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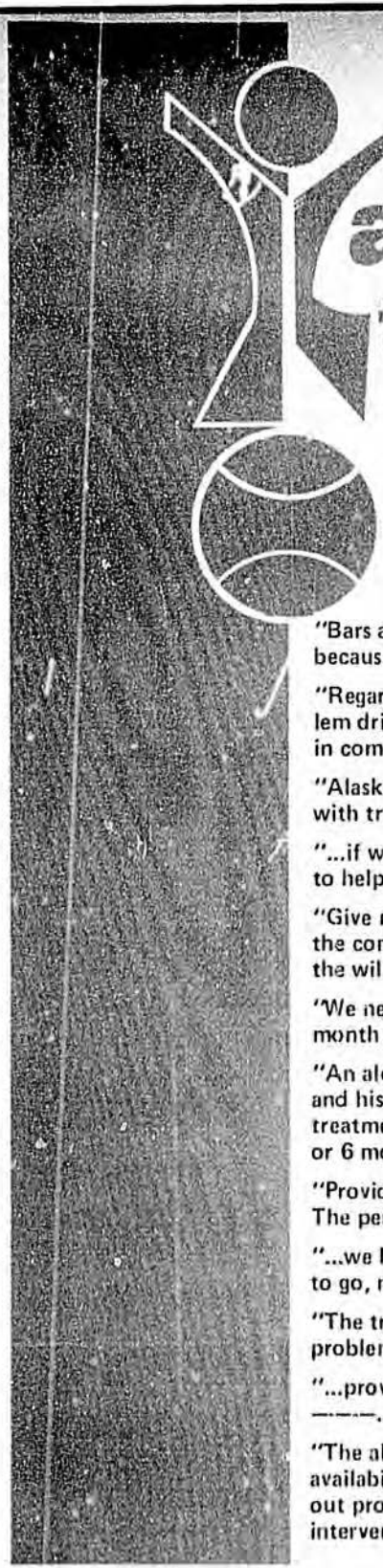


alternatives· treatment

Kodiak

(1) Kodiak Council on Alcoholism is presently sponsoring a pilot Project of an Adult Leisure Center Providing a place to socialize without alcohol

"Bars and alcohol fill a void in ——. People drink and go to bars for participation because there are no alternatives to drinking." See (1) above

"Regardless of the reasons people give for drinking, if you really want to stop problem drinking you must provide alternative activities. The State should take the lead in community schools, recreational outlets, sports and hobbies." See (1) above

"Alaska needs a statewide detoxification center and a local halfway house program with trained local counselors in each community." True

"...if we had a local person to talk to people having problems...a local person trained to help local people..." It is vital

"Give money to every local hospital to set up an alcoholism ward where people from the community can go for medical treatment to dry out and for counseling to get the will power not to drink again." Refer to the local alcohol program

"We need a qualified counselor in ——, not a person who comes in one day a month from ——." True

"An alcoholic does not have a free will where liquor is concerned. His body needs it and his mind knows nothing else except his next drink. He needs to be forced into treatment. Change the law and tell the alcoholic he has a choice of 6 months in jail or 6 months in a treatment program." Repetitive

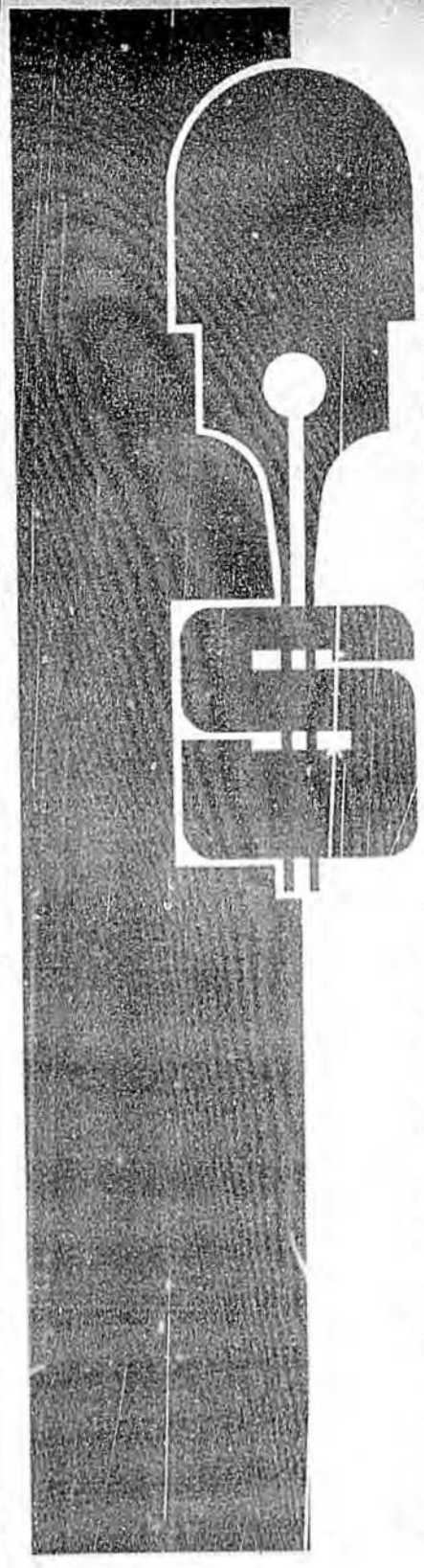
"Provide incentives for employers to put their people through compulsory treatment. The person then has a choice of finding help or finding a new job." Not needed

"...we have a severe drinking problem with young people. There's no place for kids to go, no juvenile activities that are coordinated or planned." Every where

"The treatment program in —— is nothing more than a recycling plant. The problem drinker just passes through a revolving door." Not all in some

"...provide a special municipal building grant for multi-purpose buildings in ——. Then we could have more activities planned and less drinking." See (1) above

"The alcoholic who has a problem will get alcohol regardless of the price or its availability even if he has to make it himself. Why punish others who drink without problems? Concentrate on those with the problem through prevention and early intervention, even if you have to force a person into treatment." Not always



local option

"The problem is that attempts to help an alcoholic have been a de-motivating force. The state tries to do everything for the person and nothing is left for the person to do for himself." Must be wrong

"...use para-professionals in outlying areas but train them as alcoholism counselors." More training is needed.

"The pay as you go approach is the concept of our profit making corporations [native], but the state is not in the profit business. Alcoholism is one of those human need areas that must be approached on a need to solve basis regardless of where the money comes from." true

"Higher taxes are OK but it's important to make certain the money is used at the grass-roots level, not to hire more people in Juneau." true

"...even though this is a dry town, liquor is available. Maybe if we had a local store it would help control the situation. 24 people have drowned coming back from Tenakee after drinking." I honestly don't know.

"...binge drinking is our biggest problem in ——. If we had a community store and it were available here then people wouldn't want to drink it all up at once." I doubt it.

"...programs and more money won't help unless you have the local people directly involved. The state cannot solve the problem from Juneau." True

"Bootlegging is very lucrative, but local people will not testify against their own people." true

"There is a lot of money being wasted for alcoholism by competing state agencies. Office of Alcoholism, Mental Health, Community & Regional affairs, Vocational Rehabilitation, Highway Safety are all spending money. If we could coordinate all the money there might be enough to help the problem at the local level. Off the wall

"...instead of the state telling us what programs they will give us money for, why not establish a revenue sharing or grant-in-aid formula for alcoholism dollars to be used directly in each local area as that area wants?" Where are the trained people to run all the programs?

"Get local people involved in determining how alcohol money should be spent, particularly in running the programs. Outside alcoholism experts from Juneau that come in for short periods of time cause more damage than good." Definite need for more trained people.

"Alcoholism and health problems are very great here but they are low priority items for the City Council. No money is being spent by the City for our alcoholism problem. If we could only get the license fees for the bars in the town into the program it would be a great help." A start

"...stop paying welfare and unemployment benefits in cash. Provide surplus food and real jobs because with welfare checks people only buy liquor. The state welfare system feeds the alcohol problem." true

"Authorize a local 'problem board' from the village council and let them handle problem persons the way the elders want. A week on the wood pile will help them more than fancy talking." Progressive.

tell us what to do

Comments inside

The following pages contain testimony heard at the 31 public hearings held across Alaska by the Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. Take time and read the comments made by your fellow Alaskans on alcoholism and community problems related to alcohol abuse.

And tell us what to do. We have enclosed a copy of the CITIZENS BILL with spaces left open for your ideas. YOU are going to write the bill to be presented to the legislature.

Fill in your thoughts, comments, ideas and return them to us as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope. We need to receive this from you before Christmas in order to finalize the bill.

After all comments are collected, a final statewide hearing will be conducted. Each of you will gather together again as we did during the first round of hearings held in your town. All locations will be connected through the Public Broadcasting network and a simultaneous statewide radio hearing will be held on January 4, 1978.

This is your chance to have your voice heard ---your ideas and comments used in a law which will affect each Alaskan community, each Alaskan.

Tell us what to do.

Keep up the good work

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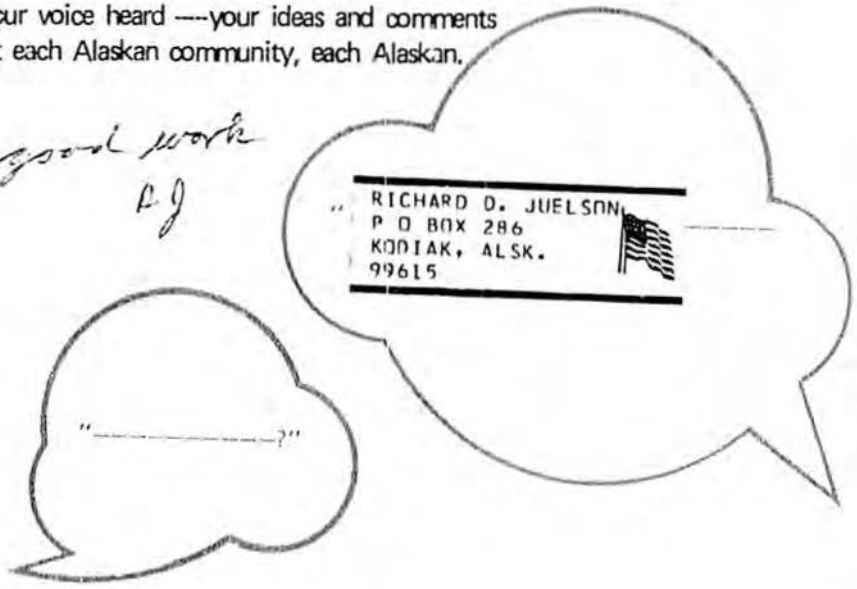

enforcement

"There is no awareness by local police to evidence requirements or what they can do to enforce the liquor laws. If they had proper training or if a State Trooper could travel a circuit with the local police from several small towns it might help." Ron Brewer

"There is a difference between punishment and treatment, so pass a law which would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment rather than punish him with a fine." good

"...require a warning label to be put on all liquor advertising: 'dangerous substance, harmful to health'." Doubt it would help

"...set some restrictions on selling liquor by telephone. Now no one checks who is the purchaser. Here in ——— young people call in orders without any questions asked." good

"Being drunk in public is wrong and should not be socially acceptable. Change the law to show disapproval of this behavior. Then drunks could be picked up and helped." Regressive

"We talk about alcoholism as a disease, but it's not classified as such." Wrong!

"...increase the penalties for drunk driving. Make these so stiff a person will not want to drive when drinking because the consequence is so great." Up drastically

"...legislate a prohibition of bartenders mixing double drinks and no more than one drink at a time in front of a patron." Off the wall

"Require the ABC board to follow the recommendations of the City Council for licensing. The City's position is often overlooked or over-ruled." Laws

"...liquor availability through the airlines is great. They ship alcohol in here three times a week and we're supposed to be a dry town. Why not prohibit the airlines from shipping alcohol as freight and allow it to be carried by someone only if that person is a passenger." Not equitable

"...return law to 21 year age limit for drinking." Regressive

"...use more publicity to tell about convictions for liquor violations, particularly concerning bars and liquor stores." good idea, Bar a local one

"The law does not prevail in the bush. No one will give testimony against another in the rural areas". True

"Courts are too lenient where alcohol convictions are concerned. Put some teeth into the law to require a judge to put a person into alcoholism classes or put him into jail." Lets go

"...make fines for selling illegal alcohol high. Impose a fine on seller and buyer ~~and impose liability on parents of minors who purchase alcohol.~~" First Ofs

"...traffic fines and penalties from DWI-OMVI convictions should come back to the local level and be used in alcoholism programs." good

"Increase activity by administrative agencies to enforce existing health, safety and alcoholism laws. Some bars are OK but others are where the problems always seem to occur. The police seem to be called to one or two places for disturbances. These are the ones that need to be shut down." Some graduated system of closure 1st visit 3 days 2nd 10 days (Pocket book attack)

"We have 500 people in ——— and we have 4 liquor places. Why not look at the law that allows this many?" grandpa says no

"... if it's against the law to drive when drunk because an innocent person might get hurt, then why can't you pass a law against being drunk anytime because innocent children and spouses get hurt and we all get hurt if the crime rate goes up or medical bills get high due to alcoholism." regressive

"Stop bartenders from serving drunk persons. It's hard to know when a person has had too much so why not require bartenders and cocktail waitresses to be licensed before they can serve liquor?" change state law intoxicated to appear to be for 86

"Larger profits can be made by illegal sales than loss due to small fines if caught." true

"The ABC Board is all fouled up. It's run on influence. We need a special liquor police force like the State Troopers." or the state troopers

"...prohibit airlines from serving liquor on morning flights" off the wall

"Require the courts to refer people to treatment programs whenever a person appears before a judge for family disturbances, child neglect, DWI, OMVI, assault, breaking and entering, curfew violation or anything when there is a legal way to get a person into a program." if alcohol is involved

"Why not license people to drink the way we license people to drive? Issue them drinking cards listing their consumption level and when they drink too much, pull their cards." I've said this before, but I'm regressive ☺

"Change the Workmans Compensation laws or set up a special loan fund to allow for payments to a person's family if the person voluntarily goes to a treatment program and looses time from work." all Health Insurance plans should include alcoholism treatment

Senator Mike Colletta, Senator Glenn Hackney, Commissioner Williamson

education-prevention

"I know we can't solve all the alcoholism problems, but a start must begin someplace. Education is needed in the schools, particularly in the lower grades." true

"...attitudes about drinking need to be changed. Only through education in the schools over a long time will people stop accepting drinking as all right." agreed on

"...an alcoholic is treated like a person who just crawled from under a rock. Any educational program has to teach that alcoholism is a disease and after heavy drinking for a period of time, a person looses control of his ability to say 'no'." see above

"Trying to get films and materials from Juneau is difficult. We get almost nothing. Set up a regional organization made up of all the health providers from the area and it might help the alcoholism programs." sorta on the way now

"...give more money to community schools. They are a big thing in ——, but the government cut our funds back and now can't offer alternative activities for drinking." State supported alcohol education

"...need in-service training and education for teachers, employers, bartenders, police, doctors and general education for the public". see above

"Education on alcohol scares me. You might make educated users if not handled properly." Where did that come from? Hysteria rule.

"...provide funds for counselors to assist employers." Educate employers - see above

"...provide funds through the Department of Education for training teachers in the basics of alcoholism programs." also see above

"We need fewer outlets for dispensing alcohol. We have 2500 people here and 10 liquor establishments. We need a moratorium on licensing new bars until the law [Title 4] is clarified." Education is better

"Do not restrict advertising but do eliminate the tax write-off for all liquor advertising." OK

"The only advertising done in —— is price advertising. Prohibit mentioning price and people will not stock up as much if they don't know about sales." Bond prohibit. NO

"15% of people who buy alcohol buy 62% of all alcohol sold." I doubt that

"The gentleman refered to 15% of the people buying 62% of the liquor. Therefore, 85% of the people who drink do so in moderation so why penalize them to help the other 15%?" Building something on another

"...need an education program started when person is young. It's hard to rehabilitate a person 50 years old with a long habit." true

"...provide a tax deduction for contributions to alcoholism programs or hospital alcoholism units the same way it is allowed for contributions to political candidates. Have the state income tax form with a little box to check off money for alcoholism." Now that's a good idea

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January 13, 1978

Mike Colletta
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Dear Senator Colletta:

You and your committee are to be congratulated and commended on your efforts and the recommendations made as of January 5, 1978 regarding legislation to reduce the abuse of alcohol.

I am in total agreement with your committee's recommendations and will hope the legislators from my area, Senator Jalmar Kerttula and Representative Al Ose do what they can to support legislative emphasis on the topic of alcoholism and will assist in the passage of those pieces of legislation that receive a consensus of opinion by both parties.

There are three specific aspects of your recommendations I would like to comment upon:

1) Detoxification Centers - Many, if not all of our small local hospitals are underutilized - that is they need more business. Before communities begin spending State funds to build local detoxification centers, safeguards should be written into legislation that requires consideration of the local hospital as the first priority detoxification center. Most everyone agrees that alcoholism is an illness and the more we can expell the old stigmas, the better off the alcoholic will be. If the local hospital is equippe' and staffed to handle the special illness of alcoholism just as it is to handle the special illness of heart attack, diabetes, appendectomies, etc., then why not use it? Why build a special facility just for the alcoholic which continues to perpetuate the old stigma of that's the place where "drunks" go?

   Many of my colleagues and small hospital administration will not agree with my above point but I believe most will agree that the reason they do not want their hospitals designated a detoxification center is that there has never been adequate payment mechanisms to pay for the hospital care of alcoholics.

2) Third Party Funding - The Department of Commerce should be given the authority to require that all insurance companies selling health insurance in the state of Alaska must offer insurance coverage for the abuse of alcohol and that it cannot be arbitrarily excluded unless so desired by the person who is purchasing the insurance. If alcohol is classified as an illness, then it should not be excluded as it is in most health insurance policies. Other third parties such as Veteran's Administration, Medicare, Medicaid, and Unions should be encouraged to provide coverage for alcohol abuse.

   Second to this the revenue sharing program now in existence for local hospitals and health clinics (AS48.18.010) needs to be increased to pay for specific alcohol detoxification. A hospital should not receive an increase in revenue sharing funds unless it has an approved detoxification program.

3) The most important part of your recommendations is the establishment of a revenue sharing program specifically for locally developed and state approved comprehensive alcohol programs. Revenue sharing funds should be restricted to use for direct services to the

alcohol abuser and should not be allowed to be used to pay for planners, administrators, etc. Funding or inkind support for this purpose should be provided by the community at the community's expense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed legislative recommendations. Thank you for your work on behalf of the people of the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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January 10, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta
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Dear Senator Colletta:

Kodiak's recommendation ~~which~~ went in during the satellite hearing. There were, of course, a number of recommendations that might have been made on many minor points, but we chose those that we felt would be most effective at this time.

Keep in mind that Kodiak has a sophisticated alcoholism program which has received JCAH accreditation. We would hope this would weight our suggestions somewhat as they are tempered by experience.

I would like to submit for your consideration the specific recommendation that the K thru 12 curriculum "Here's looking at you" be the model for adoption in the public school systems. The history of the attempts of the state alcoholism curriculum committee appointed three years ago would suggest that adoption of an already established and effective curriculum would certainly hasten the public education process. In the three years since the committee was formed I understand they have only established a curriculum through third grade. The "Here's looking at you" curriculum is the best I have seen and the educators in our area agree that it could be applied with a minimum of inservice training and would be effective. I fear that, if the matter of a curriculum is deferred, it may be years before a public education program is instituted.

Another point. We think the job of the state should be largely in public education and information and in the establishment of standards which involves certification of programs and of counselors. Considering program certification , there will need to be different standards for the urban areas than there are for the rural areas. JCAH has excellent standards for the urban programs and the people they have sent to look at our program are flexible enough to adapt these standards to rural areas. It would be devastating for the state office to establish rigid standards that could not be met by small villages. I think precautions should be taken to prevent this from happening. I am not sure that this should be on the legislative level but thought you should be aware of it.

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Another matter that is important and probably should be legislative is the ear-marking of funds collected from licensing fees and taxation and perhaps some of the funds from fines for alcohol-related offenses so that they will not be diverted into other programs.

For your information, if you are not already aware of it, there are two levels of detoxification. The great majority of patients can be detoxified in non-medical centers since they do not require medication but only an appropriate atmosphere and knowledgeable attendants. In the experience of Dr. O'Briant at Garden Hospital Jerd Sullivan Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco where they had three thousand annual admissions to their non-medical detoxification unit, only five percent required hospitalization. To build a separate unit as a medical detoxification center-i.e. One that must be staffed by licensed medical personnel-would be extremely expensive when put along side the cost of a non-medical detoxification center which would require only the equivalent of an alcoholism counselor in attendance. For medical detoxification, the hospital is the appropriate place and all one needs is a physician who is knowledgeable and willing to treat the patients in withdrawal. We have handled alcoholism withdrawal in the hospital in Kodiak since 1955 and have had no significant problems.

I have just completed reading your memorandum of 1-5-78 and am truly encouraged at the list of suggestions. My comments in this letter are designed to bring out certain points with respect to the recommendations made therein.

Most important is the matter of local option. The people who live in any given area are the ones who have the problem and should be the ones to manage it. If they are not qualified, they can become so and, as a matter of fact, we are teaching courses for alcoholism counselors in community college. The state's responsibility is to establish qualifications and perhaps to encourage the university to introduce such courses in their various community college branches.

