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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 185

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the design and construction of  
7 a Kantishna Highway."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that construction of a  
10 Kantishna Highway will

11 (1) allow the private sector of the state's economy to provide  
12 facilities necessary to serve the increasing numbers of visitors in the  
13 vicinity of Mount McKinley;

14 (2) alleviate the overcrowding currently occurring in Denali  
15 National Park;

16 (3) be totally compatible and complementary to the existing road  
17 through Denali National Park;

18 (4) allow development of year-round resort and outdoor activity  
19 areas north of Denali National Park;

20 (5) provide a reasonable opportunity to visitors to the state  
21 and state residents to view Mount McKinley in its majestic and awesome  
22 splendor;

23 (6) provide greater access to a historic mining region.

24 \* Sec. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE KANTISHNA HIGHWAY. (a)  
25 The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall design and  
26 construct, subject to appropriation, a highway between Lignite and  
27 Kantishna along the route of the Lignite-Stampede Trail to Clearwater Creek  
28 then to the headwater of Clearwater Creek then to the headwater of Upper  
29 Canyon Creek and then along Upper Canyon Creek to Kantishna.

1 (b) Notwithstanding AS 19.10.170(b), the Department of Transportation  
2 and Public Facilities shall prepare the initial design of the Kantishna  
3 Highway.