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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 5-DAY NOTICE _____
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER

**FISCAL NOTE(S) MUST BE ATTACHED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE _____

3/17/89

Mr. President:

_____ Finance _____ Committee considered _____ SB 224

making appropriations from the Railbelt energy fund and appropriating federal project matching funds for railbelt economic investment projects; efd

and recommended:

replace with CS _____ same title
 attached amendment(s) and new title

_____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

Bill died in committee.

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

FISCAL NOTE(S) attached zero
 appropriation no FN attached

fiscal impact
 Gov. FN introduced w/ bill

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee backup attached

Introduced: 3/17/89
Referred: Finance

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Funding Information

General Fund	\$ -0-
Railbelt Energy Fund	150,382,900
Other Funds	2,000,000
	<u>\$152,382,000</u>

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 224

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making appropriations from the Railbelt
7 energy fund and appropriating federal project match-
8 ing funds for railbelt economic investment projects;
9 and providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
12 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Education, Alaska Vocation-
13 al Technical Center, for dormitories.

14 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
15 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
16 for promotion of the 1992 Alcan anniversary.

17 * Sec. 3. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
18 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for a grant
19 under AS 37.05.315 to the City of Seward for the upgrade of the
20 Seward-Dave's Creek transmission line.

21 * Sec. 4. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
22 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for
23 cadastral land surveying in the railbelt region.

24 * Sec. 5. The sum of \$15,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
25 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Transportation and Public
26 Facilities for Hatcher Pass Ski Area access road improvements and associ-
27 ated costs.

28 * Sec. 6. The sum of \$175,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
29 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for costs

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1 associated with Hatcher Pass Ski Area development.

2 * Sec. 7. The sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
3 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Transportation and Public
4 Facilities for improvements to the Glenn Highway between mile post 54 and
5 the proposed Wishbone Hill coal mine access site at mile post 56.

6 * Sec. 8. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
7 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Transportation and Public
8 Facilities for the City of Homer harbor float reconstruction.

9 * Sec. 9. The sum of \$6,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
10 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Transportation and Public
11 Facilities to repair or reconstruct the breakwaters at Whittier.

12 * Sec. 10. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
13 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Transportation and Public
14 Facilities for roadside facility construction and enhancements.

15 * Sec. 11. The sum of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
16 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the University of Alaska for a sci-
17 ence/research building in Fairbanks.

18 * Sec. 12. The sum of \$34,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
19 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation for
20 deposit to the Science and Technology Foundation Endowment.

21 * Sec. 13. The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of
22 Community and Regional Affairs for a Job Corp Training Center facility
23 renovation and residential housing construction from the following sources:

24	Federal Receipts	\$2,000,000
25	Railbelt Energy Fund (AS 37.05.520)	1,000,000

26 * Sec. 14. The sum of \$800,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
27 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Transportation and Public Facil-
28 ities for the village of Port Graham dock construction.

29 * Sec. 15. The sum of \$3,200,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt

1 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Environmental Conservation
2 under AS 46.03.030 for a grant to the Municipality of Anchorage for a wa-
3 ter-reservoir and distribution project to service the industrial area at
4 the Anchorage International Airport.

5 * Sec. 16. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
6 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for a grant under
7 AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for construction of a
8 footbridge at Ship Creek Overlook Park.

9 * Sec. 17. The sum of \$11,400,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
10 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for a grant
11 under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for completion of the
12 Spenard Road upgrade.

13 * Sec. 18. The sum of \$17,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
14 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the University of Alaska for a laborato-
15 ry/classroom building in Anchorage.

16 * Sec. 19. The sum of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt
17 energy fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Commerce and Economic
18 Development for matching funds for competitive winter sports facilities.

19 * Sec. 20. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
20 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for grants under
21 AS 41.35.040 for historic preservation projects.

22 * Sec. 21. The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
23 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for the opera-
24 tion of the Alaska Conservation Corps program.

25 * Sec. 22. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
26 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for the develop-
27 ment of highway interpretive signs.

28 * Sec. 23. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
29 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for trail heads,
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1 shelters, and a cabin at the Chena River State Recreation Area.

2 * Sec. 24. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
3 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for facilities
4 rehabilitation and improvements at the Chena River State Recreation Site.