You are doing a great job so far. We who work with the problem are encouraged by the approach and hopeful as to the results.

Sincerely,

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January 6, 1978

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Dear Senator Colletta:

Enclosed are our recommendations for legislation dealing with alcoholism and alcohol abuse. Having viewed the program on KAKM aired January 4, 1978, our recommendations are perhaps similar to those from other agencies/communities. Being closely involved with school districts and aware of the great need for comprehensive (K-12) curriculum planning in the general area of health education, it is our judgement that initiating alcohol education programs will stimulate curriculum planning in the health education area. Additionally, the proposed legislation ought to provide appropriate financial incentives to establish and maintain these efforts.

Your committee is to be commended for the solicitation of citizen input. Thank you for your continuous attention to our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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January 10, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta
Senate Special Committee on Alcoholism
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Dear Senator Colletta:

In that we were unable to get through to you on the telephone during the program that was held on Channel 7, it was decided by the group meeting in Palmer, to draft a letter indicating some of the things we talked about in our meeting after the program. Below you will find suggestions made by the group.

We would like to see a comprehensive alcohol program in the Mat-Su Borough. Federal grant programs are not adequate and therefore we would request that the legislature add to the existing revenue sharing statutes funds, in any amount. This should be returned to the local communities on a revenue sharing formula, specifically for alcohol programs. There again, we feel very strong about this suggestion and feel that it is the number one, most important suggestion.

Secondly, we felt that if the bars were closed at 2:00 a.m. that this will keep the DWI off the road.

Third, it was suggested that professional people coming in contact with the alcoholic, such as the police, doctors, nurses, social workers, alcoholic counselors etc., have more training as to how to deal with the alcoholic and the alcoholism problem.

Mike, you did a fantastic job in getting the people involved and that is what is needed. Congratulations to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Jim Fowler

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January 9, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta
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Dear Senator Mike,

We first want to thank you for taking Hoonah into consideration in your efforts to do something about the alcoholism problem in Alaska. It has certainly contributed more than its share of grief in our community.

After the first public hearing, and the final radio hearing, we came up with the proposed legislation for your office to consider. We felt this was what applied to our community. We are much different this year than in previous years because for the first time, we have become involved in alcoholism education and prevention in the schools, outreach counselling into the community, and, of course, the second year of operation of our male halfway house.

We were sorry that we could not have included our comments in the radio hearing that was held on January 4. We had a number of people who came to our meeting to add their comments, but we were unable to get through. It was interesting, however, to hear pretty much the same comments from other communities.

We look forward to following your activities and see what this Legislative session will do about the alcoholism problem this year.

Sincerely,

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January 9, 1978

Senate Special Committee on Alcoholism
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Gentlemen:

You have a great idea coming to the people about the new bill on Alcoholism.

But, won't it be like so many other bills that affect someone's pocketbook? How much pressure are the liquor interests, cabaret unions and dispensing businesses going to put in this? If, for once, the legislators would think in terms of what's the best for the people and not for the money interests perhaps our laws would change considerably in this country.

Let's consider these two points that were mentioned on the Channel 7 program the other night:

First: Increase the tax on all alcoholic beverages as much as is necessary to foot the bill to treat this problem. Why is it fair that some people make a fortune selling an unnecessary product and that we as taxpayers have to pay the repair bill for the damage done? Let those who use it and dispense it pay for it.

Second: Close all sales of alcoholic beverages at midnight Mondays through Fridays, 1 a.m. on Sunday morning, closed all day Sunday and all Holidays.

You start with these items on that bill and in a few years all the other education, fines, sentencing and treatment will be minimal.

I shall be anxious to see how the liquor interests buy the legislators out of this one.

Yours truly,

Mrs Lloyd H Strid

Mrs. Lloyd H. Strid

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13 January 1978

Senate Special Committee on Alcoholism
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Gentlemen:

I attended the recent public hearing on Alcoholism in Homer, where everyone was connected to a state-wide network. We were unable to speak so I would like this letter to serve as my "input."

First, I would like to point out that I personally enjoy moderate drinking at times and I do occasionally go to bars.

I think that there should be a lot stronger controls on those who dispense alcoholic beverages in bars and in liquor stores and I was taken by the suggestion by some that bartenders and cocktail waitresses be licensed by the State. I think that it is a very good idea to license bartenders and waitresses for serving alcoholic beverages and there could be two classes of licenses, one for the supervisor and another for employees under the supervisor. There should be a supervisor licensed person in the bar at all times. We license other businesses in the State to protect the public interest, such as hairdressing, real estate, construction, and on and on and on. Surely the public would gain by licensing those who dispense alcohol.

Along with the licensing act should come a series of regulations on the dispensing of alcoholic beverages. This would include stiffer controls for selling to minors, and selling to intoxicated persons. I'm sure that enforceable regulations could be made.

There are hundreds of ideas being discussed, most of which involve additional public money for rehabilitation of alcoholics. I am willing to support rehabilitation programs through taxes but I think that a much better effort should be made to control the alcohol before it gets to the alcoholic. Certainly if an alcoholic

is considered a sick person who cannot help himself, a person who dispenses alcoholic beverages to this person should also be held responsible for the consequences. Further, I'm not sure that those who dispense can be counted on to have a social conscience and they do have an economic interest in dispensing more alcoholic beverage. I'm sure that economic sanctions against those who contribute to the problem will bring the best result.

Thank you very much for spending so much of your time and effort in working on this serious problem. We sincerely hope that you are successful in the endeavor.

Sincerely,

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A very good idea, this model drafting of a bill. For the first time I feel like I have some input in the making of a bill. I hope the pre-Christmas activities of people don't prevent them availing themselves of the opportunity to at least make a stab at it. I tried.

Al Taylor

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December 22, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
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Dear Senator Colletta:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to respond to the efforts of your Committee to drft a comprehensive bill relating to the treatment of alcoholism and alcoholic beverages. As you will note, my response on the enclosed draft bill is limited to the section dealing with the treatment of alcoholism; and is directed towards the remedy of a basic problem in the way State agencies address the alcoholic individual.

As a former Social Worker for the Division of Family and Children Services for the State of Alaska, I have been disturbed for some time over the tendency of State agencies to side-step and evade their obligation towards the afflicted alcoholic. Discouraging past histories involving alcoholics, overlayed with limited fundirg, is often used by agencies to withhold critical services from the alcoholic. I am particularly concerned in this regard with the attitudes and practices of our Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

It is my belief that in order to greatly increase the probability that an alcoholic will succeed in any rehabilitation plan, it is vital that the individual identify a tangible reason for continued abstinence. That much is perfectly clear to me. I have found that in order to have any success in the rehabilitation process of an alcoholic, the afflicted alcoholic must either be in danger of losing something tangible, such as wife, children, job, etc.; or, be in a position to get these same things bach contingent upon abstinence. The "skid-row" type of alcoholic who has already lost everything including his family, job, and self-respect, and feels that there is no chance to "earn" these things back, will never be a good candidate for rehabilitation services. Based on the above premise, an agency such as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation can be and should be a critical part of the alcoholics decision to refrain from further intoxication. This agency should be providing employment goals and incentives to the active alcoholic as a prerequisite to toal abstinence.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has the real potential to provide the alcoholic with the training and other assistance necessary for full-time employment, i.e. something very critical that was inevitably lost in the drinking experience. This agency should be using its resources to tell the alcoholic, "hey, you can be a contributing member

of society again if you will allow us to give you vocational rehabilitation services." In short, DVR should be involved in the early stages of an alcoholic's rehabilitation and be an instrumental and integral part of the alcoholics decision for forebearance.

Unfortunately, current DVR policy towards the alcoholic is exactly opposite from that described above. Instead of taking an active role in the alcoholics decision to quit drinking, this agency demands unreasonable rehabilitation before any services are offered. Instead of providing part of the incentive to an alocoholic involved with the difficult abstinence decision, this agency wants to get involved only after the hard work has already been done. I have heard some people say jokingly that some banks will only loan you money if you can prove to them that you don't really need it. The present DVR eligibility requirements for alcoholics includes much of this "catch-22" premise.

The focus which I have placed in Section 2 of the draft bill is intended to remove the extra eligibility requirements that an alcoholic must presently meet in order to receive State social services. It is my contention that many State agencies are presently predisposed against the offering of its services to alcoholics. In limiting the focus of my comments, I am hoping that your Committee will likewise focus its attention on this serious problem. It is my desire to insure that alcoholics in need of rehabilitation services will be treated as any other candidate for services without any additional eligibility requirements prejudicial to his circumstance.

Please feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance in your Committee's valuble and worthy efforts.

Respectfully yours,

Barry Gross

Barry Gross

615 H Street #5
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
January 4, 1978

Senate Special Committee on Alcoholism
State Capitol
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Friends;

In response to the Public Television and Radio program tonight on the State Alcoholism program, I wish to make the following points.

1) An increase in State spending on this problem may only increase "more of the same" type of approach, which is expert in failure. We have no need of merely shoring up the "alcoholism treatment industry"in this state. There is no indication that this will have any effect at all on the incidence of alcoholism. The same can be said of many, though not all, of the suggestions which came to the Committee from state residents. The State should put no money into any program--educational, preventional, or treatment--which has not proven to be successful. Is there any indication, for example, that more information in the public schools "K through High School" will lower the incidence of alcoholism?

2) Having alcohol consumer and dealer pay for the cost of alcoholism programs will have the effect of putting the State government in the position of having a vested interest in the sale of liquor rather than in the elimination of the problem. The State and the people should be forced to pay for this problem out of their own pockets rather than putting it off on alcohol victims and the liquor industry.

3) The present alcoholism treatment structure is both racist and discriminatory against the poor. While there is treatment readily available for those with financial status, the poor and minority groups have it denied. (Details provided on request)

4) In current discussions, there has been every effort to deny the fact that 1) alcoholism is a disease 2) the cause of which is known (the ingestion of alcohol to the point of addiction) and 3) the treatment of which is known (removal of the addicting substance).

In the field of medicine, there is the tendency to ignore or deny a cure when it would demand a radical change in cultural mores. Obvious cures, and even very simple ones are passed over for other cures often highly expensive and complicated which are not as effective and may in fact be positively harmful. We know, for example, the cause and

cure of cancer. It is caused by the introduction of certain irritating substances into our bodies and our environment. But rather than remove those substances, we choose to spend billions of dollars on a search for a cancer "vaccine" and on radical cancer surgery and radiation, thereby creating an enormous cancer treatment industry available only to the most affluent.

The same situation obtains also in the field of alcoholism treatment: the further the public and their leaders get away from the hard scientific data of alcoholism, the more complicated, expensive, profitable, and ineffective treatment tends to be.

5) Treatment of an addictive disease simply demands removal of the addictive substance from the patient for a long enough period of time so that he or she can learn to live without it. Because of the very nature of addiction, this often requires constant supervision which must be admitted is involuntary confinement. Although such supervision or confinement seems to be punitive, there is no reason for government to otherwise punish or fine the alcoholic.

In every discussion, you must be reminded that alcoholism is an addictive disease.

We know now that addiction itself is a form of allergy and as such, part of the immunological load. Experts now have shed some light on the craving aspects of addiction in showing that addiction of any sort is the most serious form of stress the body can undergo.

Those who appreciate this fact can see how ridiculous it is to impose deterrents on alcoholic "offenders" such as DWI's. Whether sober or drunk, the alcoholic has no choice but to seek the substance which every cell in his body demands.

Considering this loss of free choice, this irrationality, the community has no choice but to put him in a situation where he not only will dry up but also be cured of the addiction, which may take several months or years.

Such a health-producing policy aimed at producing a variety of alcoholism treatment centers where people have to stay until they are pronounced "cured" would in itself be much more educative than any (K through 12) program we could offer. It would merely state that alcohol is an addictive substance which deprives us from full use of our reason. Those who succumb to the disease are already deprived of reason--the prerequisite of freedom in our culture--and will be be properly supervised and treated until such time as they are cured of the disease.

The cure is known. All you have to do is implement it.

Sincerely,

William H. DuBay

William H. DuBay

December 12, 1977

Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West 6th Avenue, Suite C
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

The single greatest factor in the growth of alcoholism in the villages is the shipment of alcohol by airfreight.

1. It should be illegal for airlines and air taxi operators, as well as for the shipper, to ship alcoholic beverages into dry villages and towns.

2. Penalties for violating the above provision should be strict, and should be enforced. A carrier should be responsible for having knowledge of the material he ships.

3. Although there are likely to be many violations, and it's unlikely every violater can be caught, regular spot checks should be made by Troopers, of shipments particularly from towns which are now supplying the alcohol (in Western Alaska: Nome and Red Devil).

Secondly, it's no secret that Nome bars are clearly serving obviously intoxicated customers, and that local liquor stores are selling alcoholic beverages to persons they know are re-peddling the stuff to minors, as well as packaging large shipments into taxicabs for obvious transport to Teller, a supposedly dry village. I don't know if this is a matter for legislation or simply for stricter local inforcement, but I think the facts, however unprovable in a court of law, should be made known.

I prefer that my name be kept confidential in connection with the above remarks. Thank you once again.

Sincerely yours,

Anchorage

Jan 5, 1978

State Special Committee on Alcoholism
Pouch V
State Capital, Juneau Alaska 99811

Committee members and Alaska Legislators.

Your efforts to control the problem of alcohol in Alaska is too late for many persons & families who have been killed or made lifetime cripples but hopefully will prevent some of these tragedies in the future. I have personal & family experience; with certain victims.

I believe 3 actions would help.

#1. Bartenders should be prohibited by law from serving liquor to known problem drinkers. Presently as long as these people have money they are served and then thrown out on the street - to be picked up & mistreated by the policemen.

The ones I know have never hurt another person in any way. I would hope this committee and the lawmakers would not be intimidated by those in the industry so that they would not pass proper control laws.

2. A place better than a jail should be provided. You would not believe some of the stories which I know are true but dare not write.

3. One of the really big problems in Anchorage and most likely in other communities is a place to go for companionship and activities other than a bar. Sober recreation for a single person is hard to find. Can't be just a room, must be planned & supervised activities.

I'm sure you have the best wishes of thousands who have been affected by alcohol.

Good luck -

P.S. I hope you will consider my thoughts on the problem even though I cannot sign my name. I am really afraid of some in the industry -

Senator Michael Colleta
Juneau

Mr. Stephen Kidder
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~~xx/xx/xx~~ 1/4/78

Sir,

I heard over KSRM that you were interested in public response to the Alcoholic abuse situation in Alaska. I am a non-drinking alcoholic, non-drinking now since 1969. I almost died several times, being unconscious and delirious twice for about seven days. My point there is that I still drank after that experience, and that an alky must be hit very hard indeed, viz.: often when one of them kills a family of five, say, in a car accident, that kind of shock, after the fact unfortunately, can wake them up. I stopped drinking spring '69. AA didn't do it, nor accepting Christ, no real reason I am aware of at that time or this. My reason for riffing this experience is because of that not knowing, what stopped me. I was in mental hospitals as a volunteer patient, which is the first step, get them to admit there is a problem. It is usually a very emotional kind of problem, and is very similar to heroin addiction. If the consciousness of the individual can be brought up or out of the emotion, and can get objective, to the problem that the drinking is about, covers (alcoholism is a symptom of something else usually) then progress can be made. For me at that time it was a rite of passage, I was young for it, 22 and earlier on I started drinking hard, cirrhosis by 23 or 24 etc. We have no rites of passage in this society really, not like the Bar Mitzvah, I believe it is, nor the more severe rites as the Australian aborigines have, just graduate from high school and that is sometimes it, all. (often the problem is in education), or lack of it; Purpose in life,

Alaska has her own problems endemic to the state, the amount of space, which often creates a phobia to a person and ingrows them, too much time (unless one is a good hermit type, not too many really are) or not enough to do, male-female contretemps, the length of the winters, negative people, or the game of the alky- an alcoholic is always into a game, gamesmanship, opportunist (usually a strong Alaskan trait, which may be indicative). There is a paradox of the size of the state versus the kind of small town hangup-awareness that drunks

can get into, for some reason, like being "inside" the state, and maybe not really belonging or able to adjust- even though it is five times almost the size of California, it is limited to many by their ability to get out of just what the roads and highways offer, or they get stuck in a small town after growing up in a big city. Athletic people, people concerned with the quality of the food they eat, are not going to be alkys. Small town people who stay, expecially when all this growth and awareness of same is going on, may get depressed for being so small, or stuck in an "inability place" where they cannot get up and around. Converseley, the changes going on, the immediate and noticeable growth in at least this area, may give a culture shock to people that have been stuck in this area and at a mellower pace (even with the summer up) all their lives. Alcoholism is a great hole, a lack, a game, a deathwish which if not countered leads on too many yrs to eventual death, and of course the expense to the society and other individuals is often immense.

The new traffic laws in Anchorage as of last year (one drunk conviction and so many days in jail or is it just overnight, anyway, one cannot bail oneself out) is good, but should be really steep, and we should have judges or a uniform code dealing particularly with traffic-alcohol-drug violations. Mental hospitalization in my case was very good, and I was given the chance to sit and work it out for myself, pretty much, which is what I needed. But I don't see that as a viable solution when API is so stuffed already. I needed to be left alone, and other people oft times are into such games, and even evil games too, as to attempt to get one to continue drinking or to start again, I have to put up with people most of the time when in public or parties where there is a strong and overt attempt to get me to use drugs, particularly alcohol, they know, and try to get you going again. Evil abides, etc. Hence one must become very self aware, and very aware of others and their motives and attempts. In other words, one must grow up very quickly to a higher awareness of people, and basically become a very good psychologist, or else shun people and become "a grouch" a "downer" etc. But one holds to himself and doesn't get lost or drunk etc. It is not always easy, but no one promised us the rose garden. Perhaps in Alaska, there are so many people who are given over to sensation, hedonism, loss of personal integrity, I see this in the Homer area alot, that dissipation occurs. To become aware of what is going on can be the first step in avoidance.

Sincerely Steve Ridder

Sometimes behavioral modification can work. And the buzz, the high, it is as delightful to the living as alcohol, but without the attendant malaise. Sometimes people who have had it, like some counselors can help, if the conditions of certain psycho-therapies are right. And then sometimes a new geographical area, "friends" conditions, can be a help.

Further Note: once an Alky is cured, he or she can not ever (should not) drink again. Not socially, not with 'the boys' out at home, in bars, at parties & et cetera.

Not ever AGAIN. And still be cured.

100 %

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January 5, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta
Special Committee on Alcoholism
Pouch V - State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Colletta:

We were extremely disappointed that we were unable to get a hook-up for the statewide broadcast of the meeting. I was informed on December 30, 1977, late in the afternoon, of the type of equipment needed. An employee of RCA was told about the meeting on January 3. I was told by the local telephone serviceman that it would take at least two weeks to arrange for that type of hook-up because of the unavailability of the proper materials, locally. In the future, we will be better prepared if a little more advance planning is done.

Despite the fact that we were unable to hear the broadcast, members of the community met and made the following recommendations:

I. a. Education programs dealing with alcohol abuse should begin in grade school

b. Opportunities should be made available for people to develop other interests for a better utilization of their time

c. Appropriations for youth recreational facilities with trained supervisors

d. Funded extra-curricular activities at school stressing activities indigenous to ares, such as cross-country skiing

II. Alternatives and Treatment

a. Establish adult centers or coffee shops where alcoholic beverages are not served

b. Appropriation for snack-bar, recreation center for young people, to become self-sufficient and run by young people

c. Stress follow-up treatment such as counseling and daily support after release from treatment center

d. Establish half-way houses in villages so that person will not have to leave his environment

III. Local Option

a. Villages voting to "go dry" increase incidence of boot-legging and do not lower rate of comsumption

b. Better screening of applications for liquor establishments

IV. Enforcement

Strong laws already exist and should be consistently enforced

We recently experienced some serious problems stemming from alcohol abuse and have amended our City Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to attempt to alleviate the problem.

I hope our suggestions will be included in the Bill.

Sincerely,

Hollis M. Mitchell

Hollis M. Mitchell
City Manager

HM/ph

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Senator Mike Colletta, Chairman
Special Senate Committee on
Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse
P.O. Box 3188
Anchorage, AK 999501

Dear Senator Colletta,

Enclosed find my work draft copy of bill on alcoholism.

I feel it is time to take drastic measures to curb alcoholism, for the sake of those whose lives are being ruined and also for the sake of the innocent people around them.

I am a relative new comer to Alaska, I've only been here three years, but I've never felt such pressure to drink as I have here in Alaska. I have gone to many homes here in Alaska where I have not been given an alternate to a hard liquor. They have not even had a soft drink or a non-alcoholic drink in the house, they just assume everyone drinks . What chance does an alcoholic have sho is trying to quit if friends and business acquantances don't have something eles available to him. Drinking seems to be the only form of entertainment people know. The excuse is that there is nothing to do in Alaska. That can only be an ex ouse as there are the same things to do here as there is in any place in the U.S.A. It isn't even a good excuse in the bush and rural areas. I grew up in a remote rural area but we found many things to keep us occupied. We entertained ourselves with reading, friends, making things, visiting and having parties (without drinking), community activities.

We need a real campaign aganist liquor, none of us need it. Just as the non-smokers are beginning to stand up and be counted, I think our legislature should stand up and refuse to serve liquor at their functions and speak out aganist it. As individuals we should refuse to serve it in homes and refuse to attend functions where it is served. Our legislature should encourage our business community to disband the cocktail parties they give to business associates and to their employees.

