

HCR 72

Requesting the extension of "800" toll-free telephone numbers to Alaska.

# COMMITTEE REPORT

1/13/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 1/13/76

The Committee on COMMERCE has had HCR 72

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 HCR 72 AND THAT

CS FOR HCR 72 DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF TOURISM

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JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

April 9, 1975

Representative Helen D. Beirne  
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Helen:

Re our recent dinner table conversation about the desirability of having toll free long distance numbers apply to Alaska, here are some thoughts you may find useful for further study.

The system of 800 numbers within the Lower Forty-Eight has made the problem of reservations for all forms of travel much easier for the traveling public. Under the 800 system an operator, such as Travelodge Hotels, obtains an 800 number. In the case of the Travelodge operation, the number is area code 800 255-3050. All you have to do from any part of the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii) is dial area code 800 and then the number 255-3050. Travelodge pays the cost of the station to station call from wherever you are calling. The same system applies to virtually all airlines, cruise ship companies, hotels, car rental firms and similar organizations dealing with the traveling public.

Within Alaska, we have a smaller version of the 800 number in the so-called ZENITH number. With a ZENITH number you can call toll-free in-state. For example, you can call Western Airlines in Anchorage toll-free by calling Zenith 6000. However, as yet this number cannot be dialed. You have to go through the operator.

It would be helpful for the development of tourism in Alaska if operators in Alaska could have 800 numbers so that customers could call direct from any point in the United States and have the call automatically billed to the holder of the 800 number. The same, of course, would work in reverse for Alaskans calling 800 numbers in the Lower Forth-Eight.

One major State user of 800 numbers would be the Marine Highway System. Under the 800 system travel agents and individual travelers could make their reservations by calling toll-free. Such a number could be established in Seattle, where 800 numbers are already available. The service could be moved to Alaska at such time as 800 numbers are available in Juneau or elsewhere in the State.

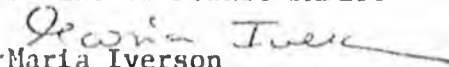
This is in reference to our verbal conversation of House Concurrent Resolution No. 62, I would like to the state the following in support of the same:

The State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Traffic Safety has been mandated to write & distribute a Debris Removal Manual. We are presently in the stage of editing and gathering further information for the publication of this little booklet. It is designed to help throughout the State of Alaska, Governmental Agencies, Institutes and just the regular Joe Doe on the street to contact the proper authorities for cleanup and to report hazardous materials etc. Among all the numbers which will be listed is one called the toll free number for CHEMTREC. CHEMTREC in itself is an agency which provide vital information as to dangerous materials people come in contact with and how to deal with them should a problem occur. It is important for us to be able to list this number as toll free rather than ask the people to call collect. As we all know collect phone calls take time and time with a problem through CHEMTREC can mean a life safer. Time is of great essence, therefore we are particularly interested that the resolution will be favorably considered and the toll free system will be implemented soon.

If further information is required we will be happy to furnish more.

Sincerely,

BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY -

  
Maria Iverson

5/2/75

Juneau, Alaska



JUNEAU ALASKA

# Alaska State Legislature House

This is to notify you that the House Commerce Committee will hear testimony on HCR 72, "Requesting the extension of '800' toll-free telephone numbers to Alaska" on January 30, 1976 at 8:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in Room 628 of the Alaska Court House Building in Juneau.

If you cannot present oral testimony at the hearing, the committee will accept written comments for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Bob Bradley  
Chairman, House Commerce Committee

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Jennifer ① People to be notified of hearing on  
HCR 72, Friday January 30

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