5 * Sec. 25. The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
6 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for completion
7 of the Chena Hot Springs Winter Trail.

8 * Sec. 26. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
9 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for payment as a
10 grant under AS 37.05.316 to the Fairbanks Historic Preservation Foundation
11 for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Riverboat Nenana.

12 * Sec. 27. The sum of \$653,500 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
13 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for reconstruc-
14 tion and expansion of the Anchor River State Recreation Area and construc-
15 tion of a campground at Bing's Landing.

16 * Sec. 28. The sum of \$114,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
17 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for payment as a
18 grant under AS 37.05.315 to the City of Homer for design and construction
19 of the Kachemak Bay State Park gateway building and visitor center facil-
20 ities.

21 * Sec. 29. The sum of \$95,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
22 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for payment as a
23 grant under AS 37.05.315 to the City of Kenai for development of the Old
24 Town Viewing Area.

25 * Sec. 30. The sum of \$137,500 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
26 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for payment as a
27 grant under AS 37.05.315 to the City of Soldotna for development of the
28 Kenai River public boat ramp and parking area.

29 * Sec. 31. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
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1 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for facilities
2 rehabilitation and improvements at the Finger Lake Recreation Site.

3 * Sec. 32. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
4 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for development
5 of road access to the Willow Creek State Recreation Area.

6 * Sec. 33. The sum of \$336,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
7 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for improvement
8 of access points to the Eagle River Greenbelt.

9 * Sec. 34. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
10 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for facilities
11 rehabilitation and improvements at the Eagle River Visitor Center building.

12 * Sec. 35. The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
13 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for Turnagain
14 Arm scenic corridor improvements.

15 * Sec. 36. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
16 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for public
17 toilets and public drinking water systems in Chugach State Park.

18 * Sec. 37. The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
19 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for design of
20 the Toilsome Drive By-Pass Road in Chugach State Park.

21 * Sec. 38. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
22 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Natural Resources for joint cost-
23 sharing projects with the U.S. Forest Service in the Chugach National
24 Forest.

25 * Sec. 39. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy
26 fund (AS 37.05.520) to the Department of Administration for payment as a
27 grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for stream reha-
28 bilitation projects in the amounts listed:

29 Rehabilitation of Fish, Campbell,
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STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

March 17, 1989

The Honorable Tim Kelly
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an appropriation bill to improve the economic well-being of Alaska's railbelt communities. The concept for this legislation was originally outlined in my state of the state address on January 10, 1989. These appropriations were not included in the budget bill because a thorough review of the recommendations of the State Recovery Committee and of other projects was necessary before setting out these uses of the Railbelt Energy Fund and related federal money.

Alaska's railbelt communities have been hard hit by the economic downturn these past two years. Although the state's economy is improving, the state can strengthen that recovery by investing in economic development projects that will lead to stable, long-term activity. The Railbelt Energy Fund was established to assist communities in the railbelt with projects that would spread economic benefits throughout the area over a long period of time. So it is appropriate now to use the fund for the economic development projects described in this bill.

Accordingly, I am proposing that the Railbelt Energy Fund be used as the "Railbelt Investment Fund," and that \$116.4 million be used in FY90 for projects that will provide long-term benefit to the railbelt communities. Additionally, \$34 million is to be deposited in the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation endowment to further promote Alaska's economic development.


Projects included in this legislation have been selected according to the following criteria: The project

1. is in the railbelt area
2. provides a reasonable prospect of supporting or facilitating permanent, long-term economic benefit to the state

3. replaces or rehabilitates an existing infrastructure that supports the state's current economic base
4. eliminates or reduces ongoing maintenance and operation costs currently funded with state money
5. provides for, promotes, or enhances a new or growing primary specific economic activity
6. enhances natural resources to improve the state's competitive position or otherwise stimulate new economic growth
7. shows potential to leverage non-state investment, including local, federal, and private money
8. develops the necessary infrastructure to improve the state's competitive position in international and domestic markets by providing access to resources, lowering transportation costs, or improving essential services
9. enhances the state's competitiveness through education and training of Alaska's work force.

Additional material pertaining to the projects proposed for funding under this bill will be furnished to the legislature by my staff. I urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,



Steve Cowper
Governor