I also am in favor of the liquor industry haveing to foot the bill for rehabilitation of alcoholics.

I hope you will consider my suggestions when you are putting the bill together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kenneth Brevald

Mrs. Kenneth Brevald

Rural Alaska
Community Action Program, Inc.

December 29, 1977

Carl Jack, Presdient
Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc.
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Bethel, Alaska 99559

Ref: RurAL CAP Resolution #77-43 (enclosed)

Dear Carl:

Paul Gregory introduced for the Board's consideration the Bethel Resolution #192 addressing the Governor's alcoholism package. As you can see from the resolution, we did not totally endorse the Bethel resolution, preferring to wait until after the Citizens' Participation Conference has had a chance to hash through the Governor's package, the recommendations of the Special Interim Committee on Alcoholism and Alcohol-Related Legislation (the Colletta Committee), and other proposals that may be before the Legislature in February.

Meanwhile, we do provide our full endorsement to the concern being expressed by Bethel and have placed alcoholism as one of the priority topics to be addressed at the CPC (now scheduled, as you know, for February 23, 24 adn 25, in Juneau).

Please let me know if there's anything else we can do on this subject at this time.

Sincerely,

Phil Smith
Executive Director

PJS/shl
cc: Ms. Diane La Resche, Office of the Governor
Senator Mike Colletta

Rural Alaska
Community Action Program, Inc.

RESOLUTION #77-43

ENTITLED: ENDORSING CITY OF BETHEL RESOLUTION NO. 192 REGARDING ENDORSEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOLISM AND ALCOHOL ABUSE WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has passed Resolution No. 192 endorsing and supporting the Governor's proposals for legislative action addressing the problems of alcoholism and alcohol abuse within the State of Alaska and encouraging the State Legislature to pass and approve the salient elements of these proposals, and

WHEREAS, the RurAL CAP Board recognizes the fact that the City of Bethel is a dry community which is continually concerned with the problems of bootlegging and lack of adequate compensation because of a loss of sales tax revenue associated with liquor sales, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposals for legislative action addressing the problems of alcoholism and alcohol will be addressed at the Citizens' Participation Conference in February, and.

WHEREAS, the RurAL CAP Board has not studied the proposals and formulated a formal position on the specific remedies proposed;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program does hereby endorse the thrust of the City of Bethel's Resolution #192, that being the need for relief from the specific problems experienced by a dry community in Alaska, as well as for a comprehensive program addressing the problems of alcohol and alcohol abuse in the entire state, but the Board does also reserve its prerogative to formulate an independent position on the Governor's proposals at a later date.

RESOLUTION #77-43.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., on December 6, 1977, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Signed: Gordon Jackson

Gordon Jackson, President
RurAL CAP Board of Directors

Signed: P. J. S.

Philip J. Smith, Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program

Comment on Alcoholism.

We have been reading the Draft copy of the proposed bill on Alcoholism to be brought up in the Alaska Legislature this coming season. — We consider this proposed legislation to fill a long needed act of legislation that should be acted into law, in all its ramification.

Respectfully

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1/4 — 1978

Anchorage
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Senate SPECIAL Committee on Alcoholism
Senator Mike Colletta
Pouch V
STATE CAPITAL Juneau Alaska 99811

SECTION ONE; PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

A. School Education programs
   1. Teachers
   2. Counselors
      (CAN counselors NOW put students intouch with AA or ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS?)
   3. STUDENTS
      K thru College.

B. Education of ~~Federal~~, STATE, MUNICIPAL Employees.

   2. STORE, Bar, Lounge OWNERS, STORE clerks. Other employees.

C. Prohibit public advertising of alcoholic beverages

D. Advertise EDUCATIONAL and rehabilitation opportunities.

E Support the above thru optional TAX deductible contributions; fines for breaking the law; sales tax on liquor

7. FOR the next TEN YEARS College & GED CLASSES TO EDUCATE the Adult POPULATION out of school.

OVER

Prevention

Limit the number of stores, bars lounges
Stiffen Licencing requirements, and fees

SECTION two : Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment.

A. community schools with broader programs.

People do not need just "something to do", in order to combat drinking from boredom. In the education programs we need to teach the children to grow enough inside to be bored with drinking for fun. Alaska needs people willing to improve the state thru volenteer programs or part-time work.

Improving parks
picking up litter
planting trees
volenteer recycling programs

Etc.

day care of children for working parents
care of older people

It is sad that the Natives are really having problems with Alcohol. Would it help to show these people to be Proud once more of who they are? ~~Help~~. Teach The children about their roots, using the Elders.

Support their Alternative life-Style thru Subsistence hunting.

Keep families togeather by increasing Bush schools or correspondance courses.

TREATMENT

Consolidate various agencies and programs
Get some TEAM WORK going towards the programs

Urge (TRAINED) volenteer workers to help the problem drinker, family.
(one of the reasons Jane Sheehan drinks is so she doesn't know that she's so lonely.)
This could be a final two week program for those in grades 6 thru adult classes

Prouide an adaquate shelter / detox center

Permanent socialworker or Teacher/counselor in each bush community.

Section three : Local option

1. Train a couple of community members for Teaching about alcohol, being available to help the problem drinker and his family, help rehabilitate.

2. Make the community support the store, Lounge or bar with LOCAL taxes or contributions.

3. Involve the community in rehabilitation / education programs.

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Section four ; Enforcement

1. Raise legal consumption / purchasing age to 21
2. Require a state Liquor Control card w/ photo identifying the person it's issued to. To obtain such a card each individual must pass a education class about alcohol, And pay for the permit - about 5 dollars.

   To be renewed every 4 years by application, Completion of another 4 day class and five dollars.

   NOT to be reissued to convicted DWI / OMVI offenders or Persons enrolled in a Treatment / Rehab. program.

3 All stores selling beer, wine, or other alcoholic Beverages to be state Licenced, state controlled as in Oregon.

   No Brown bags or other retail outlets

Fines imposed for loaning or Barrowing Liquor Control cards.

Suspension of cards for convictions of DWI/OMVI and public drunkeness until a 12 month education And or Rehabilitation ~~plans~~ program is compleated.

NO admittence to Bars/Lounges without current Liquor control card.

Stiffen penalties for bootlegging.
impound auto, Boat, Plane used in bootlegging attempt. revoke Liquor control card.
Jail/fine

Prohibit planes from shipping alcholol unless
Trains
Ferries

The beverage is to be served specifically on that carriers.
Or the shipment is authorized for sale thru a state Liquor Control store.

Actually, don't you think we are closing our eyes to what both hands are doing?

Here's the right hand trying to stop the death and destruction from alcohol consumption, and alcoholism. Then there's the left hand getting revenue from liquor sales, promoting sales thru advertising that make drinkers appear sexy, smart, hip and all-American.

Is there a more appropriate comment about human nature?

Special comments on regulations:

1. Raise minimum age to 21 for purchase of alcohol.
2. Require a "20.00" identification card/license before any alcoholic beverage can be purchased in a store, tavern, restaurant etc.
3. Invoke severe penalties for any traffic violation or other crime involving alcohol abuser (or user). For 1st offense revoke alcohol & drivers license. Implement as part of "penalty" an education program on alcohol abuse.
4. Limit hours an establishment may dispense alcohol to 12-14 hours a day. Close all such businesses on Sundays.
5. Drastically reduce (eliminate) number of liquor licenses for restaurants, taverns, etc consider % of population for basis.
6. Require an alcohol abuse education program for anyone dispensing alcohol — store clerks, waitress, bartender, restaurant mgr. etc
7. Increase alcohol tax 150 - 200 % to help cover costs of alcohol rehabilitation & education programs. And to help implement these restrictions.

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January 5, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta
Chairman Special Senate
Committee on Alcoholism
Pouch V, Juneau, Ak.

Dear Senator Colletta:

I appreciate your invitation to share my views regarding alcohol legislation.

To decrease alcoholism you must decrease the consumption of alcohol. To do this, you must do two basic things: (1) Make the seller responsible for the cost of damage done by the product he sells. (I definitely support Gov. Hammond's tax increase proposal or alternate suggestion on page 2 of this letter under "enforcement"). (2) Change the attitude of the consumer. Currently many consumers seem to think alcohol is a product one puts on the grocery list as a staple along with bread and milk. Changing attitudes is a matter of education through every media, but it is probably most effectively done through our public schools and universities.

I am very well aware that the word "education" opens up a whole new realm of debate. (Education to whose point of view, for instance?) I believe several views should be presented informing the students always that drinking involves risks and those risks are serious and should not be minimized in our society. I think education should be frequent, repetitious, thorough and channeled through many avenues. I stress the latter because we have given our children much information about alcohol, yet when a recent radio spot told listeners that there is as much alcohol in a 12oz can of beer as in a shot of hard liquor, our 21 year old said, "I didn't know that". We live in the University area and I feel the University, by selling alcoholic beverages is promoting its use. Strong leaders argue that beer and wine are harmless. By example they teach that liquor is a must for almost every occassion. This molds attitudes towards increased consumption of alcohol! I think part of our present problem is in the top echelon of education so be very careful who the law says shall give counsel. I am skeptical of having one "expert" counselor assigned to any given area to educate on a controversial subject.

I am not a lawyer so when I write down a law (page 2) it will not be in legal language, but it will tell you the type of education I want for my children and grandchildren. I want them to know all the hard cold facts plus have first hand imput from people who can relate from experience joy in abstinence and despair in addiction respectively. This will equip them to make an intelligent decision. I can hope they accept the position of the non drinker. If they decide to drink, regardless of the risks they have learned it involves, then I want them to be informed of any and all ways they can avoid excess. If they become enslaved by alcohol, then I want them to know there is compassionate help, and they should seek it early.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

Section 1. Prevention and Education

A. The State of Alaska or (Local School Boards) shall hire an adequate number of Alcohol Education teams for each school district in the state. (These shall be local residents if qualified people are available in the district) Each team shall have one member of each of the following catagories:
(a) One medical-safety-socio-economic fact resource person who shall present to the students the effects of alcohol on the body, growing evidence of high ratio of retardation of offspring, statistics on accidents and alcohol related crime , plus socio-economic facts etc. In the lower grades discretion shall be used in telling it like it is, but for grades five and up this presentation shall not spare the gory details of reality in word or pictures of detoxification centers, life snuffing auto accidents, the hurt cries of families etc. For grades five and up this member of the team shall be responsible for a written test on medical, safety, socio-economic facts and statistics to be given each semester for credit.
(b) One non drinker who can say to the students, "I know that one drinker in five in Alaska becomes an alcoholic. I have decided against the use of alcohol. This person shall give reasons and be able to say convincingly that life is full and satisfying without it.
(c) One drinker who has had instruction through a state alcoholism education program who can say to the students, "I know that one drinker in five in Alaska becomes an alcoholic but I'm taking that gamble. I am trying to minimize the risks by:"
(d) One member of A.A. who can say to the students, "I gambled with the odds and I was the one in five who became an alcoholic" This person shall graphically describe what it is like to be an alcoholic.

It shall be mandatory for all schools in the state to arrange scheduling so that every child receives this alcohol education. A team shall visit each classroom or designated assembly, grades one through twelve, twice each month. The presentation shall always be done as a team and shall include a question and answer period and an offer of individual help to any student asking for it.

B. There shall be no alcoholic beverages sold at any school or university in the State of Alaska. No liquor shall be served at any school or university function.

Section 2:
Section 3:

Section 4: Enforcement.
Each year the legislature or State Committee on Alcohol shall determine the total cost to the taxpayers of alcohol abuse in the state of Alaska including the cost of all alcohol related problems such as welfare dependence due to alcohol etc. This total cost shall be divided by the number of liquor licenses in the state. The resulting figure shall be the average cost of license fee for the following year. This shall be prorated in accordance with the profit ratio of various licenses.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Claude E. Swaim

P.S. I think current radio and TV spots giving information on the problems pertaining to alcohol are excellent and should be continued. Thank you for listening.

1220 "F" Street
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January 11th, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta, Chairman,
Senate Committee on Alcoholism
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V,
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Colletta:

I am writing in response to your invitation to help write a "Citizens Legislative Bill" to help correct the problems of alcoholism in our State.

I will readily admit that I, as a layman, do not know the answers to the often severe and serious problems caused by alcohol abuse in our State. I don't think that even the professionals in the field know all of the answers, although I am sure that they will have been able to make some recommendations that will assist you in writing an effective bill that will at least make a beginning at solving these problems. Alcohol, a legal and generally socially accepted drug, probably causes more problems in Alaskan society than all of the illegal drugs combined. (I will readily state that I use the stuff, myself.)

I am, however, dismayed and really very unhappy to learn that you and your committee have apparently chosen to disregard the recommendations of Governor Hammond in this area. Certainly, other approaches are needed, besides the ones the Governor has recommended; however, the Governor's recommendations are not "mutually exclusive" with such other approaches. If they are adopted, they will not prevent your committee from also coming up with others as well. However, I believe that the Governor's recommendations are a very good "first step"; they would, in my opinion, go a long way toward solving the problems of alcoholism, particularly in the bush areas, in our state. I want to urge that you reconsider, and adopt the recommendations made by Governor Hammond in this area, along with any others your Committee may believe will be effective.

I am, Sincerely,

Gerald R. Brookman

Gerald R. Brookman

1-10-77

Senator Mike Coletta
Alcoholism Legislation

Dear Senator Coletta;

After reading your legislative recommendations regarding directions to take with Alcoholism, I would like to say that it is very comprehensive. I especially agree with special training for personnel dealing with the problem directly. Under Alternatives I wonder how most places would fund pay back on low cost loans for facilites?

I hope your recommendations inspire that funds do be

made available to this need.
The idea of using a source already set up is great.
I would also like to see higher taxes on liquor, And strict control on liscensure.
Thanking You for Your Consideration.

Karen Kubley Inge
K K Inge
Public Health Nurse
Councilwoman
Kiwak, Ak

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January 9, 1978

Senate Committee on Alcoholism
c/o Senator Mike Colletta
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Colletta:

About eight people, all involved in counseling (which often touches alcohol related problems) met to review comments from the earlier hearings on alcohol legislation. Recommendations surfacing from the group are:

1. Enforcement
   - A. Increase the penalities for all OMVI.
     Like: A year's suspension of driver's license for first offense plus mandatory ten days in jail.
   - B. Make it possible for a judge to order a person to treatment.
   - C. Licensing of bartenders, cocktail waitresses, liquor sales clerks.

2. Education-Prevention
   - A. Provide a learning package such as Washington state's "Here's Looking at You" for school use and mandate a learning package in use in schools by ___ date.
   - B. Required in-service training to persons in main-line contact with alcoholics: criminal justice system (police, lawyers, judges), social workers, clergy, and medical system (doctors, nurses). And as a licensing requirement for those (above) who are licensed.

3. Alternatives/Treatment
   - A. Treatment: State provide standards, and matching funds for treatment programs.
   - B. Alternatives: Funding incentives for community school programs as a good alternative to drinking.

4. Local Option For Treatment
   - A. Adaptable to local situation within standard limits.
   - B. Involving local money.

5. Funding
   - A. Raise liquor taxes.
   - B. Channel a comparable amount of money (as that received through liquor taxes) to be used for: education
     enforcement
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Prior to the January 4 broadcast, sixteen persons discussed the above items. Some of the major concerns of that group were:

1. Education on alcohol and alcoholism, K-12.

2. Increase all OMVI penalities.

3. Counselor training and certification.

4. Adequate taxation to fund alcohol education, enforcement, treatment, and alternatives.

Then during the broadcast the group responded very favorably concerning training for all persons in main-line contact with persons experiencing alcohol related problems.

During the discussion following the broadcast, ideas began to surface as to what could be done locally without waiting for what happens state-wide. However, local concern for action on a state level has certainly been heightened by participation in the hearings.

Sincerely,

Glenn Groth

Glenn Groth
Coordinator for the Seward Group

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Participants, Seward, January 4, 1978

Pat Clasby
Julie Casey
Ruth McHenry
Dick Neve'
George Peck
Brent Whitmore
Sheila Marrs
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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TWO PART MESSAGE TO SENATOR HACKNEY:

DEAR SENATOR HACKNEY,

I BELIEVE THAT I WAS PRIVLEGED TO SPEAK BEFORE A GROUP YOU WERE HEADING ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND CONTROL IN THE WINTER OF 72-73 HERE IN FAIRBANKS, SPECIFICALLY IN THE VALUE OF DETOX CENTERS AND THE CARE OF ALCOHOLICS. I FEEL NOW AS I DID THEN ONLY MORE SO IN REMOVING THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM.

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SINCERELY,

LOUIS R. APPLEGATE
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FAIRBANKS, AK 99701

PLEASE ACK. BOTH PORTIONS OF MESSAGE. THANKS. /A/ EOM

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Sincerely, Mary Ross

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Lengthening the Shadow of the Cross . . .

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January 3, 1978

Alaska State Senator, Mike Colletta
Special Senate Committee
on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse

Dear Senator Colletta:

I understand that you are appealing for input from our community on possible legislation for alcoholism and alcohol abuse. I and other ministerial colleagues hope to submit some constructive suggestions and solutions in the very near future. I am writing to express our intent and desire to exercise some democratic input toward this mutual concern.

Thank you.

Cordially yours,

Lowell Wood

Lowell Wood, Pastor
Lake Spenard Baptist Church

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January 17, 1978

Mary E. Ross
Rt. 4 Box 4973
Juneau, Alaska 99803

Dear Mrs. Ross:

Thank you for your letter of January 11th, which I have taken the liberty of sending along to the chairman of the Committee on Alcoholism, Senator Mike Colletta of Anchorage.

He will no doubt be holding additional committee meetings in the near future, and at such time as we meet I am sure he will keep your comments in mind.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Ziegler, Sr.

RHZ/pkz

cc - Senator Colletta

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DR. WILLIAM R. WOOD
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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January 12, 1978

Senator Mike Colletta
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sentor Colletta:

I have reviewed at length the Status Report on Legislative Recommendations which your Committee issued on January 5th, 1978, and have had an opportunity to discuss with Senator Hackney the problem of alcoholism and drug abuse with which your Committee is actively concerned.

While each of the suggestions under "Education and Prevention", Alternatives to Drinking - Treatment", "Local Option", and "Enforcement" are clearly significant items for the Legislative Committee to study, it occurs to me that the most pertinent item of all would be drastically reducing the margin of profit in the alcohol beverage and drug business.

This would have to be attacked at every level from the manufacturing to distribution, and involves so many facets of daily living for so many people that I can appreciate the reluctance of the Legislature to tackle the issue head-on. Further, there is obviously no one clear-cut way to "drastically reduce the margin of profit in the liquor and drug business". If there were no more profit in selling a fifth of bourbon than there is in selling a hand of bananas, I doubt that our problem would be as great as it is.

State liquor stores have some merit, but are not the final answer. Prohibition, of course, failed. As a matter of fact, throughout history people have used narcotics in one way or another, and will continue to do so as long as the human race persists. If it is not alcohol, it is "loco weed", "cacoa","slake lime", or whatever.

I am skeptical that very much can be accomplished by legislating "primary alcoholism education curriculum in the public school system, grades K through 12". If you have half

million dollars to spend on this, may I suggest instead that you spend it on a dramatic information program using radio and televison? It will be much more effective for the money spent, for it will be heard, or seen and heard, by adults as well as youngsters.

Straight advertising or propaganda campaigns such as that conducted by the Surgeon General on cigarette smoking will be offset by advertising and propaganda programs sponsored by the manufacturing companies. It is my guess that a bigger percentage of the teenagers, especially young women, are smoking today than was the case fifteen years ago when the national anti-smoking program began. Among older people it seems to be having a better effect.

I believe strongly in the "local options" as a means of tightening up on the issuance of licensing. I believe that training of persons who dispense alcohol as a prerequisite of their licensing to serve would be helpful. Yet, this in itself will not make a great deal of difference. The proposed "basic alcoholism education and in-service type training for persons with a main-line contact with alcoholics" is excellent. Stiffer penalties for convictions involving alcohol and/or drugs and the operation of motor vehicles would be worthwhile. Some of the other suggestions concerning enforcement are a waste of time.

Personally, I have never been impressed by the extensive and expensive programs on rehabilitation. It has been my observation that the ones that work best are the purely voluntary ones that have no government support. The proposal for low interest loans to community corporations is a sure way to spend a lot and accomplish little, if anything.

These few comments offered are from a standpoint of a sideline observer, with zero expertise in anything relating to the problem.

Sincerely yours,

Bill

William R. Wood
Executive Vice President

WRW/kb
cc: Senator Glen Hackney

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* Section 3 Local Option

Incourage local governments to provide recreational centers and a program of community activities.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Require the coutts to commit second offenders in alcohol related cases to treatment, re-hab, or some type of alcoholic education program.

PRESENTED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE "NEWS", above is a form for citizens to "write their own" alcoholism bill. The form was mailed by Senator Mike Colletta following his round of hearings throughout Alaska with the Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse to those persons attending sessions in the 31 communities visited. Senator Colletta encourages Alaskans to "combine your solutions together with the solutions of people in other communities (to) arrive at a solution for the problems of alcoholism and alcohol abuse for all Alaska. The comments you return to us will be used to write the law which will be acted upon in the next session. You are helping draft the first citizens legislative bill to be considered by the Alaska State Legislature." Readers of the "NEWS" who want to add their input may fill out the above form and mail it to Senator Colletta, Chairman, Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, Pouch V, Juneau, AK 99811.

