

COMMITTEE REPORT

5/3/76

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date 5/25/76

The Committee on Finance has had HCR 132
waste disposal exigencies in Barrow and Bethel
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:

Bill Hays _____
Tommy B. ... _____
Don ... _____
Ra ... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:
 _____ recommends:

Bill Hays Chairman

Introduced: 4/16/76
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the waste disposal exigencies
6 in Barrow and Bethel.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS the sewage and trash disposal systems in Barrow and Bethel are
9 utterly inadequate; and

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11 sents a grave threat to the health of the people living in Barrow and Bethel;
12 and

13 WHEREAS the incidence of hepatitis and other illness caused by inade-
14 quate waste disposal has increased dramatically in recent years; and

15 WHEREAS solutions to the waste disposal problems in Barrow and Bethel
16 are very expensive; and

17 WHEREAS the financial resources in these communities are inadequate for
18 solving the problems; and

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20 order to avert the threat of an epidemic of hepatitis and other illness at
21 spring breakup;

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23 respectfully asked to request the Alaska Department of Health and Social
24 Services and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to immedi-
25 ately undertake steps to solve the waste disposal and health crises in Barrow
26 and Bethel; and be it

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29 with the United States Public Health Service, for a long-range solution to

1 the health, trash and sewage disposal problems in Barrow and Bethel.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

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Bill No. HCR 132 and HJR 70
 Title: Waste Disposal Barrow and Bethel
 Requested by: Senator Ray (Fennel) Date: 05/25/76
 Return Date Requested: 05/25/76
 Agency: Environmental Conservation Program: Water Programs

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Water Programs, Northern Reg. Off., Southcentral

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars) Reg. Off.

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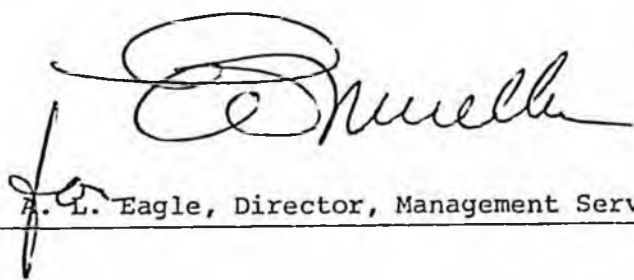
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MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

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V. DATE: 05/25/76 PREPARED BY: A. L. Eagle, Director, Management Services

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