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26 February 1976

The Honorable Hugh Malone
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Malone:

I would like to express my firm support for HB 673, a bill for an Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the Telecommunications Committee composed of individuals representative of the regional nonprofit associations.

The Telecommunications Committee has rendered invaluable assistance to the Office of Telecommunications in establishing criteria for the selection of sites for the future installation of earth stations in the State of Alaska/RCA small earth station program. I have been working on a daily basis with this Committee and feel that it is truly representative of the Native Regions and the residents within them.

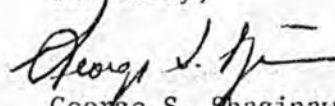
There will be a continuing need for the type of representation that this Committee provides. Currently the problem of obtaining adequate electrical power for operating the earth stations in a number of villages is being examined. As the capability for distributing television to bush communities evolves a review of opportunities and problems associated with bringing television programming into the bush will be required.

The Committee also serves to facilitate communications regarding more mundane problems such as service complaints by customers who might otherwise have little opportunity to have their views heard and also to handle payment and other such problems.

I feel that this Committee, operating under the auspices of the Alaska Federation of Natives, has made important contributions during its brief existence and exemplifies the concept expressed by Governor Hammond of obtaining greater involvement of the citizens in the planning processes conducted by our Government.

I urge prompt passage of this legislation so that the Telecommunications Committee may be fully supported for its continuing work.

Sincerely,



George S. Snaginaw
Deputy Director

Introduced: 1/30/76
Referred: Community & Regional
Affairs and Finance

BY BROWN, ANDERSON, BRADLEY,
DAVIS, GUY, ITTA, OSTERBACK,
SWANSON AND WALLIS

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 673

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Community and Regional Affairs for the
8 Telecommunications Committee composed of individuals
9 representative of the regional nonprofit associations;
10 and providing for an effective date."

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

12 * Section 1. The sum of \$20,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
13 the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the operating expenses
14 of the Telecommunications Committee authorized by convention resolution no.
15 75-23, adopted at the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives
16 called and held on October 23, 24 and 25, 1975.

17 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
18 070(c).

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the Telecommunications Committee composed of individuals representative of the regional nonprofit associations; e.d."

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/19/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 2-27-76

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 673

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>H. Malone</u>	<u>T. Buchheit</u>	_____
<u>Thompson</u>	<u>Conroy</u>	_____
<u>Edwards</u>	<u>Brinkley</u>	_____
<u>Winters</u>		_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

Hansen recommends: no rec

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

H. Malone Chairman