Thank you,

Art Carney, Wasilla, Ak.

Art Carney

While the above sugjestions offer a plan of action that will improve the present situation, real progress will not be realized untill the children of todays alcoholics have delt with the outlooks and attitudes which are now being imposed upon them by their problem drinking fathers or mothers. Alcoholism is only a symptom of a deeper malady which seems to have its roots in a "wrong home invironment". While an alcoholic home is not the only place where such a "wrong invironment" is found, it is probably one of the most likly. Proper education today will have a significant effect on our future generations, but a childs attitudes are still formed at the breakfast table so the education must be directed toward the general public, OR FAMILY, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

the court system IN

The present practice of refering alcoholic offenders to AA is probably the most effective means of dealing with the immediate problem. AA does work, and it is not concerned w ith how or why people come to them, but AA works best when there is a choice. This compusory attendance at AA has proved to be a life saver for many, but I would (personally) sugjest that judges make a distinction between "open" and "closed" AA meetings. Open meetings are open to any interested person, while closed meetings are for alcoholics only, whose sole purpose in attending, is to stay sober. Some court referals do not consider themselves to be alcoholics, (and so are not concerned with AA's tradition of ananimity), so let the courts refer cases only to "open" AA meetings. These referals will have the opportunity of attending Closed meetings, if they should chosse to do so.

One other point I'd like to make is that alcoholism is like an elevator which only goes down. In recent years it has become possible to get off the elevator before it reaches the bottom, which is imprisonment, insanity, or death. However, if a person doesn't know he's on the downhill drag, there is no hope for him. Therefore, treatment must be our first priority. As long as there is alcohol in his system, the alcoholic will continue to veiw his dire circumstances in a distorted light. He may become aware that drinking is the cause of his troubles, but without help he is powerless.

A. C.

La Mexicana, Inc.

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SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE ON ALCHOHOLISM
1016 West 6th Avenue, Suite 8
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

The following comments are offered relating to legislature regarding alcohol.

SECTION 1: PREVENTION AND EDUCATION-

Education would be an excellent source of prevention toward alcohol problems. Knowledgeable people are much less likely to experiment than the uneducated.

SECTION 2: ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

Treatment should consist of counseling and first hand knowledge of what happens when one abused himself by drinking too much. Actual case histories could help in this area. Protective custody is a must in order that treatment can be affected.

SECTION 3: LOCAL OPTION

To prohibit the sale of alcohol would definitely lead to bootlegging. In addition, the revenue now received that is available for use in treating alcoholism would be lost. Alcoholism is an illness and the alcoholics would still drink. As owners of two restuarants with bars, we have a payroll yearly of approximately $800,000.00. Since business would drop appreciably the majority of our employees would lose their jobs. Also the State receives revenue from taxes, the city from business licenses and our firm contributes considerably to charities which could not be afforded. Limitation of liquor at home is not a free society. Our rights would be taken from us. Ownership of licenses <u>controls</u> alcohol. Prohibition would lend an <u>uncontrolled</u> situation.

While our firm would not immediately go out of business, it would mean we would just phase out. Seventy-five people derive their livlihood from us alone. They can support themselves and do not have to rely on the already heavily taxed people for welfare and/or unemployment. This can be multiplied when considering all other licenses.

Ray F. Johnson
RAY F. JOHNSON
President

CITY of BETHEL

P. O. Box 388 • Bethel, Alaska 99559
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Robert E. Buttcane
Bethel Alcoholism Treatment Center

December 27, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Special Senate Committee
on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse
1016 W. 6th
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Senator Colletta,

On December 22, 1977 the Social, Economic, Cultural Committee of the Bethel City Council met in a work session to discuss our recommendations to your committee on alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our recommendations which Chairperson Betty Hickling asked me to foreward to you. We have been in touch with Fred Pete in Bethel and plan to have a representative at our council chambers during the state wide broadcast of your committee hearings on January 4, 1978.

On behalf of Ms. Hickling, the committee, and the City of Bethel I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express our views on these problems.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Buttcane

Robert E. Buttcane
Program Director

Enclosure

cc: Betty Hickling

If send complete list on all alcoholism bills

Dec 23, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
Anchorage, Ak. 99501

Dear Senator:

I think that this action by your committee is a fine start for a new attack on the problem of alcohol abuse in Alaska. My main hope is that you can apply the political pressure necessary to get some of Alaska's money into areas being grossly neglected, such as that of alcohol education in the public schools.

As an alcoholism counselor, I encounter many of the problems of alcohol abuse first hand and have some opinions that I feel have some basis on fact. For instance, it is my belief ~~#~~ and that of many others in the mental health field that education of children is the most hopeful way to attack the problem of alcohol abuse. Unfortunately, such education is almost entirely lacking in the public schools, the one place where it could be successfully introduced. Alcohol abuse is in large part a learned behavior, learned by children from the actions of their parents and other models of "adult" behavior. Cultural norms and social pressures also play a large part in developing abusive drinking habits in young people. Once these habits are learned, they are very hard to change, as any alcohol professional can testify. These abusive attitudes towards alcohol use are learned very early. To successfully prevent such attitudes and habits from forming, learning experiences of how to drink

moderately and how to make responsible decisions regarding alcohol use must be made available. There are alcohol education kits available that start at kindergarten and gradually build and extend through the senior year in high school. These kits deal with the related topics of attitudes and social growth, as well as alcohol information. They are expensive, due to extensive audio-visual material included. One example is the "Here's Looking at You" kit, selling for $1400 for levels K-12. I suggest you find out more about these kits. One person to write or call is:

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Anchorage Council on Alcoholism
P.O. Box 2972 Anchorage 99510

or

Carolyn Peters
Wonder Park Elementary School
Anchorage

One thing you could do for me would be to send me information on Hammond's bill relating to alcohol. Also, if I am not satisfied with the attention paid to alcohol education as a result of this bill we are working on, how could I apply political pressure to correct this crucial lack (petitions, letters, etc)?

Sincerely,

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Box 2239,
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December 28, 1977.

Mr. Mike Colletta,
Chairman, Special Senate,
Committee on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse,
1016 West 6th Avenue, Suite C,
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501.

Dear Mr. Colletta,

Christmas is an extremely busy season and I could not get your draft work on legislation on alcoholism any sooner.

To my surprise, you have nothing for treatment which is the most critical issue now facing the citizens of this state. The alcoholic is a threat to himself and to all the people with whom he comes in contact. He is a potential killer and maimer as can be evidenced by the number of drunken drivers on our roads. No one can measure the physical, psychological, emotional, financial, marital, child abuse and damage that comes from an alcoholic member in the family. I feel deeply about providing help whether or not it be on a voluntary basis so that through counseling, the alcoholic will experience the positive reinforcement that comes from sobriety.

Here is an example of an alcoholic woman whom I visited at Providence Hospital yesterday - the illness being alcoholism. Her main concern was that she had no money, and nowhere to go. Several months ago, her husband, a captain on a big airline divorced her because of her alcoholism. He felt he could no longer take the responsibility for her actions especially since he was away a great deal of the time. He feared for the life of his daughter should there be a fire in the home, an automobile accident - she had been arrested on a drunken driving charge - and whatever can happen when a person is intoxicated. Being of the middle-income bracket, she never had to work. At present, she is without a home, a job, financial support and all that is required for bare existence. We were able to get her temporary board and shelter at Shiloh House when she leaves Providence Hospital.

This person has applied to the welfare for help but the agent told her she did not qualify. Fortunately, there is still charity being done in the city. It is unfair that the sale of alcohol would not be the means to help her since it is alcohol that divested her of all she owned.

We need places for the alcoholic and get the necessary help from income from the sales of alcoholic beverages not from the taxpayers in general. Why could there not be an insurance fee on the sale of alcoholic beverages to guarantee the appropriations necessary for programs.

All eggs have been put in the same basket with all the money appropriated for alcoholics in Anchorage going to the Salvation Army. I do not question the program but I do feel that it does not fit all alcoholics. It might be of value for the Fourth Avenue alcoholic but not for the more sophisticated white-collar professional - executive. In my counseling experience, I have met lawyers, pharmacists, doctors, a retired Air Force major, teachers etc. No one can expect one program to meet the needs of all. An alcoholic must feel comfortable with a program before he can change his behavior.

Having been a teacher for over twenty-seven years, I know the importance of education and prevention but I also know from experience that young people learn more from example than from words. When I taught in Nulato 1952 - 1962, the State School curriculum included a program on narcotics. The grade-eight students were requested to take a test on the dangers of alcohol and drugs in addition to the standard achievement test. One of my pupils, a very bright boy, took this test but only two years later, killed himself as a result of handling a gun improperly when he was intoxicated. Teaching is futile without good example in the school, home and society. Advertising the use and sales of alcohol on TV and in newspapers is deplorable. A two-page ad in the Anchorage Times went so far as to state that their sale was an <u>asset</u> to any home. There is hardly a movie that does not depict a middle-class or wealthy home as serving liquor when a person enters the room. A cocktail hour is set before any great meal, not to mention the wine that is served at table. Serving alcohol is an "in thing" to do. The children learn more from this than any book learning they can get at school. I realize that education is important but appropriation of moneys should be in proportion to the benefits derived. Knowing all about alcohol does not necessarily make me sober anymore than knowing all about religion will make me a religious person.

To me, alcohol-related offenses should be treated in an alcohol program not in a jail. Most alcoholics are not malicious offenders but victims of alcoholism. Since it is legal to obtain alcohol in any quantity, the State should provide help for people afflicted with the problem. As you can see, I come on behalf of the suffering alcoholic. For people like myself who are trying to help the alcoholic, the lack of funds for treatment and consequently, the dearth of programs make our efforts futile.

If we are to help alleviate the growing problem of alcoholism, we must go to the roots of the problem. I hope that your committee will attack the rising problem effectively.

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year,

Your loyal constituent,

Sister Dorothy Forest

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Thanks for this chance. Neat ideas. Maybe confusing for average little citizen because of form but worth the try. I am glad you did this.

I am also glad you visited, but I think maybe some of the comments that so much agreed with the governor were left out of the pamplet. I heard that too.

The political actions of some legislators on this may help lose them the elections if they don't think first of most Alaskans instead of the retail & wholesale men. Please be brave,

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National Council on Alcoholism - ALASKA REGION

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December 23, 1977

Mike Colletta, Chairman
Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
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Dear Mike:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to the special citizens' legislation concerning "An Act Relating to the Treatment of Alcoholism and Alcohol Beverages and Providing for an Effective Date". I will not attempt at this time to phrase the recommendations in correct legislative language, but will mention for the record several areas which have great importance and impact on the subject:

Section 1. Prevention and Education: Prevention and education monies should be separate from, and accounted for, differently from treatment monies. Prevention and education should be for all residents in Alaska and should be supported throughout the State by means other than granting through the Office of Alcoholism.

Treatment dollars are used for a very limited population, and it may be appropriate to continue allocating these funds through the grant mechanisms.

A school curriculum K-12 should be implemented throughout the State immediately. This curriculum should be tailored for village, rural, and urban Alaska, and may have its foundation in the "Here's Looking At You" school curriculum from Washington State. Coupled with this curriculum, should be a labor-management type program for students and families whereby teachers identify students having problems of any nature, refer the student to a counselor who will work with the student and parents to resolve the problem.

Mandatory training should be required for teachers in the area of alcoholism with special emphasis on utilization and presentation of the curriculum, and in identification and referral techniques for use with students.

A resource center, including films, literature, etc., should be established and funded by means other than grants, as this puts the resource agency in the position of fighting with treatment programs for grant dollars. NCA-AR currently fits this role, but is grant funded.

A massive campaign should be conducted throughout the State with emphasis on television public service announcements or television paid advertising regarding the resources available, the symptoms of alcoholism, the possibility of recovery from alcoholism, and designed to generally reduce the stigma attached to the illness.

Mandatory education and training in alcoholism, the effects of alcohol, and referral and treatment procedures should be conducted for all workers in law enforcement and social services. This training and education should also be mandatory for persons making applications for liquor licenses, renewal applications, and all individuals working in establishments dispensing alcoholic beverages.

Forty hours of mandatory alcoholism education on identification and treatment should be required for State licensing of all medical and pharmaceutical personnel with at least 24 hours continuing education required each year.

Section 2. Alternative to Drinking/Treatment: Funds should be provided, as seed money only, to establish "alternatives to drinking" projects in communities which have no alternatives.

Treatment programs should be consolidated into a regional system of northern, southcentral, and southeastern in conjunction with counselor placement in all other communities for outpatient counseling only. Communities with a population of 440 or more should be actively involved in developing and financing local alcoholism services. All communities should be able to request and receive assistance in community organization, and in development of alcoholism education, prevention, and treatment activities.

Labor-management programs should be mandated by the State of Alaska for its employees and highly recommended for all other businesses.

Section 3. Local Options. Local communities should have the powers to enforce any laws which they have the power to adopt. Local option laws should be feasible to enforce and appropriate to the community's needs. Allowing local communities many options will be to no avail if those options are unenforceable.

Section 4. Enforcement. Mandatory jail time of 24 hours, coupled with appropriate screening and referral to either alcohol education or treatment, should be mandatory for everyone convicted by the courts of any alcohol-related offense. Upon lack of compliance, defendants should be promptly re-arrested.

Communities should show that they are enforcing all existing laws relating to alcoholism and alcohol misuse prior to any monies to alleviate the problems becoming available to them. If a community states they have a major problem with alcohol, but takes no active steps to enforce state and local laws, then they should be ineligible for any kind of assistance from the State to alleviate the problem.

The number of, and the powers of, the Alcohol Beverage Control agents should be increased to assist in controlling alcohol use.

I hope these ideas are useful and are consistent with your feelings from the 31 hearings you have held throughout the State.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne W. Perry
Executive Director

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Tanacross

December 21, 1977

Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West 6th Avenue, Suite C
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Honorable Sirs:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

Enclosed please find my working draft copy of the model legislation that in my opinion would further early recovery and strategic prevention health measure for the citizens of Alaska.

Thank you for your time and services.

Sincerely,

Carolynn M. Simeone

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Tanacross Resident &
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December 19, 1977

Ketchikan

Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West 6th Avenue, Suite C
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Dear Mike Colletta:

We appreciate your efforts in helping Alaska do something constructive in regards to its alcoholic problem. Having lived in Alaska over thirty years, we are well aware of the problem and all its repercussions.

We were unable to attend the meeting held in Ketchikan in November, so would like very much to submit the enclosed for your committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,

R. E. & Edith Nelson

Robert E. & Edith Nelson

Box 191
Sitka, Alaska 99835
December 21, 1977

Dear Senator Colletta:

You certainly did give us a very difficult task reviewing all comments, some worth much value and others, would I say - senseless.

I have admired the alcoholic division in Sitka for many years and see a great tie between human relations in general and the concepts of alcoholism. Wishing that sometimes, the word alcoholism could be dropped and the concept to keep going. What I mean is, many people do not attend workshops entitled alcoholism, because they feel they have nothing to gain simply because they do not have that problem. Yet, I have sat through some of these where all people can gain because the information learned helps people to live better lives. When we tag peoples problems and label them, such as alcoholism, mental health, or drugs - they shun from treatment because theeir problem is out in the open for everyone to view. We all know ourselves somewhat and must not really let others see too much - keeping up a social front. Could we not assist more people on the sneaky side, someway without labeling. For instance, to me a crises intervention where people may contact a branch of this nature for the simplest problem to the most complex - this way not revealing themselves too much on the exact problem nor having to get involved with a certain State division.

When I see people who need assistance because they have lost control of themselves- I would like to call a division I know that will help them at any hour of the day or night. I do not respond that a person has broken the law but needs assistance. I hesitate to assist when I am not with another individual, I hesitate to call the police not knowing if they will arrest the personor assist them home and become their friend. Unless the public is made more aware of what is offered through divisions - they are not taken advantaged of. We all need to learn more of helping others when we see a problem - we tend to ignore happenings, hoping everything will come out all right. When some divisions get an overload of work - what they can accomplish becomes limited - therefore, programs must grow to serve more and more, so funding must grow.
Therefore, you see - I am for more assistance to teach all handling of problems when they are small and not so difficult to find solutions to. All the restrictions can be placed on people not to drinkg, butif their needs are not being met socially - but in bars, Clubs and home parties. They will not care what these restrictions are in order to meet their needs.

I, myself, have been trying to find ways and funds to construct a Teen Center to place our now existing Sitka Teenage Club, Inc. into the building planning social and recreational activities for teens which we are now working out of existing buildings. Finding volunteers to work with us is very difficult. We possibly will receive some funds from the alcoholic division to hire a part time youth director, coordinator, and two assistants to work on projects and open an office called the Sitka Youth Service to assist youth to lessen alcohol, drugs through information & activities as an alternative. For a year now, I have been seeking funds to carry part of the load of constructing a Sitka Teen Center. It seems the Native population can find all kinds of funding - but it is more difficult when you are serving all people. I feel the government is in great jeopardy when they turn people down for assistance because one race has priority. As a Native myself, to increase this process will only harm our Native people and build more resentment. Good luck to you in your work and may we all have good luck in the New Year with our families and all people. Sincerely,

Nina R. Bernhardt

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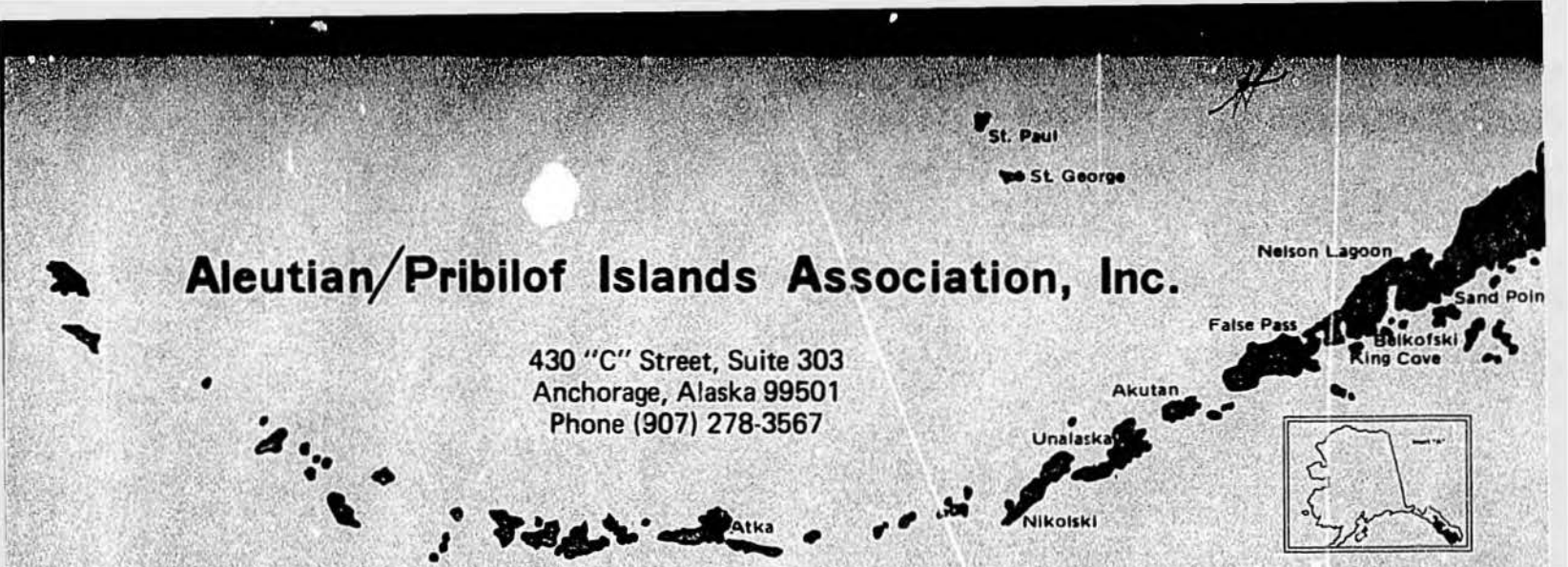

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December 22, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta, Chairman
Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
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Dear Senator Colletta:

This letter is to express our appreciation at being asked to help draft a law for consideration by the next session of the Alaska State Legislature. We feel that this approach will ultimately produce pragmatic and cost-effective approaches in stemming the progression of a perennially identified pandemic illness, namely, alcoholism.

We would also hope that continued support of Governor Hammond's tax package would help bring that proposed legislation to a successful conclusion in order to provide the necessary funds for the state alcohol programs.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Pletnikoff

Patrick Pletnikoff
Executive Director

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December 20, 1977

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Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are the work drafts of four (4) of our office staff:

Bennett Stower, Director

Ruby Hales, Counselor

Vickie Diaz, Administrative Assistant

Isabella Tweedy, Counselor

Judy Wood

Judy Wood

Encl: as stated

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CORDOVA COMMUNITY SERVICES

December 20, 1977

Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West 6th Avenue - Suite C
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Committee:

Thank you for including us in on your work draft copy for the Legislative Bill concerning alcoholism. I have enclosed a list of concerns which we here at Cordova Community Services believe would help in dealing with the problem of alcoholism.

