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Mary Van Nimwegen

HC+RA	3-25-85	3:00 P.M.
	1-21-85	3:07 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE

3/27

(7)

FURTHER: Finance

1/14/85

Date: _____

The Committee on Community and Regional Affairs has had HB 36

"An Act making a special appropriation for payment as a grant to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to provide road access to Willow Creek and to provide parking, camping, and boat launch facilities; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and recommends:

- 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 *Sup 36*
 Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

Phil Jones

W. Furness

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

F. Kayhalla *NO REC*

CRANE *N.L.*

Mr. ...

A. ... *DO NOT USE*

Phil Jones

CHAIRMAN

Introduced: 1/14/85
Referred: Community & Regional Affairs
and Finance

<u>Funding Information</u>	
General Fund	\$2,600,000
Other Funds	-0-
	<u>\$2,600,000</u>

HB 86

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY LARSON AND HURLEY

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HOUSE BILL NO. 36

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation for payment as

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a grant to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to provide

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road access to Willow Creek and to provide parking,

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camping, and boat launch facilities; and providing

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for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. The sum of \$2,600,000 is appropriated from the general

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fund for payment as a grant to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to provide

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road access to Willow Creek, and to provide parking, camping, and boat

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launch facilities.

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* Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this Act shall be disbursed in

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accordance with AS 37.05.315.

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* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-

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10.070(c).

HB 36: ROAD AND FACILITIES ON WILLOW CREEK

Background Information:

Willow Creek is a major point of access for the Susitna River area fishery. In the past several years, the use of this stream to access the Deshka - Kroto Creek area, Lake Creek and other streams which are of high interest to sport fishermen has increased dramatically. For the past two years those people who use Willow Creek to launch their boats to get to the Susitna River and hence other destinations of interest, has increased to the point where travel on this stream between the Parks Highway and the Susitna River has become extremely hazardous. There have been several instances when boats traveling this section of Willow Creek have been forced to literally hit the bank to avoid a collision with another boat.

HB 36 asks for a special appropriation to allow the construction of a road to the confluence of Willow Creek and the Susitna River. Also it would provide for the construction of parking and camping facilities, as well as a boat launching area. This is a high priority project with the Matanuska - Susitna Borough. It will greatly alleviate the dangerous situation which now exists on Willow Creek in relation to the heavy boat traffic it is now receiving and it will help the tourist industry in the area. Also, as a side benefit, it may help reduce the pressure on the Kenai by providing a viable alternative to those fisheries.

the 100 foot ROW between Pittman Road and Lucille Road. It is a western extension of west Bogard. This particular project will provide for the PSE, ROW and utility location for 6.8 miles.

Wasilla Palmer Fishhooks Connector - PSE, ROW, and Utilities
(300,000)

This project would be the third and most northerly east-west road in the Borough with the other two being the Parks Highway and the Pittman Bogard Connector. Bogard Road to the south, Wasilla Fishhook Road to the northwest and the Palmer Fishhook to the northeast comprise a triangle which includes about 19 square miles. The connection between the two Fishhooks will be an east-west road that would open up the interior of this area, and would eventually be a middle link and a highway route that would run from Mile 52.4 of the Glenn Highway to Seavack Road. It would not be expected to carry a very large traffic load compared to the other two east-west road systems; however, it is necessary to provide efficient circulation within the area. This project allows for the design work, the ROW acquisition and utility relocation for that project.

Willow Creek-Big Su Access, Phase II Construction
(2,329,400)

The sum of 600,000 was appropriated by the 1982 legislature to the Borough to construct a road from the Parks Highway to the mouth of Willow Creek. That money was used to design and construct the first 2.5 miles of road into the area. The last 1.8 miles cross much more difficult ground and is more costly to build than the first two miles. The amount requested for this project will complete construction of the road to the mouth of Willow Creek, provide for a six-lane boat launch area and parking. Future projects will request funding to pave the road and parking lot. This is a high priority project for the Borough as it is a major tourist attraction destination. This project will also help relieve the fishing pressure on the Kenai by providing more access to good fishing locations.

Local Service Roads and Bridge Upgrades (2,000,000)

This project requests funds to upgrade small local roads throughout the Borough. The emphasis on this project is to get the people "out of the mud". Bridge work is needed in several locations in order for our agricultural disposals to become successful. This money will be used on an areawide basis to cover those projects outside the local road service area capability to handle. This project will benefit numerous citizens in their day-to-day lives.



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