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Relating to the development of national and state parks.

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

WHEREAS Mount McKinley National Park is the oldest national park in Alaska and encompasses the northern and western flanks of the Denali massif; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn federal lands to the south of Mount McKinley National Park for inclusion within the park under authority of the Antiquities Act; and

WHEREAS the Secretary's withdrawals abut lands selected by the State of Alaska and included within the Denali State Park by Act of the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS Mount McKinley National Park and Denali State Park are major tourist attractions offering unparalleled opportunities for views of North America's highest peak, wildlife, and for recreational uses; and

WHEREAS the Mount McKinley National Park - Denali State Park units are centrally located between Alaska's principal cities, readily accessible by both road and rail, and present a significant challenge for joint planning involving the National Park Service and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS the planning and development of access and facilities for tourism and recreational use on the south flank of Denali, and the provision of headquarters facilities for both the federal and state agencies concerned with McKinley Park - Denali Park resource management, offer one opportunity to develop the economy of the northern portion of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses further consideration of the concept of a recreational complex in the Denali State Park and Mt. McKinley National Park area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to initiate discussions with the National Park Service regarding the joint planning of national and state parks after resolution of the Alaska lands issue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a special committee be appointed to include a member appointed by the president of the senate, a member appointed by the speaker of the house, and a member appointed by the governor, to meet periodically to review, propose, and recommend contracts or agreements for study and research concerning potential park and recreational development in the Denali State Park - Mt. McKinley National Park area, serve as a point of contact for parties interested in park and recreational development opportunities for this area, and continue efforts to secure joint planning for the national park and the state park under a master plan involving both units; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee complete a report of its work with recommendations and present it to the Twelfth State Legislature not later than January 20, 1981.