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COMMITTEE REPORT

2/26/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 3-12-75

The Committee on Resources has had HCR 22

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>Walter A. Anderson</u>	_____	_____
<u>_____</u>	_____	_____
<u>Timothy H. Ashberger</u>	_____	_____
<u>_____</u>	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

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_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Walter A. Anderson Chairman

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April 6, 1975

Mr. H. Samuelson
President, Board of Directors
Bristol Bay Native Corporation
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Re: HCR 22, Relating
to future oil lease sales

Dear Mr. Samuelson:

Following a recent exchange of correspondence with Representative Nels A. Anderson, Jr. concerning the captioned resolution (which I oppose), Representative Anderson suggested I write you of my belief in the safety of offshore petroleum development.

The resolution urges the Governor not to hold an oil lease sale in any fishery area or near any spawning grounds. The authors of the resolution obviously fear offshore petroleum development is incompatible with commercial fishing.

Rather than give unsupported opinion, I suggest your corporation obtain a copy of Petroleum in the Marine Environment, a recent publication of the National Academy of Sciences. It is available from the Academy's Printing and Publishing Office, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418 @ \$6.50 per copy. It is a most impressive report, not oil industry sponsored.

The report concludes that offshore oil production operations contribute the least oil pollution. Transportation operations contribute the most, followed, in order, by river and urban runoff, coastal refineries and municipal and industrial wastes, atmospheric fallout, natural seeps, and, last of all, offshore oil production operations.

The major danger to the Bristol Bay fishery from oil would therefore be from a spill of diesel, fuel oil, or gasoline from a barge or tanker, while under way or unloading. In addition to the potential volume of such a spill, these highly volatile products are much more dangerous to fishery resources than crude oil.

Despite the foregoing, I seriously doubt that either the residents or commercial fishermen of the Bristol Bay area will cease importing these products.

Mr. H. Samuelson

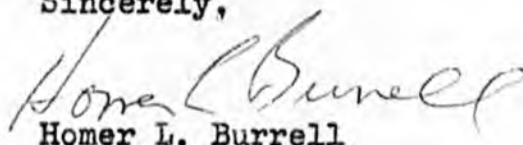
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Representative Anderson was gracious enough to comment on my "crystal clear view of the situation." I suppose my "crystal clear view" can be attributed to an effort on my part to get facts, not votes. Perhaps a small pool of water would be a reasonable analogy: if one sits on the bank and quietly studies the pool he may get a reasonable idea of what it contains; however, if one agitates the pool, wildly and irresponsibly, with a stick, his view of the contents of the pool will be muddied rather than crystal clear.

I hope this letter will in some small way help inform the people of Bristol Bay that leasing of and oil production from the Bay need not impair their livelihood. Please feel free to call upon me at any time if I can provide additional information or be of any assistance to you or your corporation.

Sincerely,


Homer L. Burrell

cc: Honorable Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
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