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The Honorable Mike Bradner
House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bradner:

The Alaska Geological Society is very interested in your House Bill No. 353, "An Act Transferring Geological and Geophysical Surveys to the University of Alaska."

We would appreciate some background information on your bill. Specifically, we would like to know

1. Why was this bill submitted?
2. The reason why you feel the University can handle the surveys better than the Department of Natural Resources?
3. In what way would this bill be more beneficial to the State of Alaska than the present one on this subject?
4. Would you consider alternatives, if necessary, to this bill?
5. How would the chain of responsibility be handled?
6. What costs are involved?

The Alaska Geological Society has 280 paid members. Most of the geologists in the state are members. They represent mining, oil and gas, environmental, engineering and the teaching and research professions.

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Mr. Thomas Wilson, our President for this year, recently requested that I find out all I could about this Bill.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Legislative Affairs
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Since you are on the Resource Committee, I thought you would be interested to know that I am very much interested in H.B. 353. I am a geologist for Union Oil and Chairman of the ^(AGS) Legislative Affairs Committee.

Our input into the original creation of the Geological & Geophysical Survey was tremendous - but to little avail because Chuck Hurlbert put it into the realm of politics.

We are interested in getting this survey out of politics. One should not mix professionalism with the day-by-day political way of getting things done. The U.S.G.S. is a "clean" agency of the Federal Government. This is the way the State Div. of Geol. & Geophysics should be set up.

As soon as I hear from Mr. Bradner, I'd like to express our thoughts further with you. Please do not do anything on this bill unless you at least get some ideas & data from me or other Geological Society officers.

Sincerely

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