

MEMO March 22, 1976
FROM SENATOR ZIEGLER
TO SENATOR RAY
RE SCR 84

Bill--Under date of May 19th in 1972, the city of Craig conveyed to the state of Alaska all and entire Lot 1, Block 14, U.S. Survey 1430, Craig Townsite. There was no consideration for the conveyance. It was, as the quitclaim deed provides, "a donation of the property hereinafter described to the grantee."

The city would like to have the state reconvey title; this is not because the city of Craig is an Indian giver, if you'll pardon the expression, but merely because if they regain title to the health facility, they will be able to do many good things in the field of health care for the community.

I attach a copy of a letter written me by the president of the Craig Health Council.

As far as I know, the resolution is harmless and costs nothing.

RHZ/pkz

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Craig Health Council
Craig, Alaska 99921

March 16, 1976

Senator Robert H. Ziegler, Sr.
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Ziegler:

I am writing you on behalf of the Craig Health Council in response to your letter dated March 1, 1976.

The City will be corresponding with you providing information regarding the legal status of the property assessment for taxation purposes and size of the building.

Presently the clinic is being utilized by the village health aide, Margaret Hatch, R.N., who holds daily clinics Monday through Friday. The clinic is also utilized for emergency purposes on a 24 hour basis. The Alaska Native Health Service Public Health Doctors utilize the clinic during their visits to the community, which is approximately four times a year for 2-3 day clinics. A Public Health Social Worker utilizes the clinic on his routine visits. Biannual visits are made by the Public Health Dentist for two weeks at a time.

The clinic is used by the Intinerant State Public Health Nurse each month when she visits the community of Craig. In addition, special clinics such as Optometry, Ear, Nose and Throat, Audiology and the annual Chest X-ray clinic utilize these facilities.

The Craig Health Council uses the clinic building to hold their regular monthly meetings. Community meetings, with individuals concerned with health care, are also held in the Craig Health Center.

The Craig Health Council is in the process of becoming incorporated. The purpose of the incorporation is to apply to the National Health Service Corps for the services of a Physician Extender to upgrade the quality of health care to the citizens of the community of Craig. In order for the Health Council to engage in an agreement with the National Helath Service Corps they must own a facility adequate to meet the health needs of the community and to house the facilities necessary for a Physician Extender to meet these needs.

The National Health Service Corps; in addition to providing a trained Physican Extender, provides equipment to local facilities in order to meet the health needs of the community. The services of the Physician Extender and the necessary equipment cannot be provided in our community unless the facility is locally owned and controlled.

Monies are available on a grant basis to construct such facilities but it seems ludicrous to apply for such grants when a facility that is adequate, to meet the needs, presently exists.

The problem arises however in that the facility is owned by the State of Alaska and therefore no person who collects fees for health care can provide services or operate within the Craig Health facility.

The National Health Service Corps will provide monies to establish a Physician Extender with the agreement that the Physician Extender become self supporting within 2 to 3 years. This, of course, necessitates service on a fee basis which in our present facility is not allowed.

Originally in late 1971 negotiations for a health facility between the City of Craig and the State of Alaska began. In May of 1972 the City of Craig relinquished a lot to the State to construct a health center. A contract was let to construct a facility 42 feet X 25 feet, for the State of Alaska, for approximately \$60,000.00.

During the negotiations, Margaret Bixby, a State of Alaska Health Official, indicated that after one calendar year, if the City of Craig could maintain this facility, it would be turned over to the City for local control and operation. The facility was completed in January of 1974 and has been utilized, as previously stated, since that time.

In January of 1976, Mayor Marvin Yoder and Dr. Ronald Hatch, visited with Margaret Bixby in Juneau regarding the transfer of the health facility in Craig from the state to the city. At that time Ms. Bixby indicated that their office would explore with the State Administration the feasibility of such a move.

As of April 1st a State Public Health Nurse will be stationed in Craig. Margaret Bixby has expressed a concern about the nurse being able to operate out of the clinic should the city get the title to the clinic. The Craig Health Council has assured Ms. Bixby that there will always be room for the nurse to operate out of the Craig Clinic, without rental charges to the State.

Mayor Yoder and Dr. Hatch met with Sue Green and Jessie Dodson, Special Assistant to Governor Hammond and expressed our requests and concerns. Their assistance and cooperation, together with your support, has resulted in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84.

The Craig Health Council respectfully requests your total support of this measure and thanks you for your concern and introduction of this resolution to the Judiciary Committee.

If you feel it would be beneficial for an individual from Craig, to testify, on behalf of this resolution please notify us.

Thank you for your assistance and concern. We look forward to bigger and better things for the West Coast of Prince of Wales Island.

Sincerely,

*Marion Sprague
President Craig Health Council*

Enclosure: Quit Claim Deed
Lot 1, Block 14, U.S. Survey 1430
Craig, Alaska Townsite

cc: Governor Jay Hammond, Juneau
Mayor Marvin Yoder, Craig
Margaret Bixby, Juneau
Sue Greene, Juneau
Jessie Dodson, Juneau
Terry Gardner, Juneau
Oral Freeman, Juneau
Ernie Haugen, Juneau

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

2/26/76

Mr. President:

Date 3/23/76

The Committee on Finance has had SCR 84
state-owned health facility in ~~order~~ to transfer ownership to City of Craig
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>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	recommends:	<u>NO REC</u>
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[Signature] Chairman

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Referred: Finance

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