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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipeline transportation utility systems in non-wilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park and Preserve.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Denali National Park
5 and Preserve Natural Gas Pipeline Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) APPURTENANCE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “appur-
2 tenance” includes cathodic protection or test
3 stations, valves, signage, and buried commu-
4 nication and electric cables.

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

7 (2) NATURAL GAS.—The term “natural gas”
8 means any hydrocarbons (other than oil) that are
9 transported by the pipelines described in section
10 3(b).

11 (3) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Denali
12 National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska.

13 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Re-
15 gional Director of the National Park Service for
16 Alaska.

17 **SEC. 3. PERMIT FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion of law, as soon as practicable after the date of enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue in non-wilder-
21 ness areas within the boundary of the park right-of-way
22 permits for proposed natural gas pipelines, as described
23 in subsection (b).

24 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PIPELINES.—The proposed nat-
25 ural gas pipelines referred to in subsection (a) are—

1 (1) the high-pressure transmission pipeline lo-
2 cated within, along, or near approximately 7 miles of
3 the George Parks Highway;

4 (2) pipeline system appurtenances; and

5 (3) any distribution and transmission pipelines
6 needed to serve the Park.

7 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit issued
8 under subsection (a) shall be—

9 (1) issued consistent with terms and conditions
10 generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within
11 units of the National Park System; and

12 (2) subject to any reasonable terms and condi-
13 tions that the Secretary determines to be necessary
14 for conservation of Park resources.

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