

HB

809

COMMITTEE REPORT

3/17/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 5-11-26, 1976

The Committee on JUDICIARY has had HB 809

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)

(X) recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR 11-27 AND THAT

CS FOR 11-27 DO PASS

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

COMMITTEE

( ) reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

( ) "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Tommy Hardaway - Do Pass  
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Bill ... - Do Pass  
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A. S. ... - Do Pass  
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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

Tommy Hardaway Chairman

## MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Representative Terry Gardiner  
House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Building

DATE: March 4, 1976

FILE NO:

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FROM: Gary L. Jenks  
Director  
Audit Division

SUBJECT: House Bill 809

In reviewing House Bill 809 several questions have come up which I feel are pertinent to this legislation.

1. What expenses may be funded from the net proceeds of the Games operated by a political party or club? Does it include any operating expenses of the club or party as well as expenses incurred in support of candidates?
2. The last paragraph of the bill states that the net proceeds of a game conducted by a political party may be distributed to candidates for a particular office, but that equal amounts must be given to each candidate from the party for that office. Can the funds be distributed to unsuccessful primary candidates as well as the successful ones who go on the general election ballot? This does not appear to be prohibited. Is it intended that political clubs could distribute the money which they raise to candidates? With the restrictive wording "political party", I would interpret the law that they could not.

With the above aside, I have some very serious philosophical concerns with this bill. As one reads the current law, the apparent intent is that the law was enacted so that groups or communities could raise funds for community betterment projects, or to improve the community through religious, educational, self-help or social projects. Thus, a group could raise monies for a community center, church, school, hospital, Little League, college scholarships, and a whole host of other projects. To provide that monies could be raised and expended for political campaigns appears to be a complete departure from the intent of the original law.

This legislation seems to be further unnecessary in light of the current liberal campaign credit law which is currently in existence in Alaska. The \$50 credit per individual would appear to be more than sufficient to raise all funds necessary for political campaigns.

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