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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

SENATE BILL NO. 126

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to create a Legislative Resources, Industry and Commerce Committee; prescribing its powers and duties; and declaring an emergency."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. PURPOSE; CREATION OF COMMITTEE. Recognizing the great importance of legislation that will advance the commerce and prosperity of Alaska, and the need for information through which an adequate legislative program can be developed, there is hereby established a joint interim legislative committee of the Alaska Legislature to be called the Resources, Commerce and Industry Committee.

Sec. 2. COMMITTEE; MEMBERSHIP. The Resources, Commerce and Industry Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) shall consist of three Senators and three Representatives who shall be jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House within ten days after the passage and approval of this Act, and thereafter prior to the adjournment of each succeeding Legislature. Whenever possible, the membership shall include at least one member from each judicial division and at least two members from each of the two major political parties. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed, unless any membership is vacant by virtue of failure of the member to return as a member of the next succeeding Legislature. Any vacancies

1 occurring in the membership shall be filled by a majority vote of
2 the Committee.

3 Sec. 3. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Committee to
4 collect information on the natural resources of Alaska and their
5 utilization, both present and prospective; examine the needs for
6 Federal and Territorial legislation to advance the commerce and
7 industry of Alaska with due regard to the conservation of Alaska's
8 natural resources; and to prepare a legislative program for sub-
9 mission to the next succeeding session of the Legislature of the
10 Territory of Alaska.

11 Sec. 4. POWERS. The Committee shall have power to organize
12 and adopt rules for the conduct of its business; to hire an
13 executive director and such other economists, engineers, clerical
14 and other employees as it deems necessary, and fix their compensa-
15 tion; to make reports to the Legislature from time to time as in
16 its opinion will aid in accomplishing a coordinated and economi-
17 cally efficient development of Alaska.

18 Sec. 5. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS. The Committee shall: (a)
19 encourage and conduct research on such subjects as labor, trans-
20 portation, markets, power, laws and regulations affecting business,
21 taxes and other factors influencing economic development which
22 can be improved by legislative action; (b) provide advice and
23 technical assistance to business and labor and bring to the
24 attention of the Legislature those significant problems which can
25 be relieved by legislative action; (c) perform such other
26 functions as in its opinion will aid in the economic development
27 of Alaska, and report to the Legislature for action where appro-
28 priate.

29 Sec. 6. The Committee shall meet as often as may be

1 necessary to perform its duties, but shall meet at least twice
2 each year. The Committee may meet at any time and at any place
3 within the Territory, which it deems necessary or desirable.

4 Sec. 7. EXPENSES. Members of the Committee shall receive
5 no salary, but shall be entitled to transportation and per diem
6 at the rates provided by law.

7 Sec. 8. Funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act
8 shall be set forth in the general appropriation bill.

9 Sec. 9. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this
10 Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and
11 approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval.