials, including
12 potential agricultural and coal development, west of Cook Inlet would be
13 furthered by a direct transportation link to Anchorage and to the statewide
14 rail and highway system;

15 (2) settlement and community development in the Susitna Valley
16 would be greatly enhanced by a shortened transportation distance from
17 Anchorage;

18 (3) a more direct link between Anchorage and the capital site at
19 Willow will provide easier access for most Alaskans and facilitate the
20 operation of state government; and

21 (4) long-range plans call for future construction of a new inter-
22 national airport west of Knik Arm.

23 * Sec. 2. KNIK ARM CROSSING AND TIDAL POWER FACILITY. (a) The Depart-
24 ment of Transportation and Public Facilities shall construct a Knik Arm
25 crossing and related tidal power generation facility as soon as possible.
26 The crossing shall be completed no later than October 1, 1985.

27 (b) Design and construction of the Knik Arm crossing under this section
28 shall provide for integral or later construction of a high-speed rail facil-
29 ity and bicycle paths.

1 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
2 10.070(c).
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