

HB

613

"An Act providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of capital improvements to parks and recreation areas; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

1/19/76

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4-6-76

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 613

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>	_____	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	recommends: <u>no Rec.</u>
_____	recommends: _____
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_____	recommends: _____

[Signature] Chairman

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE:

By: House Resources Committee

To: Amend HOUSE BILL No. HB 613

SENATE BILL No. _____

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LINE: 4, 10, 11

Line 4	Delete	"State wide"	insert	Anchorage and Embayls
Line 10	Change	"150,000"	to	"250,000"
Line 11	Change	"150,000"	to	50,000

CHILKAT STATE PARK MEETING

The House Resources Sub-committee on Chilkat State Park met in Haines, Alaska, February 13, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. to hear concerns of the people of Haines regarding Chilkat State Park and to hear the development plans proposed by the State Division of Parks. Attending were Sub-Committee Chairman, Ted Smith, Representatives Mike Miller and Jim Duncan and staff assistant, Guy Van Doren. Fifty-five people from Haines attended.

Rep. Smith opened the hearing and the State Division of Parks made their presentation for development of the park. Mr. Carl Hienmiller presented some of the concerns of the people including the fact that the legislative intent in creating the park was not acquisition, but development. The people of the area want the park and they want the park to be developed. He stated that the Division of Parks could have started the development phase of the park and people could have been working all winter. Mr. Hienmiller also brought out that the proposed state park bond proposal includes \$150,000 for development and \$150,000 for acquisition. He felt that there was no reason for the acquisition and that the full amount of money should be used for park development.

Mr Russ Cahill stated that there was no money allocated for development in the park last year and that the monies in the bond bill would be used for development, but he would like to have some monies available for acquisition because

some land owners adjacent to the park have indicated willingness to sell their property to the park system. He felt that this land would be beneficial to the future development of the park.

Mr. Cahill also stated that the park development plan would be whatever the people of the area wanted. The Division of Parks presented three alternatives for the people to discuss and the hearing was then open to a town forum type of meeting with questions and answers from the people and the Division of Parks.

Some people were concerned with the fact that tourists and commercial vehicles would further deteriorate the existing road and that the State Dept. of Highways should include paving of the Mud-Bay road in their plans.

People also questioned the possibility of parking facilities nearer to the beginning of the park and in the area that visitors, mainly Canadians, use at the present time. This was to be looked into.

The main concern of the people seemed to be the rapid development of facilities. Sewage, food, camping and picnicing facilities. The need was expressed for at least sixty campsites to be developed as soon as possible.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. with the Division of Parks stating that they would take into consideration the recommendations of the people. The sub-committee did not feel that there were any major unsolvable problems and that the Division of Parks seemed to be responding to the needs of the people in the area, and that those people seemed, for the most part to be happy with the State Park System.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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February 4, 1976

The Honorable Nels A. Anderson
Chairman, Resources Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Chairman:

RE: HB 613

As requested by Mr. Swanson I am providing you with more detailed information on three projects.

Dry Creek Archaeological Site

Dry Creek Archaeological Site appears to be one of the four most important sites yet located for providing information about the migration of man into the new world. Occupation of the site lasted from about 10,000 BC to the 17th Century. Located on a steep bluff in the lignite area, the site is rapidly being eroded by wind. The land is State owned and presently under grazing lease.

The funds requested are for scientific investigation by the State Archaeologist, and for stabilization and protection of the site. The work will be the basis for a historic visitor information display to tell the story of the prehistory of the area as it is unfolded.

Stabilization can consist of re-vegetation, back fill of excavations, and bunkering of steep hillsides. Protection may require fencing, but this cannot be costed out until the extent of the site is known. The project is not open ended as far as funding goes. I am assured by the State Archaeologist that he can excavate, stabilize and protect the site with the funds requested in this bond issue.

The Honorable
Nels A. Anderson

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February 4, 1976

Denali State Park Acquisition

Denali State Park is a major tourist destination facility. The George Parks Highway goes up one side, and the Alaska Railroad up the other. The Curry Ridge area is the best viewpoint for Mt. McKinley. The State is negotiating a contract for hotel and visitor use facilities at Byers Lake.

The bond project will allow the State to purchase, at fair market value, properties fronting on the Lake and on Byers Creek. This action will protect the integrity of the existing and proposed park facilities.

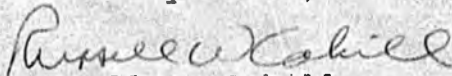
Dry Creek Campground

The State presently operates a campground on the North side of the highway adjacent to the Gulkana Airport. The site is strategically located near the intersection of the Glen and Richardson Highways, and is used heavily by highway travelers. The existing campground surrounds a native graveyard, and is in conflict with private property which was appropriated from a local resident during the second world war, and which has just been returned to him as a native allotment. The Division of Parks has closed the operation and proposes to construct 60 campsites, twenty picnic tables, and support facilities such as toilets, water supply, roads and trails on a site South of the Richardson Highway.

The roadway will consist of between 1/4 and 3/4 mile of road and parking area. As I mentioned at the hearing, all of our development positions are funded through capital bond issues. We have had none since 1970, and therefore have no park design engineer and no landscape architect to draw detailed plans. What your committee has is my best estimate of the costs associated with accomplishing this work. Without bond funds, I have neither the personnel nor the authorization to prepare site plans.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to amplify on my testimony.

Sincerely Yours,


Russell W. Cahill
Director
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April 6, 1976

The report contained in this folder was a request by Rep. Ted Smith. The committee decided to send HB 613 as amended, to the Finance Committee and if the committee would like to adopt Rep. Smith's proposal, it can be done by the Finance Committee.

Guy Van Doren
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