

HB

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

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March 2, 1977

Honorable Terry Gardiner, Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V - State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

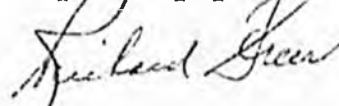
Dear Representative Gardiner:

The new employee payroll system being developed by the Department of Administration and scheduled for implementation early in Fiscal Year 1978, provides for all salaries to be paid on a bi-weekly basis instead of the current monthly schedule.

Last year, legislation relating to salaries was written to express only annual amounts to avoid any possible conflict with provisions of the new payroll system. We note, now, that House Bills 276 and 279 referred to your committee again express salaries for certain employees as "payable monthly in 12 equal installments."

It would be appreciated if these bills could be amended to express only the annual amount. Your assistance in this regard is appreciated and if there is any further information we can give you in this regard please do not hesitate to call us.

Very truly yours,



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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 3/17/77

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gardiner at 7:00p.m.

Present were: Chairman Gardiner

Vice - Chairman Miles

Rep. Brown

Rep. Specking

Rep. Dankworth

Absent were:

Rep. Eliason

Rep. Rudd

The Committee first took up the salary commission report and heard testimony from Kay Deeble of the Salary Commission. Ms. Deeble briefly went over parts of the report, dealing with the executive and judicial categories and discussed the three major aspects of legislative provisions dealing with salary, per diem, and vouchers. Ms. Deeble was questioned by the Committee and other Legislators and observes at the meeting regarding specific methods by which they arrived at the per diem recommendation and the vouchery recommendations.

The Committee then heard from LAA Attorney, Dick Bradley, regarding a request that had been made by Chairman Gardiner for a legal opinion dealing with aspects of the Salary Commission report. A three page memo was handed out to the Committee members prior to the meeting in the full report had not been typed as of the time of the meeting but Mr. Bradley gave an oral presentation.

Rep. Swanson testified briefly on HB 8 which would repeal the salary commission and the salary commission recommendations.

Speaker Malone testified on HB 8 and HB 274, 275, 276, 277, 278 & 279. Malone testified in favor of repealing the salary commission report with respect to legislative compensation or taking the legislative compensation out of the preview of the salary commission.

Rep. Parr testified in favor of amending the existing law governing the salary commission but basically letting it continue in its work. He also testified that the legislative recommendations of the report should be ignored and the legislature enact its own salary and benefit levels.

The Committee discussed the various proposals brought up through the testimony but did not reach a conclusion on how to treat the salary commission report nor the other items of legislation pending a presentation of the issue to the full Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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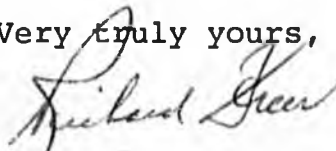
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