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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 489 (Finance)

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 have the
14 potential to sharply reduce financial support for programs and services
15 provided to residents throughout the state;

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

21 (3) the proposed federal budget reductions affect a range of
22 programs and services, including housing, health care, education and employ-
23 ment, and those reductions affect a number of budget program categories and
24 agencies of the state government.

25 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to provide the means by which the
26 legislature and the executive branch may undertake a comprehensive review of
27 the effect of federal program support and federal reductions of appropria-
28 tions for programs and services, and recommend appropriate action to the
29 Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature for its consideration.

1 * Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. (a) The Federal Program Review
2 Committee is established as a temporary interim committee of the legisla-
3 ture.

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

5 (1) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives;

7 (2) one member of the senate appointed by the president of the
8 senate;

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

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

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

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

27 * Sec. 3. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The members of the
28 Joint Federal Program Review Committee shall meet regularly with the follow-
29 ing state officials for the purposes set out in (b) of this section:

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

7 (b) The Joint Federal Program Review Committee and the state officials

8 designated in (a) of this section shall

- 9 (1) organize and adopt procedures for the conduct of business;
- 10 (2) review programs and services which are affected by reductions
- 11 in federal appropriations;

12 (3) identify and assess the impact of proposed reductions in

13 federal appropriations for programs and services of benefit to the people of

14 the state;

15 (4) review the adequacy of state agencies to plan for, receive,

16 and administer federal "block grants" or other federal appropriations or

17 allocations which may be substituted for deleted or reduced federal program

18 appropriations; and

19 (5) recommend to the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature by

20 February 10, 1982, specific revisions in state programs, and in appropria-

21 tions for those programs, to reduce or minimize the disruptive effect of

22 lower federal appropriations occurring after January 20, 1981; when the

23 committee and state officials recommend revisions in and appropriations for

24 state programs under this paragraph, the committee shall identify the

25 federal programs and appropriations which its recommendations are intended

26 to supplement, enhance, support, or replace.

27 (c) The Federal Program Review Committee, meeting jointly with the

28 officials designated in sec. 2(b) of this Act, may

- 29 (1) hold public hearings;

1 (2) require state officials and members of governing boards of
2 municipalities and the school boards of regional educational attendance
3 areas to cooperate with the committee in furnishing requested information;

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

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

11 * Sec. 4. This Act terminates June 30, 1982.

12 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
13 070(c).

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