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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 489

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a joint committee of the legisla-  
7 ture to meet with executive branch officials to review  
8 and report on the effect of proposed federal budget  
9 reductions on programs that benefit the people of the  
10 state; and providing for an effective date."

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

12 \* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

13 (1) proposed reductions in federal appropriations will sharply  
14 reduce financial support for programs and services provided to residents  
15 throughout the state;

16 (2) these reductions may not be announced or implemented by the  
17 federal government during the current legislative session;

18 (3) by October 1, 1981 (the beginning of the federal fiscal  
19 year), the legislature, the governor, and the affected state agencies should  
20 know with certainty the effect of the reductions so that, if necessary,  
21 remedial action may be promptly taken by the Twelfth Legislature during its  
22 Second Session; and

23 (4) the proposed federal budget reductions affect a range of  
24 programs and services, including, especially, housing, health care, education  
25 and employment, and those reductions affect a number of budget program  
26 categories and agencies of the state government.

27 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to provide the means by which the  
28 legislature and the executive branch may undertake a comprehensive review of  
29 the effect of federal program support and federal reductions of appropria-

1 tions for programs and services, and recommend to the Second Session of the  
2 Twelfth Legislature for its consideration alternative legislation by which  
3 the disruptive effect of those reductions will be minimized.

4 \* Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. (a) The Federal Program Review  
5 Committee is established as a temporary interim committee of the legislature.

6 (b) The committee is composed of the following members:

7 (1) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the  
8 speaker of the house of representatives;

9 (2) one member of the senate appointed by the president of the  
10 senate;

11 (3) the chairman of the Legislative Council, or a member of the  
12 Legislative Council appointed by the chairman; and

13 (4) the chairman of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee,  
14 or a member of that committee appointed by the chairman.

15 (c) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the person  
16 authorized to make an appointment under (b) of this section shall fill the  
17 vacancy by appointment.

18 (d) The committee may meet during sessions of the legislature and  
19 during the interim between legislative sessions. The committee may meet at  
20 any time and in any place in the state. A member of the committee may  
21 receive, for the minimum time required to travel to and return from a  
22 meeting of the committee and for the time while attending a meeting, the  
23 same travel and per diem allowances provided by law for members of the  
24 legislature while attending sessions of the legislature. However, a member  
25 of the committee may not receive a per diem allowance for attending a  
26 meeting which is held at the state capital while the legislature is in  
27 session other than the per diem allowance paid to legislators under AS 24.-  
28 15.010.

29 \* Sec. 3. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The members of the

1 Joint Federal Program Review Committee shall meet regularly with the follow-  
2 ing state officials for the purposes set out in (b) of this section:

- 3 (1) the commissioner of administration;
- 4 (2) the commissioner of community and regional affairs;
- 5 (3) the chairman of the Rural Development Council (AS 44.47.160);
- 6 and
- 7 (4) the director of the division of budget and management, Office  
8 of the Governor.

9 (b) The Joint Federal Program Review Committee and the state officials  
10 designated in (a) of this section shall

- 11 (1) organize and adopt procedures for the conduct of business;
- 12 (2) review programs and services which are affected by reductions  
13 in federal appropriations;
- 14 (3) identify and assess the impact of proposed reductions in  
16 federal appropriations for programs and services of benefit to the people of  
16 the state;
- 17 (4) review the adequacy of state agencies to plan for, receive,  
18 and administer federal "block grants" or other federal appropriations or  
19 allocations which may be substituted for deleted or reduced federal program  
20 appropriations; and
- 21 (5) recommend to the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature by  
22 February 10, 1982, specific revisions in state programs, and in appropria-  
23 tions for those programs, to reduce or minimize the disruptive effect of  
24 lower federal appropriations occurring after January 20, 1981.

25 (c) The Federal Program Review Committee, meeting jointly with the  
26 officials designated in sec. 2(b) of this Act, may

- 27 (1) hold public hearings;
- 28 (2) require state officials and members of governing boards of  
29 municipalities and the school boards of regional educational attendance

1 areas to cooperate with the committee in furnishing requested information;

2 (3) request and receive recommendations for specific program  
3 revisions from nonprofit corporations and other organizations which provide  
4 services; and

5 (4) review the governor's allocation of grants for programs from  
6 any temporary contingency grant program established to provide state assist-  
7 ance for reductions of federal appropriations and make recommendations on  
8 those allocations.

9 \* Sec. 4. This Act terminates June 30, 1982.

10 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
11 070(c).

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