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MAYOR

March 14, 1975

Sen. Clem Tillion
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Re: Sponsor Substitute for House Bill No. 65 "An Act
Relating to Assessment of Real Property for
Local Taxation"

Gentlemen:

This bill seems to me one of the most valuable bills to appear this session of the legislature. Our rapidly rising land assessments due to speculation, and other factors, are driving Alaskans from their land. The present situation is requiring them to subdivide in order to pay their taxes, whether it be farm land or undeveloped land.

We certainly feel this is an excellent designed bill and extremely needed in our state today. I am very pleased that this bill includes undeveloped land as many Alaskans have a piece of property they wish to live on without development of any kind and should not have to pay excessive taxes in order to retain their right to use such undeveloped land.

My only suggestion might be on the undeveloped land to require residency of the owner thereof. I am not sure this is a necessity, but it might contain some merit.

Although this bill, if passed, will cost this borough some taxes for the next few years its value to the people of the borough far outweighs the monetary loss.

Thank you for introducing a bill such as this, and I hope you follow it through to its fruition.

Sincerely,



Stan Thompson
Borough Mayor
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