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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE NAT-**
4 **URAL GAS PIPELINE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPURTENANCE.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “appur-

8 tenance” includes cathodic protection or test

1 stations, valves, signage, and buried commu-
2 nication and electric cables relating to the oper-
3 ation of high-pressure natural gas transmission.

4 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “appur-
5 tenance” does not include compressor stations.

6 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Denali
7 National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (b) PERMIT.—The Secretary may issue right-of-way
11 permits for—

12 (1) a high-pressure natural gas transmission
13 pipeline (including appurtenances) in nonwilderness
14 areas within the boundary of Denali National Park
15 within, along, or near the approximately 7-mile seg-
16 ment of the George Parks Highway that runs
17 through the Park; and

18 (2) any distribution and transmission pipelines
19 and appurtenances that the Secretary determines to
20 be necessary to provide natural gas supply to the
21 Park.

22 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit authorized
23 under subsection (b)—

24 (1) may be issued only—

1 (A) if the permit is consistent with the
2 laws (including regulations) generally applicable
3 to utility rights-of-way within units of the Na-
4 tional Park System;

5 (B) in accordance with section 1106(a) of
6 the Alaska National Interest Lands Conserva-
7 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 3166(a)); and

8 (C) if, following an appropriate analysis
9 prepared in compliance with the National Envi-
10 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
11 et seq.), the route of the right-of-way is the
12 route through the Park with the least adverse
13 environmental effects for the Park; and

14 (2) shall be subject to such terms and condi-
15 tions as the Secretary determines to be necessary.