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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES April 1 (logislavive day, March 31), 1941

By Mr. Tydings (by request)

A BILL

Authorizing the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company to convey to the United States its railroad right-of-way and other railroad properties in Alaska, for use as a public highway, tramread, or tramway, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company, or any of its successors in interest or assigns, is hereby authorized to give and convey to the United States of America.

(1) all or any portion of its railroad right-of-way acquired under grants made by Congress or otherwise, including station and terminal grounds and lands used as sites for railroad structures or purposes of any kind, and (2) equipment, including telephone and telegraph poles and lines, ties, rails, relling stock, bridges, buildings, and other proporties in Alaska used in connection with the construction maintenance, and operation of the railroad.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to accept, on behalf of the United States and without cost to the United States, gifts and conveyances of said properties to be used, operated, and maintained, as far as may be practicable or necessary, as a public highway, trampond, or trampay under the provisions of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 116), notwithstanding anything within any Act to the contrary, and to dispose of such of said properties or parts thereof, under rules and regulations prescribed by him, as may not be needed in the repair, operation, and maintenance of the highway, trampond, or trampay, the proceeds from the disposition of such properties be available until expended for the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads, trampays, ferries, bridges, trails, and other works in the Territory of Alaska under the provisions of the said Act of June 30, 1932

SEC. 3. The provisions of the Act of March 5, 1922 (42 Stat. 414), shall not affect the right-of-way, or any portion thereof, or any other loads or proporties donated, granted, or conveyed to the United States of purpose to the authorization contained in this Act.