

Finance Committee Testimony at 1:45 PM April 5, 2013
RE HB 31

Honorable Chairmen:

~~Mr. Chairman~~ and Committee members, I am Stuart Thompson of District 10, a private Alaskan citizen and voter. I am here to testify concerning HB31 under the dominate authority of Alaska Constitution Article I, Sections 1&2. Start of my prepared 2 Minute testimony.

Per legislative rules, your committee's responsibility is to evaluate the fiscal efficacy of HB 31. The Education Committee has already evaluated and verified its educational efficacy. So is the American Constitutionalism History Literacy Act financially worth making law? I testify as follows that it is.

The Legislature is charged with competently directing payment of Alaska government bills, and intelligently investing public money in constitutionally established avenues like education. Education is an investment because it can return many times the value of what's put into it. One of the greatest returns education delivers is the individual and cooperative ability to resolve problems that hinder quality of life. This bill addresses chronically unresolved problems of our state and nation by targeting the constitutional illiteracy and the lack of discipline at using our political heritage that propagates them.

These problems include national bankruptcy; runaway national unemployment; national economic addiction to defense spending that makes military adventurism a necessity; a pathetic loss of ability to harness science to stimulate economic diversity; vulnerability to super-corporation bullying and blackmail because they are too big to truly enforce law on or to do without (like the oil companies in Alaska); mediocre skill development of America's people—making corporate, business and individual welfare a necessity; etc., etc.

Constitutionalism, the multi-partisan discipline it engenders, and our political heritage represent an overflowing vault of problem-solving riches. Yet this treasure is being treated by our state and nation—using Christ's analogy—like pearls cast before swine. Passing this bill will help create citizens and leaders who are truly capable of ensuring government of the People, by the People, and for the People shall not ~~perish~~ perish from this earth from the awful terrorism of ignorance.

Thank you for your attention. On request, I can testify further about constitutional illiteracy and repudiation of our political heritage—~~demonstrated even within Alaska's legislature~~. Good luck on your deliberations.

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