Two of our major concerns are in the areas of 1) prevention and education and 2) stricter law enforcement concerning alcohol related arrests and laws. We feel that education in the primary and secondary schools and the enforcement of existing laws and the establishment of stricter laws in dealing with the overall problem of alcoholism are of utmost importance in dealing with the total problem of alcoholism. We deal with the alcohol problem everyday and night and sometimes feel our hands are tied to do anything unless the existing laws are enforced. Part of the problem is not necessarily enforcing the current laws but carrying them through in the judicial area and court system of our government.

Enclosed is our list of ideas which would help us here in Cordova and perhaps give you some feedback on areas which concern us all in Alaska. Thanks again for including us. We are all concerned with the rise of alcoholism.

Sincerely,

Randy Jones

Randy Jones
Director - Alcoholism Treatment Program

Enclosure:

cc: Senator Jalmar Kurtula

Honorable Pete Loveseth
State Representative

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Fairbanks, Alaska
Dec 12, 1977

Special Committee on Alcohol Abuse:

Gentlemen: —

I have attempted to follow your outlines for writing a citizens Bill, for all the categories of testimony you list. I've finally got an answer. It occurs to me that the Committee has been fed more than enough public thought on the subject of "excessive drinking" per "Alcoholism".

Further Gentlemen Committee, I do not think that passing the buck back to the public is what Governor Hammond had in mind. I believe he wanted you to collect information; assimilate that information; then come up with a Bill appropriate enough for the Legislature. After all this time you actually haven't accomplished any thing. At this late hour you have put it all back on the publics' lap. Do you really want to do something about Alcoholism, or not?

So far as I can see the Committee has only been going through an academic exercise. Until the State Legislature and the Committee really begin to care, as to the seriousness of the "Social Stigma" of excessive drinking "Alcoholism"; more and more

People are going to become careless to the drug effect of Alcohol.

I have said before, and I say it again the Liquor Industry must be closed down in their wildfire growth. The Industry is distilling and selling a product that works on the inherent weakness of man.

Perhaps you have little over a month before the Alaska Legislature convenes. I appeal to you, even beg you to come up with a Bill on Alcohol Abuse. That will definitely put a brake on growth, advertising and adequate law to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. If you can't do this; then promote the Governors Bill.

Sincerely
Charles P. May

PS. A copy of this letter will be mailed to the Governor, and possibly the News-Miner.

To Senator Mike Colletta and his Special Committee on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse: I believe it is very important to keep in mind at all times that you cant fix the broken pipe by mopping the floor.

GREATER ANCHORAGE AREA BOROUGH
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PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Anchorage, Alaska
Sunday December 19, 1977

Senate Committee on
Alcoholism

Dear Committee:

Did you ever consider

Taxpayers money should not be spent to purchase alcoholic beverages! I see it every day.

Why do people have to drink alcoholic beverages anyway?

Why give away free drinks of alcoholic beverages at Christmas parties this season of the year?

Why is every one so gun ho on making money off the alcoholic beverages?

I am against any and all form of alcoholic beverages and all sales or give away in any form. I take a positive stand!

Sincerely,
Maxine Byrd Whaley

MaxineByrd Whaley
P.O. Box 8216
Mt. View, Alaska 99508

CLEAN AIR * CLEAN WATER * A CLEAN COMMUNITY

Seward

Upon receipt of the "Write A Bill For Us" correspondence from Senator Coletta's office a group sat down and discussed the main issues. Here are some of the concerns which surfaced:

ENFORCEMENT

Increase the penalities for all OMVI
Like: A year's suspension of driver's license for first offense plus mandatory ten days in jail.
Make it possible for a judge to order a person to treatment.
Licensing of bartenders, cocktail waitresses, liquor sales clerks.

EDUCATION-PREVENTION

Provide a learning package such as Washington State's "Here's Looking At You" for school use and mandate a learning package in use in schools by ___date.

Required in-service training to persons in main-line contact with alcoholics: criminal justice system (police, lawyers, judges), social workers, clergy, and medical system (doctors, nurses).
And as a licensing requirement for those (above) who are licensed.

LOCAL OPTION

See "Treatment" under Alternatives/Treatment.

Local option for treatment:
1. Adaptable to local situation within standard limits.
2. Involving local money.

ALTERNATIVES/TREATMENT

Treatment: State provide a. standards, and b. matching funds for treatment programs.

Alternatives: Funding incentives for community school programs as a good alternative to drinking.

FUNDING

1. Raise liquor taxes.

2. Channel a comparable amount of money (as that received through liquor taxes) to be used for: education
enforcement
treatment
alternatives

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For An Act Entitled: "An act relating to the treatment of alcoholism; and alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date".

Section 1: Prevention and Education.

A. Mandate that the state requires substance use and abuse (i.e. drug and alcohol) curriculum be a part of the state public school program in all grades Kindergarten through twelfth. The curriculum would not necessarily be a specific class or subject entitled substance abuse but rather the curriculum would and could be integrated into all subject matters. Two examples could be history; the historical growth of alcohol, and/or in science; the scientific and biological nature of alcohol on the human body.

B. The state provides current materials, magazines, posters and all educational materials to existing alcoholism programs and school systems free of charge to be distributed throughout the community for overall public education. The state could also provide available current films and tapes to be run on local TV stations and in alcohol treatment programs free of charge or for a small rental fee.

C. Require all Alaskan State certified teachers to attend a certain number of credit hours on alcohol or substance abuse workshops and classes.

Section 2: Alternatives to Drinking; Treatment.

A. Establish or provide state grant monies for communities to build adult and youth recreational centers providing alternatives rather than going to local bars.

B. Place warning labels upon bottles of alcoholic beverages containing the dangers of alcohol on the body i.e., the same type of warning labels that are on cigarette packages.

C. Shorten the hours that retail establishments can sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages.

Section 3: Local Options.

A. Provide state funds and/or incentives for local cities or communities to build their own alcoholism programs. Let the city decide what types of program and how big of program each city desires.

B. Enforce the laws stricter on bootlegging.

C. Prohibit all phone orders to liquor stores for alcoholic beverages and prohibit all taxi delivery service. Establish the law to read that one may only purchase alcoholic beverages in person at a liquor store and/or at a bar thus eliminating all phone orders and/or delivery services. This law must be enforced in order for it to work.

Section 4: Enforcement.

A. Increase the penalities for alcohol related arrests and for DWI violations. Here again the laws must be enforced in order for them to work. The judicial side of government must be more strict in handing down their judgements in order for any laws to function properly.

B. Establish a law similar to California's where the bartender or local establishment which serves alcoholic beverages would be held liable in the event that one of the patrons leaves the establishment intoxicated and becomes involved in an accident. Establish the law to read that the person who is serving the alcoholic beverages are the ones who would be held liable in the event of any accident.

C. Establish stricter penalities for those establishments that deal in selling of alcoholic beverages in the event that they should break an existing law on the sale of alcoholic beverages, especially selling to minors.

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" An Act relating to the treatment of alcoholism; and alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

SECTION I PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

That all grade schools be required to have a comprehensive program on alcohol, alcohol abuse, and alcoholism for students of all grades, to be either a separate course or as part of a health curriculum.

That all teachers involved in this curriculum receive on-going training in the area of alcohol, alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

That there be on-going funding for continuing education work shops for people working in alcohol programs or preparing to work in th se areas.

That all enforcement personel be required to have training on the disease concept of alcoholism and a basic medical knowledge of alcohol and alcohol abuse.

That all persons dispensing alcohol, whether by container or by drink, be given mandatory training in the area of alcohol and the disease concept of alcoholism.

That the courts set up a comprehensive, mandatory drinking/driving education program for all OMVI offenders and any interested parties.

That advertising of beer and wine on Alaskan television and radio be banned, and perhaps replaced with alcohol abuse prevention spots.

Provide a tax deduction for contributions to alcohol programs that give the same kick back (or more) as those for political candidates from the State of Alaska.

SECTION II ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

That the State subsidize social centers in outlying areas that serve only non-alcoholic beverages. (Similar to Alano Clubs in larger cities)

To educate alcohol related workers (enforcement persons, bar personel, employers, counselors, etc.) that treatment is usually an on-going process and not merely a 30-day entity.

SECTION III-LOCAL OPTION

That the legislature enact a law that would kick back a healthy percentage on revenues made form the sale of liquor, liquor licenses, and fines for alcohol-related offenses, into local alcohol programs. It these monies cannot be ear-marked, to place them into the general fund for disbursement to alcohol programs or into a revenue sharing plan.

That the cash welfare system to reconstruct d and to replace cash with vouchers that are not negotiable for alcohol.

SECTION III- LOCAL OPTION, (cont.)

That the State utilize para-professionals in outlying areas where comprehensive alcohol programs are not yet established.

SECTION IV ENFORCEMENT

Stronger enforcement of now-standing laws and stronger enforcement of the laws against those persons and/or establishments that are guilty of alcohol related offenses, e.g., serving minors, selling liquor on credit, serving intoxicated persons.

That the legislature enact a law against selling liquor by telephone.

Advertise convictions for liquor violations, especially retail liquor stores, contributing to minors, and nightclubs.

That the legislature require a warning label to be put on all contained liquor and all printed liquor advertising.

That the legislature make fines for selling illeagal alcohol high and impose a fine of both seller and buyer.

That the legislature enact a law that would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment with fee, in lieu of fine to be collected by the court, payable to the treatment program.

That the legislature enact a law for the impoundment of the car and suspension of the driver's license of an OMVI offender on the first offense.

"An Act relating to the treatment of alcoholism; and alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date"

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That the cash welfare system be reconstructed and to replace cash with vouchers that are not negotiable for alcohol.

Section III-Local Option, con't.

Utilize para-professionals in outlying areas where comprehensive alcohol programs are not yet established.

Section IV-Enforcement

Stronger enforcement of now-standing laws and stronger enforcement of the laws against those persons and/or establishments that are guilty of alcohol related offense, e.g., serving minors, selling liquor on credit, serving intoxicated persons.

That the legislature enact a law against selling liquor by telephone.

Widely advertise convictions for liquor violations, especially concerning bars, liquor stores, and adults who buy liquor for minors.

That the legislature require a warning label to be put on all contained liquor and all printed liquor advertising.

That the legislature make fines for selling illegal alcohol high and impose a fine on both sellor and buyor.

That the legislature enact a law that would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment with fee, in lieu of fine to be collected by the court, payable to the treatment program.

That the legislature enact a law for the impoundment of the car and suspension of the driver's license of an OMVI offender on the first offense.

SECTION 1 PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

a. That all school systems recieving state monies be required to provide curriculum designed for the prevention of alcoholism and other substance abuse, recognizing these as a public health problem, stressing alternatives to alcohol and other substances, and the responsible use of such substances.

b. That the legislature fund an on-going training program to equip teachers in the public schools to teach a curriculum on the responsible use of alcohol and other substances and the impact of the abuse of such substances.

c. Acknowledging that alcoholism and other substance abuse constitutes a public health hazard, therefore require that the sale of all liquor and spirits be done through state operated dispensaries as in the state of Washington, and that there be no more than one such dispensary per every*10 thousand people in either city or borough.

d. That in addition to dispensary licenses required where liquor and spirits are sold by the drink, that every bartender or dispenser of drinks, be licensed to serve any alcoholic beverage which could be injurious to one's health.

    1. A condition of licensure shall be that the licensee attend training sessions deqigned to instruct him in evaluating the condition of his patrons, equipping him with the right to stop serving a patron when his drinking becomes irresponsible.

e. Drivers education through the courts.

f. That the legislature make available funds for on-going training for alcohol and/or drug abuse counselors.

*EXAMPLE

SECTION 11 ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

a. To meet the need for people to socialize, the state make available very low interest loans to community corporations designed to provide a facility for recreation and for adult social gatherings within the communities of Alaska.

SECTION 111 LOCAL OPTION

a. That 3/4 of all revenue derived from alcoholic beverages by the State of Alaska, be dedicated to treatment and rehabilitation programs and that those funds be distributed regionally within the state in the same proportions they are recieved.

b. State laws shall be subserviant to all local ordinances in matters of closing hours, when the local ordinances require longer closing hours than state law.

SECTION 1V ENFORCEMENT

a. That all dispensers of alcoholic beverages are responsible for the health and welfare of their patrons while on their premises. That responsibility shall be extended after the patron leaves the premises for a period of time up to eight hours, and the dispenser shall be liable for any alcohol related offense or problem occuring within that time period.

"An Act relating to the treatment of alcoholism; and alcoholic beverages and providing for an effective date."

SECTION I PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

1. Focus public service advertising on the need for alternatives to drinking, i.e., teen centers, etc.

2. Ban alcohol advertising on television and radio in Alaska as was tobacco nation wide.

3. That the legislature require a warning to be placed on all liquor labels and advertising as was done in cigarette advertising and on package labels.

4. That there be alcohol abuse education and professional standards exacted for persons working in counselling, resource and referral, and treatment centers, and State funding for continuing education (work shops, etc.) for those people in the field, persons preparing to enter the field, or positions involved in the alcoholism field, i.e., office personnel.

5. That there be a fund existing that would enable professional resource and treatment people to help educate public school personnel on the physiological aspects and disease of alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

6. That there be mandatory education on alcohol abuse in all schools, starting at the primary level.

SECTION II ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

1. That the legislature enact a law that would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment with a fee, in lieu of a fine, to be collected by the court for the treatment center.

2. That the State subsidize teen centers, social centers, athletic fields, etc., and help them be self sufficient.

3. That there be non-political subsidizing of social centers in outlying areas, serving only non-alcoholic beverages, modeled after Alano and Alateen Clubs found in larger cities.

SECTION III LOCAL OPTION

1. That there be a "phase-out" of autonomous State directives and decision making powers in the cost-accounting of local treatment programs.

2. That the legislature enact a law that would kick back a healthy percentage on revenues made from the sale of liquor and liquor licenses into local alcohol programs and alternatives to drinking. If these monies cannot be ear-marked, place them into the general fund for dispersement to local alcohol programs.

SECTION IV ENFORCEMENT

1. That first offense OMVI's have their cars impounded and the suspension of driver's licenses, along with mandatory entry and the required continuance into drinking/driving classes.

2. That there be tougher requirements for new liquor licenses and renewals and tighter enforcement.

3. Stronger enforcement of existing laws on alcohol related delinquencies contributing to uouthful consumption, i.e.,
   a. No serving of minors.
   b. No liquor on credit.
   c. No phone-induced deliveries.
   d. No serving intoxicated persons.
   e. No buying for minors.

4. That alcohol abuse and alcoholism education classes be made mandatory for enforcement personnel at all levels.

December 30, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Senate Committee on Alcoholism
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Dear Sir:

I am sorry this form is late however I just received it yesterday. Since I was unaware of these hearings beforehand. I would like the opportunity to give you a few of my own reasons for wanting something done about the alcohol problem here in Alaska.

First of all, I am presently in the process of getting a divorce and the reason being my husband is an "alcoholic". For two years I have tried to get him to obtain help. I had no idea he was an alcoholic when I met him or when I married him as I had no prior knowledge of the disease. To me an alcoholic was a hopeless drunk, a social outcast, etc. Had I ever been educated into alcoholism, I might have been able to see the signs. Everywhere I went and no matter whom I spoke with, I received the same answer to any of my questions "he's a 'typical' alcoholic". Sir, I do not know what a "typical" alcoholic is and I still don't know.

After he went through the short-term program at the Salvation Army, I attended the couples classes with him and once again the same answer to any question I might have had "typical". I still say that my husband's problem is a mental one, he has emotional problems stemming from his childhood and that he needs help in this area. But I cannot "force" him against his will as "I am living his life for him," and unless he wants help, I should not interfere. Yet, I am his wife, I lived with him, I saw what started him off drinking most of the time and gave this information to his counselor who informed me "I will speak to him and if I feel he needs psychiatric help, I will offer it to him. Then I was told he would have to stay sober before he could receive this help. So everyone has a different opinion in how to treat an alcoholic. In the meantime, I have to divorce him in order to obtain peace of mind and retain my sanity while people sent me on a guilt trip and I am only a social drinker. I am leading up to a point: establish a rehabilitation center for these people. Have trained physicians and psychiatrists on the staff in addition to counselors. I do not have much faith in psychologists but guess they are great for testing purposes. If we were to have such a facility, many vacancies would be created in our prisons. I cannot see nor do I think it fair for a person with the disease of alcoholism to have to spend his time in prison for it. I understand alcoholic blackouts are for real, they cannot remember, so therefore if they are this sick, they should not be punished, but helped. I have argued against this "voluntary" theory that some people have. My husband is incoherent when he is drinking, he is not rational, he has almost set himself on fire with cigarettes and this would go on for weeks at a time. How could a person in this condition ever volunteer for anything? I am all for donating extra money and would never complain at having part of my tax money paid for what I consider a very worthwhile cause.

I feel there should be a stronger hold put on the bars. One time I went looking for my husband and found him passed out on the bar. He had $10.00 in front of him and the bartender would put a drink up in front of him, take the money (double the amount) and then give the drink to another customer. Within 20 minutes all his money was gone. I said nothing, but went over to the bartender, identified myself and told him I did not want my husband served anymore. He became very indignant, ordered me out of the establishment and told me that my husband's money might as well be spent there as some other bar. Since my husband becomes very violent when he is drinking, I left him there. This is just one incident as I would not involve myself again .

The State of Pennsylvania has some very good laws regarding alcohol. In fact having state-controlled package stores is a very good one. I'm sure your committee is looking into how other states are treating this problem.

I do not mean to bore you with my problems, however, alcohol is the only problem we've had in our marriage. He comes from a bush community where there is bootlegging and everyone lives in fear and are also afraid to tell. I've spoken to my mother-in-law about their village problem and asked her why she did not tell the Fish & Game Warden about this and she said if she did, she feared for her life.

It is heartbreaking to stand by and see someone you care for; someone who is a kind, compassionate, wonderful person be destroyed by alcohol. My example is only one of how many - my divorce is one of how many - my unhappiness is only one of how many? Myself and the many wives I feel I can speak for feel our only hope is that something can be accomplished in this area and just maybe someday, we could control what now seems a hopeless situation.

Thank you for the opportunity of being able to tell a part of my story and participate in your program.

Sincerely,

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Reply to:

12/30/77

Senator Mike Colletta
Special Commitee on Alcholism
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Dear Mike,

Enclosed is a draft of bill relating to alcoholic beverages which has been prepared by our Police Chief for your consideration.

We appreciate your providing us an opportunity to supply input to a very costly problem to Alaska and our community in terms of human beings, high maintenance costs and suffering of many innocent people.

Thanks again Mike, for your personal effort in trying to solve some of these problems.

Very Truly yours,

Perry D. Lovett
City Manager

Attachment (1)
cc: Chief Bagron

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December 31, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Chairman Special Senate
Committee on Alcoholism
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Dear Senator Colletta:

Thank you for the work draft for a legislative bill. We have not completed any portion or submitted any portions because we are at this time workin on a plan which we will be presenting to this coming years legislature. Our plan deals with alcoholism and other social problems.

We thank you for the opportunity to speak at your public hearings and for meeting with Leonard.

If we can be of any assistance to you we will be happy to oblidge..

Sincerely,

Henrietta and Leonard

Henrietta and Leonard Nugen
Directors

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TO: Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West Sixth Avenue, Suite C
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FROM: Camp Fire, Chugach Council

RE: Proposed Bill on Alcoholism

DATE: December 29, 1977

Based on having operated programs for youth in villages and cities for a number of years, the Chugach Council of Camp Fire recommends the following be considered in writing the proposed bill on Alcoholism:

A. ADMINISTRATION

To facilitate program development and implementation, villages be allowed and encouraged to sign-off to Regional Corporations, School Districts, and/or non-governmental agencies. This would also facilitate payment schedules and help cut down on the layers needed to go through to implement programs.

B. EDUCATION

That education be expanded beyond formal education to include informal learning situations such as groups, special programs, etc.

That education include areas such a value clarification, decision making, development of responsibility, along with the reasons why alcoholism can be harmful.

That provision be made for development of local leadership in these areas.

C. ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

That alternatives to drinking include recreational/educational programs such as: special interest activities, team/individual sports, clubs, organized/supervised teen centers, social interaction activities, etc.

That there be included provision for adult and youth training in leadership skills, program development, and program direction.

Catherine Feulner, President

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Jan. 1, 1978

S. Mike Colletto, Chairman
1016 W. 6th ave. Suite C
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Dear Mike

I'm not trying to be facetious about such a serious problem, but I feel the best way to explain my personal feelings about the subject is to give my views briefly on each of the points of concern expressed by the people of the state in your pamphlet. So here it is.

One idea that seems evident from rereading the pamphlet is that the state and the University of Alaska should reprogram the course, alcoholism & addictive studies that was offered in May of 1973. It was a one week course offered for 3 weeks in a row. all expenses paid. Conducted by Dr Hal Pool.

There were around 600 of us who took part in the course. It is my belief that those who took part have formed the nucleus of of alcoholism Programing since that time in the state of Alaska.

Do to the advance of interest in the subject I believe a reoccurrence of these studies is long overdue.

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I know that my participation was the spark that changed me from an observer into an active participant in the effort to alleviate the problem in the state of Alaska.

Speaking as an alcoholic of over 30 years, and as a sober alcoholic myself I can't tell you how much I appreciate the efforts of you & your committee in helping to combat the problems of alcoholism & alcohol abuse. If nothing else comes of it, I know that just the legislative attention to the subject will have some beneficial effect. Thank you.

