ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Hon. William A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your Committee on Style and Drafting herewith presents its
redraft of the Article on Finance and Taxation for consideration by
the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sundborg, Chairman
R. Rolland Armstrong
Edward V. Davis
Victor Fischer
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Style and Drafting/Article IX
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

ARTICLE IX

FINANCE AND TAXATION

Section 1. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered. This power shall not be suspended or contracted away, except as provided in this article.

Section 2. The lands and other property belonging to citizens of the United States residing without the State shall never be taxed at a higher rate than the lands and other property belonging to the residents of the State.

Section 3. Standards for appraisal of all property assessed by the State or its political subdivisions shall be prescribed by law.

Section 4. The real and personal property of the State or its political subdivisions is exempt from taxation under conditions and exceptions which may be provided by law. All or any portion of property used exclusively for non-profit religious, charitable, cemetery or educational purposes, as defined by law,
is exempt from taxation. Other exemptions of like or
different kind may be granted by general law. All valid
existing exemptions are retained until otherwise
provided by law.

Section 5. Private leaseholds, contracts, or
other interests in land or property owned or held by
the United States, the State or its political sub-
divisions, shall be taxable to the extent of the
interests.

Section 6. No tax shall be levied or appropriation
of public money made or public property transferred,
nor shall the public credit be used, except for a public
purpose.

Section 7. The proceeds of any state tax or
license shall not be dedicated to any special purpose,
except when required by the federal government for
state participation in federal programs. This pro-
vision shall not prohibit the continuance of any
dedication for special purposes existing upon the date
of ratification of this constitution by the people of
Alaska.

Section 8. No state debt shall be contracted
unless authorized for capital improvements by a
majority vote in each house of the legislature with
ratification by a majority of the qualified voters
Local Debts

Section 9. No debt shall be contracted by any political subdivision of the State unless authorized for capital improvements by its governing body with ratification by a majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting on the question.

Interim Borrowing

Section 10. The State and its political subdivisions may borrow money to meet appropriations for any fiscal year in anticipation of the collection of the revenues of that year, but all debt so contracted shall be paid before the end of the next fiscal year.

Exceptions

Section 11. The restrictions on contracting debt do not apply to debt incurred through the issuance of revenue bonds by a public enterprise or public corporation of the state or political subdivision when the only security is the revenues of the enterprise or corporation. The restrictions do not apply to indebtedness to be paid from special assessments on the benefited property nor do they...
Section 12. The governor shall submit to the legislature, at a time fixed by law, a budget for the next fiscal year setting forth all proposed expenditures and anticipated income of all departments, offices and agencies of the State. The governor at the same time shall submit a general appropriation bill to authorize the proposed expenditures, and a bill or bills covering recommendations in the budget for new or additional revenues.

Section 13. No money shall be withdrawn from the treasury except in accordance with appropriations made by law. No obligation for the payment of money shall be incurred except as authorized by law. Unobligated appropriations outstanding at the end of the period of time specified by law shall be void.

Section 14. The legislature shall appoint an auditor to serve at its pleasure. He shall be a certified public accountant. The auditor shall conduct post-audits as prescribed by law and shall report to the legislature and to the governor.

Section 15. The debts and liabilities of the Territory of Alaska shall be assumed and paid by the State, and debts owed to the Territory shall be collected by the State. Assets of the Territory shall become assets of the State.
AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 9 (Article IX)

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 9 (IX) be amended as follows:

Section 8, page 3, line 2, strike "by law" and substitute "as provided by law and without ratification".

Section 15, page 4, line 26, after "assets" and substitute "the property".

Page 2, line 10, insert a comma after "levied" and on line 11, insert a comma after the word "made".

Page 3, line 25, drop one "t" from "benefited".

Section 8, page 2, lines 23 and 24, strike "a majority vote in each house of the legislature" and insert in lieu thereof the word "law".

Section 5, line 6, strike the word "other".
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| Exemptions | Section 4. The real and personal property of the State or its political subdivisions is exempt from taxation under conditions and exceptions which may be provided by law. All or any portion of property used exclusively for non-profit religious, charitable, cemetery or educational purposes, as defined by law, |
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majority vote in each house of the legislature with
ratification by a majority of the qualified voters
of the State who vote on the question. The State may
by law contract debt for the purpose of repelling
invasion, suppressing insurrection, defending the
State in war, meeting natural catastrophes, or re­
deeming indebtedness outstanding at the time this
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Budget

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Legislative Post-audit

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Section 15, page 4, line 26, after "assets" insert "and records."

Line 27, strike "assets" and substitute "property."
AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 7x

MR. PRESIDENT:

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Section 8, page 2, lines 23 & 24
strike: "a majority vote in each house of the legislature" & insert in lieu thereof the word "law"