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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 70
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating an Alaska-Japan Trade Com-
7 mission; and providing for an effective
8 date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The economic future of Alaska is based
11 upon its natural resources. The distances and costs of transpor-
12 tation in commerce with the other states make it imperative that
13 Alaska develop trade in other areas of the world if early and
14 substantial growth is to be attained. Japan and the Far East
15 comprise the only existing potential market for the raw materials
16 of the state and, with the low cost of water transportation, the
17 import of certain finished products from Japan and the Far East
18 can create a balance of trade. For the purpose of stimulating
19 and expanding trade with Japan and the Far East it is considered
20 necessary that a commission be created.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 44.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

22 ARTICLE 7.

23 Sec. 44.45.180. ALASKA-JAPAN TRADE COMMISSION. There
24 is created an Alaska-Japan Trade Commission in the Department
25 of Economic Development and Planning.

26 Sec. 44.45.190. COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF OFFICE. (a)
27 The commission consists of 12 members who, unless otherwise
28 provided for in (b) of this section, are appointed by the
29 governor for overlapping three-year terms.

- 1 (b) The governor shall appoint to the commission
2 (1) the commissioner of economic development and
3 planning, who shall serve as its permanent chairman,
4 (2) three members of the legislature, not to ex-
5 ceed two from any one political party, for terms not to
6 extend beyond their terms of office,
7 (3) a representative of organized labor,
8 (4) a member of the state Chamber of Commerce,
9 (5) a person affiliated with the mining industry,
10 (6) a person affiliated with the timber industry,
11 (7) a person affiliated with the tourism industry,
12 (8) a person affiliated with banking,
13 (9) a person affiliated with the surface transpor-
14 tation industry,
15 (10) a person affiliated with the air transporta-
16 tion industry.

17 Sec. 44.45.200. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, OR EXPENSES.
18 Members of the commission, except the chairman, are not
19 entitled to a salary, per diem, reimbursement for travel or
20 other expenses from the state.

21 Sec. 44.45.210. ORGANIZATION AND MEETING OF THE COMMIS-
22 SION. Within 30 days after the appointment of all members
23 the commission shall meet at a time and place agreed upon by
24 a majority of the members through correspondence to elect
25 from the membership a vice chairman and such other officers
26 as they consider necessary, and to establish policy and rules
27 to govern the commission. Seven members constitute a quorum
28 to do business.

29 Sec. 44.45.220. DUTIES. The commission shall

1 (1) explore and stimulate the possibility of ex-
2 panding existing trade with Japan and other non-Communist
3 nations of the Far East,

4 (2) make an annual report of their findings and
5 recommendations to the legislature during the first week of
6 each legislative session.

7 Sec. 44.45.230. POWERS. The commission may

8 (1) elect subcommittees of any number of members
9 to collect information and to travel to Japan and other
10 nations of the Far East to carry out its duties,

11 (2) request the Department of Economic Develop-
12 ment and Planning to furnish the secretarial service and
13 materials necessary to carry out its duties.

14 Sec. 44.45.240. LIMITATION OF POWERS. The state is
15 not liable on any contract or other agreement entered into
16 by the commission or one of its members, nor is the state
17 responsible for any tort or crime committed by the commission
18 or one of its members.

19 Sec. 44.45.250. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 190 - 250 of
20 this chapter "commission" means the Alaska-Japan Trade Com-
21 mission.

22 * Sec. 3. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS. Of the eight commission
23 members described in sec. 190(b)(3) - (10) the governor shall
24 appoint two for an initial term of one year, three for an initial
25 term of two years, and three for an initial term of three years.

26 * Sec. 4. AS 44.45.020(a) is amended by adding a new clause
27 to read:

28 (14) furnish to the Alaska-Japan Trade Commission
29 the secretarial services and materials it may request to

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carry out its functions under secs. 180 - 250 of this chapter.

* Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.