Respectfully
Dick Juelson, Pres.
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General Delivery
Reginald Cleveland
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December 14, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
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Dear Honorable Colletta;

Thank you for the work draft copy. I am very interested on special hearings on Alcoholism.

Is there any funds available to attend these meetings near my community? Cause I can't travel on my own expense and our local city buget does not cover such an expense.

Thank You
Reginald Cleveland

Senator Colletta -

I was on jury duty recently and was appalled at the number of drunk driving cases. Our particular case took 2½ days. All members of the jury were upset that it took so much taxpayer money* to make a decision to penalize a man who was driving with a BAC of .11. If BAC is a legitimate indicator, ~~which~~ it should be used as such.

If more people were aware of how little alcohol it takes to impair driving ability, perhaps fewer cases would be brought to trial.

Peggy Wilson

*State prosecutor prep. time, State trooper witness, public defender prep time, judge and clerk time, 6 jury members' time, etc., etc.

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December 13, 1977

Senator Mike Colleta,
Chairman,
Senate Committee on Alcoholism

Dear Senator Mike:

As one who has spent his entire professional career in public relations and who has spent a good deal of that time on the subject of Alcoholism, please convey to your committee and staff that the mailing I received was by far the most persuasive, simple and effective that I have ever seen.

Now, with that, allow me a comment which I failed to make earlier. Two points, really and I think they are what make everything so tough for you in your work. One is to me insoluble, but the other I believe with some innovative and tough headed leadership, could be solved or assuaged.

One: I have been unable to find in any of the literature, or in a close analysis of three states, plus Washington,D.C., that there is any successful treatment program for the alcoholic who does not wish to cease being an alcoholic. If this presumption is true, then it is understandable why there is so much despair from the many who listen to the therapist announce that he has the answer, only to fall on his face after he has taken all the money he can.

Two: Alaska has an inordinate amount of money drained off at the administrative level and I am satisfied that this money is hard to find in the budgetary process. In short, the feds send it to the state, which takes some; the state sends it to the municipality, which takes some; the municipality sends it to the Salvation Army, which takes some; and eventually there are a few dollars left for the workers. The state has criteria and evaluation techniques which serve no purpose, except to employ people and consultants.

By way of summary, little can be done by point one except not to expect too much or to tell the folks back home that things are going to get better than they are.

In point two, try to take the politics out of the awarding of contracts and try to minimize duplication in administration. Options here would be to bully up the state office and award all money directly to the working unit who implements whatever phase is involved. This would put an end to the mad hatters tea party going on around Anchorage. It might possibly flush out the sorry goings on over at NCA-Alaska where success is measured more on how much money they can raise than on what attitudes might possibly be changed in the publics' hearts and heads.

I would hope you could find a way to limit state standards in the bush, however, and be supportive to what the village wanted whether it be in wet-dry laws, enforcement or the courts.

I suggest stronger state involvement in the urban centers and more money with less strings to the bush.

Whatever you come up with, I somehow feel it will be better than what we have and far superior than what the Governor originally proposed.

Sincerely,

James Stovall

Anchorage

Lynn Chase
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Senator Colletta –

I would like to commend your attempt to get input this way.

I only had one criticism of the presentation. Prevention is not just education – reducing accessibility (controlling consumption) can prevent & help rehabilitate by changing the social environment ~~in~~ which provides incentives for the potential problem drinker. The excise tax option is too obvious an omission from this document!

Lynn Chase

Sorry, I can't condense my feelings -
to a documented Form - without
showing "Intent."

Hazel Karabelnikoff

Sec 1 Prevention and Education

All schools are well coached on Mental and Physical effects of Alcohol & narcotics — why not included State & Federal Laws for offenders of these crimes and put some bite in it.

Sec 2 Alternatives to drinking
Treatment

1. Raise the tax on liquor to carry the load of rehabilitation Centers.
2. Changes hours of Bars & Liquor Store 12:30 Am - 1 P.M
(When you see lunches being devoured with 4 + 5 Martinis — one wonders the efficiency of that worker)
3. Make drunk driving a stiffer sentence.
   A. 1st offense warning
   B. 2nd offense Rehab Center.
   C. 3rd offense Jail
(These people are potential Killers & should be dealt with as such)
4. The dollars spent are not helping the ones who really need it. 75% of the chronic Alcoholics are "repeats" at a center. Their life is spent "drying out" A way of life with them. Its no secret where their Welfare - Bonus and pension moneys go. These are the ones who should have a choice — Rehab — or Jail.
5. The ones who need help — before its too late are people in hospitals and on Government

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(5) positions who need help without exposure of Local Rehab Center. There is no place for these people to go but 'Outside' Perhaps – with State help – Hospitals could provide such care away from the general Hospital patients.

Sec 3 Local option

Alcohal is not a sickness it is a self inflicted wound. Put these Rehab and failed ones to work. The money to go for his keep and or to pay for his crime committed – or the family care. as so stipulated by a Court of Law or authority in charge. Each area will require different handling.

Sec 4 Enforcement –

1. Give Police Authority. If it means hiring more Law persons – it would be cheaper than the cost of Rehab Centers – when only a few are lodged 2 to 3 wks a month.

2. Shake up the Courts – In many cases a Policeman or Taxpayer hasn't a chance. Policeman risks his life & Taxpayer risks his financial standing – to enter into court.

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December 16, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
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Dear Senator Colletta:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your "Bill writing"

In summary:

A. I favor decreasing access to alcohol over increasing cost as a deterrent to alcohol abuse.

B. I favor tight conviction laws relative to abuse but with treatment the major goal of sentencing rather thean incarceration.

C. Treatment should be practical; work and skill training, recreational activities, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Hammett

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Enclosure

"GOAL MOVITATION AND THE ESKIMO ALCOHOLIC"

A "pilot project" to demonstrate the potential of goal motivation in the rehabilitation of ten alcoholics of Eskimo extraction in the town of Nome, Alaska. (Definition: To set up material and obtainable goals and assist persons in attainment through their own efforts.)

Since the arrival of the white man in Eskimo country, alcohol in one form or another, has been abundantly present. Caught in between two cultures and not sure which one he should hold onto, the Eskimo has really held to neither. This crisis in identity, changes of life style, language difficulty, prejudice, low tolerance to alcohol etc., all have contributed to what has ended up as the Eskimos largest headache--one of the highest alcoholism problems in the world. 97.6% of all crime and violence in the City of Nome is alcohol related. Alaska has the highest suicide rate in the U.S., and over 88% is alcohol related. Although millions of dollars are being poured into numerous programs, the results are discouragingly meager.

One factor of the Eskimo culture is often forgotten. Competition or "ambition" in the "American business ethic" sense is most often not present. But it is in this world that Eskimos must walk and compete. So far the "scene" spells only failure. Problems grow and multiply in every community.

The object of this pilot program would be to demonstrate the "value" of "goal motivation" in the rehabilitation process of the Eskimo alcoholics. If successfully demonstrated it could be implemented in other programs across the state.

In collaboration with the psychiatrist of Norton Sound Health Corporation, one person would act as "goal guidance director", and the 2nd counselor would be Mr. Lincoln Milligrock.* Alternate counselors each day. Using daily, supervised oral distribution of antibuse for the first 6 weeks (or longer) of the 6 months program, there would be daily, 2 hour counseling sessions 5 days a week for 6 months stressing the chosen and attainable goals of the counselees and helping them attain them through ivory carving. (In this process it has been demonstrated that the self identity of the person comes out and he or she realizes his or her own potential, i.e., Lincoln and Emily Milligrock.)

This study and pilot project would be evaluated monthly by the chief physician of Norton Sound Regional Hospital and reports made monthly during project and up to six months after project is complete.

BUDGET:

Two hour daily counseling for two counselors @ $25. an hour $6,000 at Norton Sound Health Center. Materials for ivory carving $5,000. Not an ongoing project.

* Example of "Goal Motivation," as related by Father James Poole.

Lincoln and Emily Milligrock had been two of Nome's most notorious alcoholics for over 15 years. They had lost their children to foster homes. They were regular visitors of the local jail with a rap sheet a yard long. At a real low, they both decided to go on "antibuse" and the second day came to visit me. I asked what he really wanted in life. He smiled and said, "A new shotgun." I said, "Fine, come tomorrow and see it." He did and wanted to take it home. "No, carve bracelets and

come and get it." He did 3 days later. "What else do you want?" It was a sewing machine for his wife, then a set of power tools, a washing machine, etc., and he finally grasped the idea of what real potential he had when sober. He later went on to buy a car, 32 foot oomiak boat, a house. Both he and his wife have been sober for 5 years.

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December 13, 1977

Senate Committee on Alcoholism
Senator Mike Colletta, Chairman
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Dear Sirs:

I am not quite sure why I am on the mailing list for input for the bill being drafted as I did not attend any of the hearings when notified nor do I feel I have any special expertise regarding this matter. However, I do recognize that alcoholism is tremendous problem in this state and because of my nature I feel now compelled to take the time to write some of my thoughts regarding bill being drafted.

The statement that 15% of the people buy 62% of all alcohol sold interests me. Out of personal preference my husband and I seldom drink alcoholic beverages, although we do not totally abstain, but I have never personally had to deal with an alcohol abuser. I feel therefore that I may belong to a large segment of the population that may generally tend to ignore the problem; in other words, I speak for the 85% who drink in moderation, but even more for that large percentage of the population that money spent on alcohol related problems are tax dollars that we are absolutely throwing away.

Let me first address Section 1: Prevention and Education. I strongly protest placing the burden for education in the schools; not only is it inappropriate, it is dangerous! Alcohol education is the responsibility of the parents; it is time we stop taking responsibilities away from the home and letting strangers whose values are unknown and in this case whose drinking attitudes may differ significantly (teachers have been known to have drinking problems!) try to "teach" facts that are emotionally charged.

What causes some people to abuse alcohol while others don't? I think in trying to deal with alcohol we are wasting our money to try and find a cure if we don't know the causes. It seems to me that people turn to alcohol when they cannot face the problems they must deal with, they lack the self-confidence and self-esteem to cope with day-to-day living, they are bored. Alcohol fills a void. It seems to me therefore far more constructive to spend state money to fill that void BEFORE alcohol becomes a habit. A solid education in the basics so that all Alaskans can enjoy reading and mental stimulation from the world of ideas; adult and continuing education programs to enrich our lives with art, music, mechanical know-how, dramatics, swimming and other athletic activieies, crafts and hobbies; community centers with activities to fill the social needs of Alaskans -- these would be far better investments of our tax dollars than films and materials about alcoholism (that's like spending campaign money only talking about your opponent!) and training teachers to do a job they were neither meant to do nor do they have the time if they are really trying to give their students an education to arm them for life.

What about Section 2: Alternatives to Drinking and Treatment for the person who has already turned to alcohol to fill the void in his life?

It seems to me that the costs for most detoxification and alcoholism treatment programs are such that all too often they are a waste of my money and everyone else's not to mention the time and work that is thrown in. As I understand it there is no cure for alcoholism until the alcoholic accepts that he has a problem -- or illness or whatever you want to call it -- and he assumes the responsibility for asking for help. This has been a key factor to Alcoholics Anonymous, the only effective help that I have known of over the years other than the alcoholic turning to religion for spiritual help, and again this means the alcohol abuser must recognize his problem and his inability to deal with it alone. The most effective counselors are often concerned volunteers, people who care about the alcoholic as a person rather than doing his job for the paycheck. I am not saying that professionaly counselors are not needed but simply that without a core of caring people to help the alcoholic through the hours when he feels weak and vulnerable, no program is worth one cent of public money!

I think we do need treatment programs, detox centers and local halfway house programs to provide the kind of professional help that people closer to the problem better understand than I. But if we're going to start them, invest in makeing them effective, then I feel we also need to make a commitment to continue them and not leave the professionals hanging on the cliff of budget concerns every year. Treatment should not be forced, however, or offered as an alternative to a jail sentence; it should be the "privilege" of those who ask.

I'm not sure what is supposed to be written into Section 3 regarding local option; is this where money is written into the bill for state funding, but each community decides how it would be most effectively used? It seems that each community can best determine what community resources could be developed to fill the void that alcoholism does, be it more community centers, continuing education programs or the school system itself. The type of treatment program to be invested in FOR ALCOHOLICS SEEKING HELP might well be locally developed to meet community needs. But definite limits MUST be placed by the bill limiting the local options to CONSTRUCTIVE use of state funding. I agree that Juneau experts may be the least effective, but Juneau coordination is necessary.

Now the question arises, just where WILL the money come from? I suggest stiff taxes on all alcoholic beverages; I would go so far as to recommend taxes of 50% on the cost of the product or more to discourage the consumption of excessive quantities of alcohol while defraying a large part if not all of the costs of the treatment programs. It is fair, it seems to me, that the occasional user should pay through alcohol taxes for the problems of the few (percentage-wise). It is often the non-problem drinker that contributes to the availability and encouragement of alcohol use by the alcoholic. It is fair that the frequent abuser be faced with the costs of alcohol problems. I would go so far as to say that the TOTAL costs of rehabilitation programs, detox centers, halfway houses, etc. should be met by an alcohol tax, and I see no need to scimp on the costs for treatment to keep this tax down!

As I read through the pages dealing with Enforcement, the following

thoughts emerged regarding Section 4 of this bill. I feel that the bill must clearly separate between treatment and punishment; offering treatment as an alternative to a fine or jail sentence weakens the effectiveness of the entire treatment program by overloading the cases the professionals are expected to deal with with people who are in effect wasting the professionals' time because they aren't ready to make a sincere effort to be rehabilitated and by skyrocketing the costs for any treatment programs for those who really want to be helped.

Drunk driving fines should be as painful as possible. People may argue as to whether alcoholism is a desease or not, but there is absolutely NO excuse for the drunk to even consider getting into his vehicle. Even the slightest trace of alcohol should warrent a traffic fine, with legally drunk levels $500 or more ON THE FIRST OFFENSE. (What is the value of damages done by drunk drivers in this state? What is the value of the lives of those injured, maimed or killed because of mixing alcohol and gasoline?) Second offense should be automotac revoking of the driver's license with enormous penalties if caught driving during the period of revocation -- $1000 doesn't seem out of line. The period of revocation should be the same for ALL and be no less than 60 days. Further drunk driving at any time should be automatic revocation of the license to drive for no less than 2 years with similar fines ($1000 or more) if violated. These penalities should be automatic and not subject to any consideration of personage, treatment, etc.

Other alcohol laws, such as drunk in public need to be considered in the public interests. If alcoholism is a desease, then dry-out cells do not seem inhumane to me; when we are sick, even if the individual choses not to seek medical help society frowns on him socializing and passing on the desease or even sharing the manifestations of the disease publicly.

As for the sellers of alcohol, legal or otherwise, I agree that there must be some teeth in the laws dealing with their illegal actions, and NO classes but JAIL sentences or better yet fines that will be felt, revocation of dispensing licenses, etc. For heaven's sake, no telephone ordering of any alcoholic beverages, even beer! Limit airlines' serving of and transporting of alcohol. Limit the number of alcohol dispensing establishments and their hours. It may be true that SOME will get alcohol for personal use regardless of the ease of availability, but SOME will also be deterred in their use if availability is restricted. Alcoholic beverages should be sold ONLY at licensed liquor stores* instead of at any grocery store and supermarket; this includes beer and wine.

* and licensed dispensing establishments

Taxes on alcoholic beverages should cover a good share of the law enforcement costs as well as treatment. Served drinks should be taxed even more than packaged alcohol because it seems that dispensing drinks must be an awfully profitable business judged by the numbers involved in serving drinks; make it less profitable. This kind of jobs we can take a decrease in!

Such are my thoughts, comments and ideas. I am not a lawmaker, I have written them as best I could; I leave the writing of the bill to those who know how. I recognize that alcoholism is a problem that must be dealt with and respect the efforts of this committee to deal with it as effectively as possible. Thanks for this opportunity to express myself.

Sincerly, Leslye A. Korvola

cc. Mackney, Wedrovich, Huber

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PALMER LODGE No. 793

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Palmer, Alaska

Our Comments are the same as most others.
Anything we can do to help cut down the Alcohol
Problem Please Contact us.

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12 Dec, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta;

You will no doubt notice that I have taken excerpts from one of your reports to give you the help that I could on the Work Draft Copy. Hopefully, I can get together with you on any or all of your future open meetings.

Please keep me informed of any action taken or anything that I can do to help you & your people.

If you will delete one of the enclosed labels you can save duplication.

Sincerely,

J.M. McElhaney

Jim McElhaney
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Dear Mike Colletta and Staff,

I enclose my ideas of alcohol abuse legislation. I don't have time to put them in legislative language. Your staff can do that. But I really appreciate the effort you have gone with your committee to look for new ideas & broad public input. You may come up with a lot of good ideas.

Most of the people in rural Alaska are not classic alcoholics. They cannot be dealt with the same way. They abuse alcohol for reasons complex but obviously tied in with cultural destruction, loss of traditional mores & life patterns, in addition to other factors which seem to affect all Northern Countries. Therefore there are no traditional solutions or quick ones, but we can start.

If I had to prioritize it would be hard but definitely we need to strengthen the shame sanctions by penalizing, not publicizing & prosecuting "drunk in public" & make treatment compulsory for 2nd offenders.

We should start education very early because alcohol abuse is an expression of self-destructive attitudes & these start very young. Education should not be just preaching about alcohol, but the whole gamut of learning how to like ourselves & others & live constructively.

But perhaps most important, people can't have the necessary self-respect & be neither in the old culture or integrated to the new one. Rural people must get training & jobs that will enable them to live where they want to live & build enterprises in their traditional homeland — not shipped out to the hostile urban centers. Todays' Native folks need to have a chance to build a modern Native culture, saving the best of the old to pass on proudly to their kids. Every Eskimo I know, in his heart has real inadequacy feelings.

There's no lack of these problems among white folks too, but it is more individual problems & less a broad cultural one. The steps mentioned above, if carried out, would also cover the problems of the white folks with the emotional problems that result in alcohol abuse. I know urban people have these problems but I have chosen to address rural problems today. Thanks for the opportunity to address you on this.

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Marshall
Nome, Alaska 99762

Section 1 Prevention and Education:

The main goal of education should be to change the general population's attitude about drunkenness. The general population must be taught to no longer accept drunkenness in any way. To accomplish the above, we need to educate people who are in service to other people such as teachers, bartenders, employers, police, doctors, courts and private clubs. We need to educate these people that drunkenness is not acceptable behavior. Thereby making these people teachers to others that drunkenness is not a socially acceptable behavior.

Also, early educational programs within the school systems should be aimed at changing the students attitudes about drunkenness.

Section 2 Alternatives to Painting, Treatment:

More financial support from the state, Federal, and local governments for community service programs. Such as Community School Programs, where recreational facilities and programs for the general public can be offered. A place where people can go for socialization, recreation and fun without having out in bars. The goal is to get people involved in local activities and programs that are aimed at helping themselves and others.

Our treatment is most long and short term rehabilitation programs developed and operated at the local level with State and Federal funds. We need the financial support for local alcoholism programs such as [illegible] and trained alcoholism counselors to work with the sick alcoholic, the courts, the doctors, the police, employers and others who are in direct contact with the alcoholic.

Inpatient programs to provide the patient counseling that will teach the alcoholic how to live without alcohol.

[illegible]

Section 3. [illegible]

[illegible]

Section 4 Enforcement:

We need a "get tough" policy with the alcoholic.

There is a difference between punishment and treatment, so pass a law which could make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment rather than punish him with a fine. There needs to be a law against public drunkenness that in anyway endangers others. Just having a law for driving while intoxicated is not enough to protect society and the alcoholic. We need a law to protect the drunk and society. Being drunk in public is wrong and should not socially be acceptable. Change the law to show disapproval of this behavior. Then drunks could be picked up and helped.

We would also suggest closing bars earlier, approximately 2:00 a.m. This would help keep some of the drunks off the highway. Also, bartenders and bar owners should be held responsible for serving a non alcoholic beverages when he is already visibly drunk.

Greater enforcement of existing laws that deal with public drunkenness should also be encouraged.

Jim Fowler
MAT-SU Council
on Alcoholism

Petersburg, Alaska
January 4, 1978

Dear Mr. Colletta:

Booze is with us and will be for some time to come. It is a well known fact that many adults cannot cope with exposure to this substance, and that minors, in their emotional immaturity, cope even less well. We have a law to protect the minors, which states that liquor will not be sold to anyone under 19. The law is useless unless it is enforced.

Penalties resulting from enforcement of this law must, of necessity involve the seller, who is the adult in the transaction. As it is now, this penalty is regulated by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. I believe this is totally wrong. Penalties should be the same and equal for all liquor store owners and should therefore be regulated by law. My recommendation follows, and I believe it is both fair and adequate:

1. One months closure at first offence
2. Two months closure at second offence
3. Three months closure at third offence
4. Six months closure at fourth offence
5. Removal of license at fifth offence.

The penalty should by law, be invoked at 12:01 A.M. the day following completion of the trial - in <u>all</u> cases. Enforcement should be relegated to the police of the city or state, depending on the location of the establishment.

Whether or not this is done, or when it is done should not be left up to any board. It particularly should not be left up to a board that could be composed, in part, of people who are involved in selling liquor. This would be a flagrant conflict of interests.

However, until such time as this law can be written and go into effect, I believe it is necessary for the legislature to see that Alaska has an Alcohol Beverage Control Board that will penalize on an immediate and an adequate basis.

