

SJR

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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

3/24

Rules

FURTHER:

(7)

3/3/82

Date: March 24, 1982

Mr Speaker:

The Committee on TRANSPORTATION has had SJR 53am(title)

Requesting the National Park Service to improve an old mining road through the north addition to Denali National Park and Preserve and to extend the road to the Denali Park Road at Wonder Lake-Kantishna.

under consideration and ~~{a-majority-of-the-committee}~~-~~(the-committee)~~--- reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back ^{with individual} ~~without~~ recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

[Signature]
[Signature] *Shaw*

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Jim Ludcliffe *NO REC*
J. Duncan *no Rec*
Butte Cato *- no Rec*

Butte Cato

CHAIRMAN

March 24, 1982

Representative Jack Fuller, Chairman
House Rules Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
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Dear Chairman Fuller:

We are writing with regard to Senate Joint Resolution No. 53am presently before the rules Committee. We hope you will oppose this resolution, as it would put the State on record in support of an unjustifiable road project. The argument used to support this resolution is that a one-way loop road would reduce the problem that caused last year's fatal accident.

First, it is not even clear that there is a problem in regard to the Denali Park road. As a result of their investigation last year, the Federal Highway Transportation Safety Board concluded that the accident was caused by driver error. The study showed that the road shoulder had not collapsed, but rather the bus was driven off the road.

Even if one concluded that there was a road problem, a new road through Denali Park would have no effect on the safety of the existing road. The new road would pass through important wolf, moose, and caribou habitat, cost tens of millions of public dollars, and require an Act of Congress to pass through Denali Park Wilderness.

It is also important to note that the Stampede Mine referred to in the resolution is no longer a working mine, but is actually owned by the National Park Service. The site is now used by the University of Alaska as a classroom for mining techniques under a cooperative agreement with the Park Service.

This resolution is not worth spending the full House's time on, so we hope that you will not pass it on. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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HOLD for SJR 53

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SJR 53 ^{conservation groups} passed out of TPSP today

ludicrous
only McCutcheon wants
assumes road caused accident — but
ruling was that it was & river-related
better to improve existing road
than do anything w/ it — make
state look silly

Hayes — 3-25
"Bury it"