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Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

House Transportation Committee

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May 5, 1988

COMMITTEE CALENDAR:

SCR 63: Urging the Governor to establish the Alaska Railroad depot at Nenana as the official museum for the Alaska Railroad and a state historical site.

FOR THIS MEETING, YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN:

- item #1: SCR 63
- #2: a statement from Senator Jack Cochill
- #3: fiscal note - Depart. of Comm. & Econ. Dev.
- #4: resolutions of support - AK Railroad Corp.

Senator John B. (Jack) Coghill
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TO: House Transportation Committee Members
FROM: Senator Jack Coghill
DATE: May 5, 1988
RE: SCR 63, URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH THE ALASKA RAILROAD DEPOT AT NENANA AS THE OFFICIAL MUSEUM FOR THE ALASKA RAILROAD AND A STATE HISTORICAL SITE.

THE ORIGINAL ALASKA RAILROAD DEPOT LOCATED IN NENANA, HAS GREAT HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE STATE, TO THE RAILROAD, TO THE CITY OF NENANA, TO THE PUBLIC AND TO TOURISM. LET ME GIVE YOU A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NENANA DEPOT.

IN 1914, PRES. WILSON SIGNED A BILL AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A FEDERALLY OWNED RAILROAD BETWEEN FAIRBANKS AND THE COAST.

NENANA WAS CHOSEN AS THE NORTHERN CONSTRUCTION BASE FOR THE RAILROAD.

ON JULY 15, 1923, PRES. WARREN HARDING DROVE THE "GOLDEN SPIKE" AT NENANA TO SIGNIFY COMPLETION OF THE ALASKA RAILROAD, AND A MONUMENT WAS ERECTED NEARBY TO HONOR THE EVENT.

THE OLD ALASKA RAILROAD DEPOT AT NENANA WAS BUILT IN 1918 AND HAS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY DEPOT REMAINING FROM THE ORIGINAL RAILROAD SYSTEM.

THE NENANA DEPOT WAS PLACED ON THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES IN AUGUST OF 1977.

THE TRANSFER OF THE ALASKA RAILROAD FROM FEDERAL TO STATE OWNERSHIP WAS SIGNED IN NENANA ON JANUARY 6th, 1985.

THE RAILROAD DONATED THE DEPOT TO THE CITY OF NENANA TO BE PRESERVED FOR HISTORIC PURPOSES AND CONVERSION TO A MUSEUM FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN MARCH OF 1987.

SCR 63 TIES TOGETHER FEDERAL, ARRC, AND STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NENANA DEPOT AS A HISTORIC RAILROAD SITE AND MUSEUM.

THERE IS NO COST TO THE STATE FOR THIS HISTORICAL DESIGNATION, BUT IT WILL ASSIST IN OBTAINING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HISTORICAL SITES RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH IN TURN WILL BENEFIT TOURISM AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

YOUR SUPPORT OF SCR 63 IS ENCOURAGED.

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STATE OF ALASKA
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: SCR 63
PUBLISH DATE: _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Alaska Railroad Corp.
Title: Historical railroad site/museum BRU: _____
Sponsor: Senate Resources Committee Components: _____
Requestor: Senate Transportation Committee

EXPENDITURES / REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared by: James B. Blasingame, Dir. of Administration Phone: 265-2403
Division: Alaska Railroad Corporation Date: April 25, 1988

Approved by Commissioner: J. Anthony Smith Commissioner Date: 11-21-88
Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development

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ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION



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Resolution 87-5

Relating to the Donation of the Nenana Depot to the City of Nenana

WHEREAS, the Nenana Depot, located in Nenana, Alaska, was built in 1922 as the northernmost terminus of the Alaska Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation is the owner of the Nenana Depot located in Nenana, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Depot was placed on the Federal Register of National Historic Places on August 10, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation desires to have the building preserved for historic purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nenana is now leasing the building and desires to own the building to preserve its historical significance and convert it to a museum for the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation hereby donates the Nenana Depot to the City of Nenana with the stipulation that its historical significance be preserved. The President and CEO and his designees are authorized to negotiate, execute, and finalize documents necessary to transfer title of this building consistent with the terms of this resolution.

Adopted by the Board of Directors
March 16, 1987

ARRC RESOLUTION 87-5 DONATING NENANA DEPOT

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Resolution 87-6

Relating to the Donation of a Locomotive Bell to the City of Nenana

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation has surplused a bell from a steam locomotive that is estimated to be 45 years old; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nenana is developing a historic museum and desires pieces of Railroad equipment which have historic significance to the Railroad and the City of Nenana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation hereby donates one locomotive bell to the City of Nenana with the proviso that it be placed in their museum for the enjoyment of the general public and that it be returned to the Corporation should the City of Nenana have no further use for it.

Adopted by the Board of Directors
March 16, 1987

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Mary Van Nimwegen

H. TRANS.

5-5-88

1:30 p.m.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 4/30/88

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: May 5th 1988

The Transportation Committee has considered SCR 63

Urging the Governor to establish the Alaska Railroad depot at Nenana as the official museum for the Alaska Railroad and a state historical site.

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with _____ the same title
- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):

- fiscal impact same as previous fiscal note published _____
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

Mike Miller

Jimmie Springer

Bette Carter

D.A. Pender

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bette Carter
Chairman's signature