Very Sincerely,
Beatrice Eggesath
Member, Petersburg Council on Alcoholism

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education on alcoholism should be started in the elementary schools + continued through to Adult Education - through retail liquor outlets + Adult Night School.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking could be made available to the public through additional efforts of the Borough Recreation Dept.

Treatment should include counseling stressing the alternatives + the imposing of a protective custody law to allow efficient treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages is undesirable + totally disrespective. In my mind all it does is encourage Bootlegging Just look at some of the dry communities.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Legislation should be up-dated to reflect the life style of those citizens who desire to drink + well as that of those who wish to abstain.

"RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO"
SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM
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276-8153

Respectfully,
D. B. Clark
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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Education in grades 6 and up should be required in Alcohol Abuse and what it does to your body and brain. Audio Visual aids would be needed and well trained instructors in the course. Maybe even a few people who travel to the different schools and give presentations. This might make the kids realize how important not drinking is. Advertisements in magazines should not show drinks in hands of "cool" people.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Recreation seems to be the best alternative to drinking. Places where no drinking is allowed. Pool, Ping Pong, movies etc.

PHS hospitals in rural areas should have de tox centers in them, with trained people for counselling.

* Section 3 Local Option

No booze sold in town, or else it should be rationed. No "booze runs" should be allowed so as to keep the amount of liquor available down. Some kind of law that is applicable to store keepers. There are too many times when there is no food and to much liquor.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Any person who has been convicted of any crime, or has been brought to trial with an alcohol related crime should be required to go through an treatment course. Everybody who does break the law when they're drinking are not necessarily alcoholics, but maybe this would serve as a reminder as to what happens when you drink.

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schools, homes & special groups: bartenders, liquor store clerks - workshops subsidized treatment in conjunction w/ employers - employer training in how to make referrals

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment
statewide detox, treatment facilities & plans
local counselors and half-way houses
incentives for employers to send problem employees to treatment
group insurance coverage should be required to cover treatment

* Section 3 Local Option
Allow as much as possible in addition to state laws, but never less.

* Section 4 Enforcement
proof of age for telephone or mail orders - but how?
licensing for bar owners, bartenders, cocktail waitresses, liquor store clerks - should know how to identify alcoholics, alcoholic blackout, know local referral sources & procedures. *over
courts: required treatment in alc.-related crimes
D.W.I. should result in a mandatory 1-year license suspension.
require warning labels!!
no service of additional drinks (more than two) to a customer sounds like a good idea.

* I was amazed to receive an argument once from a bartender about whether or not alcohol was a "drug". Of course it is! The idea of a person legally selling alcohol without understanding this is insane!

Al Lamberson, counselor
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I have based my opinions on ten years of work as a school counselor, seven-and-one-years with adults at the Skill Center. This amounts to 2 or 3 thousand individuals, probably 60% Native.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Grade school education for little people.
Com. College education and liquor store baskets for adults.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment ?

Protective custody and counseling at half-way houses.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option should not be allowed. Private liquor outlets for all towns, to stop bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS
SIMILAR TO THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS ON A COMMUNITY LEVEL

* Section 3 Local Option

NO VALUE, THE HARD CORE DRINKER WILL GET HIS LIQ ANYWAY POSSIBLE CONTINUENT NOT A SOLUTION, COMPOUNDS THE PROBLEM.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM AT THE JUDICAL LEVEL

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

THE STATE OF ALASKA, HHS SHALL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, CLASS & INSTRUCTION TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN REGARDING THE DANGERS OF ALCOHOLISM.
REPEAL ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUANCE FOR ALL COMMUNITIES WITH OVER TWO ACTIVE LICENSES.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

STATE OF ALASKA CREATE & ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO BUILD & OPERATE ALCOHOL FREE FACILITIES IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE NONE.
ENCOURAGE MORE ADVANCED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, & ASSIST IN THEIR SPONSORSHIP & OPERATION.
BE MORE ACTIVE & PROVIDE FUNDS TO OPERATE DRUNK DRIVER EDUCATIONAL CLASSES AFTER A COURT CONVICTION IN SMALL COMMUNITIES.

* Section 3 Local Option

ENACT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTRACT ALCOHOLICS TO ARE for 90 DAY STAYS OF TREATMENT (MAXIMUM) QUICKLY WITHOUT DELAY ON SEVERAL COURT APPEARANCES.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENACT LEGISLATION ALLOWING THE ABC DIRECTOR FOR FIRST A LOW LEVEL ASSISTANT.
LICENSES ABC REVOKED, & ALLOW THAT AGENCY TO ENFORCE 30 DAY SUSPENSIONS OF BARS WITHOUT APPEARANCES FOR ABC VIOLATIONS
ENACT ~~A~~ LAWS FOR LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE THE AGE OF 19 YEARS TO 20 MAY BE CHANGED THRU STATEWIDE.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education, Most People already know the Effects of Alcohol. The Printing of all this information will cost Mucks, & be read by very few. Prevention, ? Never.) (why teach Kids to drink or not to they learn that all to soon.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Go To Church, Coffee Shop, Secret drug store

* Section 3 Local Option

Let those who want it, Have it as long as 2/3 of people age - (19)

* Section 4 Enforcement

Present Laws seem adequet

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1) Education should be incorporated into the school-system grade 1 thru, 12. Adult-Education should be accomplished by dispensing of information thru retail liquor outlets and advanced Educational facilities.

2) Alternatives to drinking should be made available if they do not already exist. This could be accomplished by community efforts.
Treatment should include counseling, stressing of alternatives and the imposing of a protective custody by law to allow efficient treatment.

3) Local option to totally prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages is undesirable and will be ineffective in the treatment of alcohol abuse because it fails to recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basic right in a democracy. Alcoholic beverage outlets under private ownership should be established in all communities for the convenience of all citizens who wish to use them. The right of the individual who chooses to drink should receive the same respect as the right of a person who chooses not to drink.
THIS WILL KILL BOOTLEGGING!

4) The recommendation of the latest study available were to up-date both State and Federal laws that do not reflect a pattern of life that include both the use and the non-use of alcohol; and to oppose legislation which is designed to take alcohol away from others, or to make it harder to obtain.
This will also help to curtail bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Submitted by:

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Education programs in alcoholism, i.e. alcohol curriculum, K-12 should be implemented throughout the state school system. (One such curriculum is "Here's Looking At You"). Continuing assistance should be provided to programs dealing with prevention. Youth board or youth representatives should be included in statewide boards dealing with alcohol and drug abuse. Financial support to educational and training programs that are cognizant of rural Alaskan training needs should be financially supported.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alcohol treatment centers i.e., b ovided for each region, in addition to limited hospitals in rural Alaska. (Halt / houses, sleep-off centers). Development of recreational interests and facilities that are regionally and culturally oriented.

* Section 3 Local Option

Revenue sharing is inadequate in terms of actual dollars for small communities. Local options need to be determined in a community/regional effort.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The existing laws should be enforced.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Problem of alcholism is not a new found phenomenon in the state of Alaska. We have been dealing with it thru-out centurys with apparent little success. Preventive education is our only hope civilization has to free it self of this oblivious affliction. Hopefully it could disassociate alchol with pleasure as being experienced by our generation.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking are available, always has been nothing can be acomplished except by personal discretion. Government does not have any business of dictating alternatives to free society.

* Section 3 Local Option

Whole heartly agree with local alternatives we have available.

* Section 4 Enforcement

No alternative action needed.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

GIVE PROGRAMS OVER TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND PREVENT TIME CONSUMING BUREAUCRACY FROM EMPLOYING 'INCOMPENTENTS' THAT GIVE THEM THE IMAGE OF BEING EXPERTS.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Schools in Alaska shall provide counseling services to students at all levels, with appropriate programs to train young persons to take responsibility for their own behavior and to learn to handle stress without blaming others.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

There shall be established a detoxification center in every community in Alaska to take drunk persons off the streets. Centers shall be staffed by trained personnel.

Sustained support for persons conquering alcoholism shall be provided through well-staffed halfway houses throughout the State.

* Section 3 Local Option

Matching funds available to local communities beyohd the mandatory minimum programs provided for each community shall provide an incentive to local communities to develop unique additional programs to serve unique local needs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Persons convicted of an alcohol-related crime shall spend sentence time in a treatment program which utilizes the best techniques proven and working in other places.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Part of Education should include total abstinence from alcohol- Not just limiting intake- The "in thing" should be -"Who needs alcohol anyway" .

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Everyone arrested for duken driving or any offense connected with drinking should be re quired to submit to treatment.

An Appeal should be made to the major business's and to our legislature as well to disband the cocktail parties - It encourages alcoholis m.

* Section 3 Local Option

Number of bars should be limited
Bars should close by midnight.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Police should be posted near bars to arrest drinking drivers - (Innocent People on highw ays need to be protected).

First offenders should be inprisoned and all driving priveleges lostt for good. (Not e ver be allowed to drive again.)

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Section 1 Prevention and Education

Prevention and Education should be paid for by the alcohol industry: Taxes should be raised on the persons using the drug ; Education should be included in teacher training workshops. Teachers should be required to study the abuse of alcohol and train the youth so they will have a choice.

Section 2; Alternatives to drinking, Treatment

The centers that already are working should have programs going to entertain the alcoholic. After detox the center should have continued follow up of the client.

Section 3 Local Option

Requirments for the Boards on the alcoholism programs. Guidelines and by-laws. mandatory for any funded program. All employed in alcoholism work be a recovering person, since all the sucess has been when recovering persons helped each other.

Section 4 Enforcement

A law where minor's envolved a Mandatory sentence instead slapping the hands. Drinking age should be 21. All D.W. I.'s should attend alcohol education plus fine with monies being used to support local programs.
Drinking in public a crime.

Standards should be set up for people working in the programs. Including an education program for any member that is on the local as well as State Boards.

I support the program inatited in the field."Here's Looking At You"

Thank You, God Bless and continued Good Luck in your work to help us all.

Jan Johnson Box 71, Wrangell Alaska 99929

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Include Alcoholism as a part of the health and hygiene classes in the schools. No one is too young to learn about the hazards of alcohol.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Establish an alcoholic rehabilitation center and make it mandatory that if he is constantly in trouble due to alcoholism he must be committed there for a period of no less than 6 months. After he is released, if he once again becomes a problem drinker, he will be committed for a longer period of time.

* Section 3 Local Option

Make the bars close earlier and open later. No bar needs to be open for 21 hours/day.

It will be illegal to sell alcohol to an already visible drunken individual. If a bartender does this, then he should be arrested and fined. No more double or triple portions of alcohol to be served in one drink.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Return the drinking age to 21 and make the sale of marijuana once again illegal. Stricter fines and prison sentences for drunk driving.

Establish a law where if a person is an alcohol, you can prevent him from being served or sold alcohol.

Abolish the "voluntary" commitment by an alcoholic to a treatment center. Make it mandatory to receive treatment or spend time in prison.

Make fines for selling illegal alcohol exorbitant and establish state controlled stores in the bush communities.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

EDUCATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THRU BOTH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM & THE MEDIA. A JOINT EFFORT BY STATE & LOCAL GOV'T & THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & ADVERTIZED AS SUCH. TREATMENT FACILITIES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. IT IS THE INDIVIDUALS RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

* Section 3 Local Option

LOCAL OPTION TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOL SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED, AS IT TENDS TO INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL & PROVIDE A SOURCE FOR BOOTLEGGING.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO A TREATMENT & EDUCATIONAL MEANS. AGAIN TO PROHIBIT SALE OF ALCOHOL DENIES THE INDIVIDUAL HIS RIGHT OF CHOICE. ALCOHOLISM IS, IN FACT, A DISEASE, NOT A CRIME.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

(a) Use short TV commercials & special programs geared to regional concerns & facilities

(b) Expand assistance to schools incl. supplemental grants to districts which participate

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

(a) Develop standards & objectives for measuring performance of treatment programs & apply those uniformly

(b) Enlist beverage industry in campaign for 'responsible behavior'

* Section 3 Local Option

(a) Work through local health planning & regional health planning agencies

(b) Increase revenue sharing funds to cover alcoholism needs

* Section 4 Enforcement

(a) Increase fees paid to A.B.C. & institute fees for services given by Environmental Health Div. to bars, such as presently being done by Municipality of Anchorage.

(b) Utilize the same controls & cost reducing of enforcement services asked of Alyeska for pipeline development for alcoholic beverage "development" within State.

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To: Senate Committee on Alcoholism

From: Sandy Stark, member League of Women Voters, Comprehensive Health Planning Commission; inspector with Health & Environ. Protection, Municipality of Anchorage

Re.: Alcoholism programs

1. Congratulations on getting Helen Beirne's leadership as Commissioner. Not only is she knowledgable & caring re. program matters but she is one of the few high placed administrative types who will seek out legislative cooperation

2. Establish a consistent yardstick of criteria for measuring goals & objectives of alcoholism programs. Even in this field of intangibles, a consistently applied standard is needed rather than abstaining from any type of project review once a grant has been given. A innovative team arrangement w/ the HSA's could be helpful in this regard.

3. Be aware of the extensive "aid/subsidies" extended to the alcohol industry. This needs to be balanced not only against the negative cost of alcoholism & drunk driving etc., but against the positive value from food & beverage service industries being one of the highest private employers in the State.

   a. Examples of subsidies & assistance:
      1. tax break for Prince Bran
      2. Municipal & State inspection of bars
      3. Municipal & State ~~assistance~~ through pre-permit inspections of bars which often are opened ~~to~~ meet ABC requirements to hang onto a lucrative liquor license. One instance in Anchorage involved a bar in a new shopping center that was completely installed in a sectioned off area (at the end of '76) of an unfinished facility in the opposite location from its final location at the other end of the structure.

   b. Questionable occupancy levels of various 'private' programs operating w/ govt. funds.

4. Expand speakers program in secondary schools — the speaker sponsored by the Anch. Council on Alcoholism @ Clark JH in 1975-76 when I taught health there, was excellent.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Each bottle of alcoholic beverage shall have attached to its label the total sum of state and federal taxes. The state tax will also show in dollars and cents what part of the total state tax is used in the separate parts of the liquor program on alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Coffee and Tea Houses could be subsidized with a tax-free program based on need and locality.

* Section 3 Local Option

All costs of rehabilitation, prevention and education, under the Alcoholism Program to be paid from the state tax refund on total alcohol beverage sales. Refunds will be based on beverage sales supplying the particular area involved. It's unfeasible that bar hours in Ketchikan are allowed until 5:00 A. M. to remain open. We would suggest closure at 1:00 A.M. or 2:00 A. M.

* Section 4 Enforcement

All costs of liquor violations resulting from local police action shall be paid for from the state liquor tax refund.

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If people want to drink, let them. They only hurt themselves.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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Yes, I agree that it should be taught Grades 1 thru 12 -

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

I feel that Adults, if they want to drink are gonna drink regardless - of whether a Bar is open - or closed, they will find it somewhere -

* Section 3 Local Option

Yes, I feel that this is a free democracy - if a person wants a drink, he should have one, if not - don't have one -

* Section 4 Enforcement

I feel that if a person wants Booze and the Bars are closed, they will find it somewhere - that's my opinion -

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Education for ~~Alcohol~~ should be in the Schools & more on TV & Radio to let the public be more aware of what can Happen to a person who Drinks to much,

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

should be made like more sports & community Activies ~~_____~~ the Governer should spend some of the Oil money to opener, Sports of all Kinds for the Young & Old,

* Section 3 Local Option

it is Hoped to think the state can stop Booze from being sold, there would be more illegal Booze then ever The Governer should spent more time on Dope in Alaska and not his Villages with Booze problems.

* Section 4 Enforcement

More strikter laws for Drunkin that Drive while Drunk, spend more time on, on Booze & Dope infocements,

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be given through the 1 thru 12 grades of School. Adult-Education should be incorporated into advanced-educational facilities and thru retail liquor outlets.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking should be made available through Community efforts - such as Counseling, and protective custody by law for treatment purposes.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option to totally prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages would only tend to encourage "Bootlegging" and would not recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basis of a democracy. Alcoholic beverage outlets, privately owned, should be allowed in all communities for the convinience of citizens because it is the right of every individual to drink or not drink as he chooses.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Up-date both State and Federal laws to reflect a life pattern that will include both the use and non-use of alcohal and oppose legislation to take alcohol away from others or that makes it harder to obtain. This is the only way to Curtail "Bootlegging".

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be incorporated into the school-system, at an early age.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Churches should be responsible for payong their share of the treatment of the problem drinker.

* Section 3 Local Option

Fails to recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basic right in a democracy.

* Section 4 Enforcement

State & Federal should be able to over ride the enforcement

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1. ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE IN DEPTH ALCOHOL EDUCATION IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.
2. IN-SERVICE IN SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS FOR PERSONNEL (IN ALCOHOL EDUCATION).
3. REGULARLY OFFER ALCOHOL COUNSELOR TRAINING THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA CAMPUSES.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

- STATE FUNDED COMMUNITY CENTERS (SIMILAR TO YMCA) WITH GYM, AUDITORIUM, SNACK BAR, SWIMMING POOL, GAME ROOM, ETC.
- ALCOHOL COUNCIL WITH SEVERAL COUNSELORS TO DEAL WITH ALCOHOLICS BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT AT A TREATMENT CENTER.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be started as early as possible in the schools and thru advanced education facilities for adults

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

The law must be changed to require police officers to impose protective custody and a facility for Treatment.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local Option is worthless and only leads to "Bootlegging". Prohibition has never worked

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Early schooling

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

There will allways be drinking one way or the other.

* Section 3 Local Option

Not to sell alcohol would only bring back bootleggers.

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Additional emphasis should be placed on education at all school levels. Real life type situations on T.V. for adult coverage. Teach those who use it how not to abuse it.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Facilities should be able to provide non alcoholic drinks. We need additional sports facilities as alternatives. For those with problems we need centers for treatment not just lock ups.

* Section 3 Local Option

People are going to drink, local laws will provide facilities with out illegal bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Laws need to serve all people. to say a person can not use alcohol ~~[illegible]~~ will just encourage him to get it though illegal methods. Laws concerning alcohol need to be for both the user and non user.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Start the Education in the School systems. Grade 1 thru 12.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

df education is started in grade one & advances thru grade 12 there will be alternatives to drinking & new habits will be formed.

* Section 3 Local Option

andrew volsted proved that prohibition on any level is not the answer. Bootlegging would return and be worse than what we have now

* Section 4 Enforcement

any law that denies the use or sale of alcohol is doomed to failure — at least in the sense that it will not curb the abuse of alcohol — alcohol like drugs will be made available by the underworld

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An education program should be set up in the school system, where the children could be taught what happens when a person drinks too much -

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Since excessive drinking is being done by 5% of the public and most of them are the same people, a farm system should be established so that these people can utilize their time, instead of having nothing to do but drink. Also, the law should read that these repeat offenders WILL be put on a farm -

* Section 3 Local Option

Under a democratic system, a person should have the right to drink - To prohibit the sale of alcohol would only cause bootlegging - Prohibition drinks and they will get it one way or another -

* Section 4 Enforcement

If the repeat offenders were picked up and put on a farm, we wouldn't have the scenes we have today - But, they have to be picked up and put to work -

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

taught as a subject in schools

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Individual people should be responsible for their own conduct

* Section 3 Local Option

Tougher on individuals — not owners or bartenders

* Section 4 Enforcement

Individuals should be responsible for their actions - no bartender is capable or should be forced to be responsible for patrons actions - no more than the service station is held for selling gas which kills — lower speed of all cars mechanically

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Education on Addiction should be instituted in to the ~~curriculum~~ Elementary School System & continued through Adult educational classes

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking should be made available by the Community Expanding on the last Years of Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option is totally undesirable as it does in Anchorage Bootlegging which is Not good for the Community

* Section 4 Enforcement

Legislation should be enacted that would be fair to both those that work to drink Socially & those that don't

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

PUBLIC ADVERTISING -

* Section 3 Local Option

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SIRS:

My name is Susy Hunnicutt. I would like to not have liquor available anymore. I am 74 years old. I have five sons. Four drink and have alcahol problems. I always have to support them. When they come home drunk and I call the police. They dokt do any thing. My sons need help, but we dont have a treatment center here. I need rest. But their drinking keeps me up - worrying - unhappy. We dont need liquor. So why can't we just close the liqor place.

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Start teaching alcohol abuse - drug abuse in the schools

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

give people other things to do.

* Section 3 Local Option

No

* Section 4 Enforcement

Don't tie the hands of police - it seems the laws are way too lenient.

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Provide a tax deduction for contributions to alcoholism programs.

Make booze over 20% with skull + X bones

Education in schools.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Do smaller communities — state financially assist them in building community Centers w/ recreation facilities

* Section 3 Local Option

The state can not solve the problem in Juneau funds should be provided for local areas to administrate.

* Section 4 Enforcement

When caught driving drunk — desk drivers license 30 days to 6 months

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It is important that education be incorporated into the school system, especially grades six thru twelve when it may appear "smart"or "mature" to start drinking alcoholic beverages. Continuing education for adults may be accomplished by dispensing information in liquor stores and colleges and institutions within the state system.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking should include community sponsored programs and low key counseling through advertisement. As always, the church should be encouraged to play a leading role. Treatment should consist of intensive counseling, including medical inputs, and the stressing of alternative lifestyles.

* Section 3 Local Option

The desirability of local prohibition of alcoholic beverages is questionable at best. If we have learned anything from the history of this country it is that prohibition encourages criminal behavior - the old law of supply and demand. Bootlegging will be the inevitable result. Besides, adults in this free society have the right to choose their own modes of behavior as long as they don't encroach on the rights of others. This is a democracy, so beware Big Brother.

* Section 4 Enforcement

We must have laws to curtail the abuse of alcohol, strict penalties for repeat OMVI offenders, and positive legislation to seek social solutions to this problem. However, negative legislation to restrict usage through taxation, or prohibit use entirely, must be fought. Taxation will only levy hardship on the poor and middle class while the more fortunate stratas of society continue their present patterns of consuption as before. Again, laws to prohibit consumption, even by community mandate, will only spawn a black market and bootlegging. Do we really want the courts full of "homebrewers"? Alcoholism is a problem we cannot simply legislate away. What we need to do is create a social atmosphere where drunkeness is disparaged, and alternatives provided.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be incorporated into the school-system grade 1 thru 12. Adult-Ed should be accomplished by dispensing of information thru retail liquor outlets and advanced educational facilities.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Local communities should set up programs and alternatives to drinking. Most offer no alternative to the alcoholic. Treatment should include counseling, stressing of alternatives and the imposing of a protective custody by law to allow efficient treatment and medical therapy.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option to totally prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages is undesirable and will be ineffective in the treatment of alcohol abuse, because it fails to recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basic right in a democracy. Alcoholic beverage outlets under private ownership should be established in all Communities for the convenience of all citizens who wish to use them. The right of the individual who chooses to drink should receive the same respect as the right of a person who chooses nor to drink. THIS WILL KILL BOOTLEGGING!

*Section 4 Enforcement.

The recommendation of the latest study available were to update both State and Federal laws that do not reflect a pattern of life that include both the use and non-use of alcohol; and to oppose legislation which is designed to take alcohol away from others, or to make it harder to obtain.
This will also help to curtail bootlegging.

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1. Legislation to enable the State Office of Education.coordinating with State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse,to implement the K-12 "Here's Looking At You" curriculum in the public schools.

2. Legislation to provide funds for training of professionals and paraprofessionals and for community education and training of volunteers.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. Legislation to provide for building and/or maintenance of village recreational facilities and funding of counselors to operate village-based programs.

2. Legislation to provide for regionalcomprehensive treatment and sub-regional detox facilities,with adequate training and staffing.

* Section 3 Local Option

1. Legislation to prohibit mail order sales to dry villages,shipments of alcohol to dry villages,with right of search and seizure by village police.

2. Legislation to provide for loss of license by carriers guilty of the above.

3. Legislation to give dry villages a share of excise tax.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Enforce existing laws strictly.
2. Make Hospitalization/counseling mandatory for alcohol related offenses.
3. Charge Workmen's Compensation laws to provide benefits for people voluntarily entering treatment programs.

We strongly recommend passage of Governor Hammond's tax package in toto,with the additional provision for non-medical detoxification.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1. Enforce or put some 'teeth' into the statute which requires that alcohol education be provided in the schools. The "Here's Looking at You" curriculum would be good on a statewide basis. The education program should be uniform in both its information/approach and application.

2. Priority should also be given to community education in an effort to change attitudes (making alcohol abuse unacceptable socially) and helping people understand and identify alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. The funding of treatment programs should not be linked to the passage of additional liquor taxes. If the governor and others are sincere about wanting to do something about the epidemic of alcoholism in our state, there are ample funds available from other sources—such as the general fund.

2. People in most small communities of Alaska most often give "nothing else to do"as their primary reason for drinking. Bars provide the only social center in many areas. Encourage communities (with generous matching funds) to develop social alternative facilities such as teenage and adult leisure centers, coffee houses, recreational centers, etc.

* Section 3 Local Option

1. Require that all local municipalities and boroughs vote to determine if liquor sales will be allowed (rather than vote to stop them).

2. Create a statewide law requiring bars and liquor stores to be closed between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

3. Create a law which limits the number of bars/liquor stores according to population.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Create a statewide law that provides for automatic conviction of a driver arrested with a BAC of .08% or higher. (OMVI's are taking too much court time)

2. Provide for mandatory referral of all persons convicted of any crime in which alcohol is involved to screening and appropriate education or treatment—in addition to whatever punishment is normally associated with the crime; and provide the necessary funds to enable programs to handle the increased load. (This might better fit under 'prevention,' as it would allow much earlier interventions than are now possible.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1. To create a State interdepartmental Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee.
2. To give fiscal credit and public recognition to State Departments who combine, refer and coordinate alcoholism and drug abuse services.
3. To develop a State Employee Assistance Program.
4. To provide technical assistance to rural and urban school systems and service providers for planning and development of a Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Prevention strategy.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. To insure that all State funded Alternative to Drinking Programs publicize their Goals and Objectives and maintain an active community public education component.
2. To insure the Right to Treatment for all Alaska citizens regardless of race.

* Section 3 Local Option

1. To completely restrict the transportation, possession and sale of beverage alcohol in a community with a 35% voter petition.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. To insure dry communities the benefit of more effective alcohol law enforcement.
2. To allow courts to committ directly to licensed facilities.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Develop a ~~comp~~comprehensive educational program in the elementary schools concerning drug and alcohol abuse, alcoholism, treatment, etc. . This program should be throughout the child's preadolescent and adolescent years.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide recreational facilities for young people. Any type of recreational activity is a must for the bush areas. There is practically nothing to do for many of the people in the bush. We need alternative activities.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

ABC board will have to enforce some Alaska's liquor laws. Strict enforcement is necessary to stop abuse by liquor store and bar owners.
More stringent limits must be placed on the hours that a bar ~~must~~ can be open.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1- Provide monies ~~from~~ to Education Funds to have education of All Aspects (Social & Physical) of Alcohol in all Grades of Schools. this will take time But could be effective. (Be no scare tactics only substantiated facts. these funds should, I think, come from taxes on All Liquors.

2- disallow tax write off for entertainment in Business on alcohol costs.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Proper funding for alcohol centers, is necessary. these monies should also come from Liquor taxes. the state should take a higher cut from the Profits shared. Increase of taxes on any thing we don't need.

Perhaps more funding for training of Hospital personell in Alcoholism

Encourage Recreational activities where there is no alcohol.

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* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

make mandatory Sentences for Alcohol Related offences.
" " persons submit to treatment on alcohol related offenses

→ Suspension of Licenses = most important, the Sentence should be equal for all a standard not to be deviated.
fines.

Insure there are sufficient Breathalizers & trained personell.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Provide a wide variety of effectively brief Public Service Announcements, especially for TV, with credible presentations on the toxic effects of alcohol.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Decriminalize drugs such as cannabis, mescaline, psilocybin, l-s-d., cocaine, as presently restrictive laws have literally driven people to drink.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Consolidate existing programs into one major concentrated effort on local & state levels, but additionally funded by taxation on the sale of liquor.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Strict Requirements on licensing of liquor stores, bars & number of them per population.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement of serving to an already intoxicated person by fines &/or loss of license of the Bar Owner and bartender. Make the law enforcable on a local level.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Show the effects of alcoholism to grade school children, both the physical and economic effects. Alcoholism in Alaska starts in grade school or before not in High School.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

A community change in attitude is essential, youngsters need to be shown interesting fields of employment and things to do.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option is a joke in the bush. The wettest towns in Alaska are dry only the bootleggers profit from this, many people are enroute to buy their booze in adjacent towns by skiff or car. Eliminate local option. Prohibition was a Failure Naturally

* Section 4 Enforcement It's a Failure in the bush.

make being drunk in public an arrestable offense with progressively stiffer penalties and enforced treatment or jail.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education - increase availability by literature on dangers of alcohol in the human system + its toxicity + continue program for a period of 5 years

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Increase recreation programs for ages 6-16 in rural + urban + Native communities + increase funding for adequate alcohol treatment centers.

* Section 3 Local Option — when a community has voted itself DRY shipments violating this determination must be stopped

* Section 4 Enforcement

Increase support to provide adequate law enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

We need good Educated people for our Country.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking. Treatment

I never drink in my life time, So I hate drinking problem. If people never drink there would be more people do work for our Good State of Alaska

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* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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Being drunk in public, drunk driving, assault while drunk, are wrong and should not be publically acceptable. Change the law to show disapproval of this behavior. Make the drunk person RESPONSIBLE for misdemeanors and felonies commited while under infleunce. Then drunks could be picked up and helped, either willingly, or incarcerated.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Many persons drink because they have nothing better to do; they patronize bars because there is no where else for them to go. Recreational facilities and community programs needed.

* Section 3 Local Option

It's the old "run around" when application for new license is made. Local Council says,"We don't have final decision." State ACB says,"We abide by recommendations of local officials." Licenses and taxes are lucrative, so BOTH consider to issue as many as traffic can bear, without regard to laws.(Seward has 2000 population, 17 outlets! Law says 1 for each 500??Whats wrong?

* Section 4 Enforcement

It's time for the person with alcohol problems to accept responsibility for his problem. Let HIM pay for his own treatment thru increased taxation. Make FULL RESTITUTION for damage/injury to others as a result of his drunkenedd. Presently returned taxes pay for about 60% of cost of rehabilitation; NOTHING for damage or injury to victims. Let's make the drinking persons PAY FOR THEIR PRIVILEGE and cost of their self-induced "disease"!

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

To implement a comprehensive alcohol educational curriculum that has demonstrated credibility among rural, village, and urban communities; this curriculum, known as "Here's Looking At You" covers grades K-12. To require in-service training and education in alcoholism/alcohol abuse for State employees within the Departments of: H.S.S., Public Safety, Community and Regional Affairs, Criminal Justice, Education and Transportation.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

To implement a peer standard and review organization for all alcoholism counselors on a regional/local level as possible to assure the maintenance of ethical counseling practices and models, to assure the recognition and credibility of traditional village level counseling on a basis of tenure, local/traditional values and effectiveness among local constituents and provide for the security of the same. To implement an elected Youth Senate and Legislature and empower this body with review and comment of all bills and processes to making law, and establish the support committees and voting constituency of all youth under age 18, as an alternative means to alcohol/youth related problems.

* Section 3 Local Option

To implement the proposed elements of the Governor's Alcohol Package , by local option, election and empower local-village councils/governing bodiess with sovereign right of refusal to allow, limit, distribute the sale, handling, transporting beverage alcohol and provide for the support and security of the same.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Reorganize the structure and constituency of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission to optimally empower the Commission with Statewide enforcement/prosecution powers and By-laws, thereby establishing mutual assistance agreements with Departments of Public Safety, H.S.S., Transportation, the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice and the Federal Aviation Administration, Interstate Commerce Commission, securing the recognition of any and all local option community by all commercial air carriers, marine transport carriers, and provide for the elimination of potential plea bargaining of violations and make mandatory minimum penalties of gross felony, to conspire to commit, aid in the commission of conspiracy or commission of illegal sales and distribution of beverage alcohol as identified under present Alaska Statutes and local elected options.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

A. EDUCATE CHILDREN AT AN EARLY AGE IN A SCIENTIFIC FASHION. DON'T USE "SCARE" TACTICS.

B. CLEARLY MARK ALCOHOLIC CONTENT OF ALL BEVERAGES ON THE MARKET.

C ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOLIC PREVENTION CORPS OF SPECIALISTS TO TOUR ALL STATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

A TREAT ALCOHOLICS AS ILL PEOPLE, NOT CRIMINALS

B. STATEWIDE DETOX AND HALF WAY ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD BE CREATED

C. ENCOURAGE MORE ORGANIZED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, i.e. BINGO & SPORTS

D. PROVIDE OTHER DRUGS, FREE OF CHARGE, TO HARD CORE USERS ON THE BRITISH SYSTEM, i.e. TRANQUILIZERS & MARIJUANA

* Section 3 Local Option

A. LOCAL COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL DISTRIBUTION, i.e. "DRY" VILLAGES

B. LOCAL COMMUNITIES SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO DETERMINE WHICH STATE PROGRAMS ARE RELEVANT

* Section 4 Enforcement

A. THE COURTS MUST BE REQUIRED TO PLACE REPEAT OFFENDERS IN AN ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM

B. BARTENDERS & OPERATORS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN ALCOHOLISM PREVENTION SEMINAR BEFORE BEING LICENSED

C. HAVE COMMUNITY COUNCILS DETERMINE PENALTIES APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AREA

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* Section 3 Local Option = Community Liquor store - Dispensary licenses may be issued upon approval of majority of local voters. Such licenses preempt and are priority under Title 4 & ABC Regs, Private retail prohibited in community w/ community liquor dispensary. — — — Local Gov't must use receipts for alcohol related programs, police or health care

~~* Section 4 Enforcement~~ Advantage or benefit:

1. Forces responsibility upon local officials for sale & distribution of liquor - St. Paul Is. permits beer only as an example. A choice made by city council. They may do so as proprietors rather than exercising police powers

2. City or borough would receive revs. from comm. liq. sales to turn back into police for enforcement, alcohol treatment for benefit of alcoholic.

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* Section 4 Enforcement PASS A LAW, OR IF ALREADY ON THE BOOKS STRICKLY AND VIGEROUSLY ENFORCE RELATIVE TO THE SERVING A PERSON ALREADY DRUNK. DO NOT ALLOW DRUNKS TO LINGER IN A LICENSED PREMESIS. FINE THE ESTABLISHMENT/ AND OR BARTENDER FOR ALLOWING A DRUNK TO SLEEP AT BAR OR TABLE. ENFORCE THE SECTION RELATIVE TO PATRONS LEAVING ONE ESTABLISHMENT CARRYING A DRINK INTO ANOTHER LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT OR DISCARDING THE GLASS OR BEER CONTAINER ON THE STREET.

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That excise taxes be increased on all alcoholic beverages to a level to reduce excess consumption as a whole;

That alcohol education be included as a part of comprehensive school education to stress the amount of alcohol it takes to impair judgment;

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

That the State encourage recreational and work options in bush and rural areas to provide an alternative to drinking;

* Section 3 Local Option

That common carriers be prohibited from transporting alcohol into dry communities;

That local communities be allowed to increase alcohol taxes to use the funds for treatment;

That local communities have support from the state to develop innovative approaches to alcohol abuse.

* Section 4 Enforcement

That current laws be strictly enforced, including mandatory sentencing of DWI + OMVI

That the BAC level be reduced to .08 statewide and that the BAC level be sufficient evidence to convict.

That referral to treatment be a required part of sentencing

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Important! I directed a program in Nome for which we could get many $$ for treatment but none for education - after all how do you "count" the people helped by education and contracts for services are based on number of people helped.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. Solid programs need to be available for middle class alcoholics and home wives/husbands. The current treatment for "street" alcoholics does not encourage others to get help in "those places". Lost a client because I couldn't refer him.
2. Recognize there are different kinds of alcoholics; need different treatment approaches.

* Section 3 Local Option

Needed, but need to be stiff penalties for bootlegging - especially because such drugs ad alcoholic bootlegging is done in bush by govn't travelers in planes, teachers, etc on trips through villages. Stiffer and sever penalties to bar owners who break laws, and they are a powerful group in some places. Otherwise, bars are going to suffer "vandalism"

* Section 4 Enforcement

Needs to be equal enforcement for white collars & street alcoholics. If drunk = jail for one; the same for the other. Otherwise, the law is a farce

P.S. Why in hell the fanfare paper and printing costs for this. I'll bet you'll only get the "professional" responses. Who else can figure what you want us to do with this thing.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Tax on liquor sales, thereby creating a contribution from all drinkers, including the alcoholic. Maybe, if he realizes that he is paying tax, he will watch it ?!? Restrict licensing and hours of business. Support deduction for contributions. Educate parents thru radio, TV, newspapers (hope they will think of their kids and pass it on); make materials readily available to schools for students.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Believe drinkers will drink regardless of price and/or availability. Consequently, encourage prevention, timely intervention (if possible) and finally treatment seeking a cure. Time for ceasing the "slap on the hand" routine. For the public's and the drinker's own good, follow thru with whatever course is chosen, no matter "who" offender is!

* Section 3 Local Option

Provide full-time, qualified care wherever needed. A central state control/advisory committee could coordinate efforts down to and thru local level. Spend our tax, licnse, etc. money on the problem -- not on the bureaucrats feeding on it.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Support strengthening law, so offender must have treatment or stint in jail -- first time or 99th time. Time clearly for illegal selling and buying. When it is no longer profitable monetarily, interest will waine. Make all fines payable directly to alcohol programs statewide. Support drinking age at 21.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Increase Taxes on Alcohol.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Increase Recreation Programs, Encourage indoor and outdoor sports.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Very strict laws and severe penalties for driving with high blood alcohol level. Especially for young persons.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1. Higher taxes on ~~alcohol~~ alcohol -(money made available for treatment)
2. Better enforcement of existing ~~laws~~ laws (A. Serving alcohol to intoxicated people) (B Buying Booz for kids.) (C. Drunk in public)
3. Money for education in the Bush
4. Close the bars at 2:00 Am in Rural communities.
5. Police wagon making rounds - picking up drunks so they can't go home to families.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. Recreation for Village youth.
2. Increase educational opportunities in all areas (including alcohol abuse)
3. There needs to be an inexpensive alcohol program available to person in the N.A.N.A. Region.
4. Vocational training to adults. -

* Section 3 Local Option

1. Locals should be able to tax booz and
2. Enforce local laws with fines to violaters -

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Confiscation of vehicles used in bootlegging.
2. Stiff fines for all violaters.
3. Sleep off tanks for villages.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Alcoholism is more of a symptom instead of a disease. It's a symptom of hopelessness and loneliness. People who know how to live don't become alcoholics. Money should be spent on education of very young people to become complete persons - hard to do, but it's better to treat the disease and not the symptoms.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement Although it's a symptom of a disease, innocent people should be protected by stiff penalties on drunken driving and supplying liquor to minors.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education First cut down Bar hours to a minimum. Like from 10:00 A.M. To 1:00 A.M. Instead of The present hours they are keeping now. And liquor Store hours Should Be from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. And Shouldn't open on Holidays. On Education; More films Should Be Shown to the public On what it does to the human Body when alcohol is Abused. The Younger people Should Be made aware of the dangers of alcohol Use extensively.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment. When a problem drinker is known every effort should be made to make him or the aware of the problems that will arise out of too much drinking. And literature should be provided for this person affected by alcohol. If continued use of this Beverage could cause sickness mental health impaired or in the end death. The only alternative is continued treatment or completely abstaining from drinking.

* Section 3 Local Option I would like to see a lot of literature distributed publicly to move into the School classRooms to teach our younger people what harmful effects abuse of alcohol has on a person and of continued use of alcohol in the end death or mental retardation of our individuals.

* Section 4 Enforcement Set restrictions or orders called in By Phone Require a warning Label To Be Put on all advertising that alcohol is dangerous And harmful to health. A Judge Should Order a problem drinker into treatment for a certain period of time or if working should attempt to participate at least One weekly to treatment. Each community Should have an Halfway Cottage and the staff trained for counseling.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

a. ALCOHOL EDUCATION AS A PART OF THE OVERALL HEALTH ED. PROG. IN SCHOOLS FROM 1ST GRADE THROUGH H.S.

b. REDUCE ACCESS; FEWER OUTLETS, SHORTER HOURS (I QUESTION EFFECTIVENESS OF INCREASED EXCISE TAX AS A DETERRENT WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DANGER OF A SERIOUS ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE POOR)

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

a. BUSH AREA RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, CRAFT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

b. INDIVIDUALIZED "CASE BASED" TREATMENT. DETOX MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE.

* Section 3 Local Option

ALLOW COLLECTION & USE OF LOCAL REVENUES IF USED FOR PREVENTION &/OR TREATMENT

CONTINUE TO ALLOW LOCAL OPTION DRY STATUS, PROHIBIT IMPORT & PROVIDE STIFF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

* Section 4 Enforcement

SIMPLIFY CONVICTION, BUT MAKE TREATMENT REQUIRED IN SENTENCING. ELIMINATE INCARCERATION FOR PUNISHMENT.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Reduce accessibility to substance through: reducing supply (marketing & advertising, distribution), limiting hours and retailers to purchase, raising costs (excise tax),

Implement K-12 education program, but MONITOR & EVALUATE and demand demonstration of positive behavior or attitude change (easy to waste money in this area)

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Insurance policies should reimburse for outpatient treatment. Statewide coordinated comprehensive treatment programs which are culturally relevant and include treatment modes designed for each client. Allow for differences in subgroups of problem drinking population — "individualize". Referral mechanisms (courts, occupation, schools) should be developed as well as adequate follow up & aftercare. Community hospitals (especially with low occupancy) should offer medical detox.

* Section 3 Local Option

Communities should be encouraged to obtain their own revenues and try to control their own particular form of alcohol problems.

* Section 4 Enforcement

An illegal BAC should be legislated statewide (as in Anchorage) Forcible BACs should be permitted. Screening agents should be established in criminal justice system statewide to get offenders into appropriate programs and provide monitoring of client throughout treatment.

Consider lowering illegal BAC to .08

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Restrict # of liquor outlets to lower more reasonable level(s)!!
Raise taxes (booze) to cover societal expenses!

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide some $ collected via booze taxes to pay for recreational facilities.
Raise taxes (booze) to cover societal expenses

* Section 3 Local Option

Raise State Revenue Sharing $ from $12 to $25 per capita for Bible Elections.
Raise taxes (booze) to pay for costs

* Section 4 Enforcement

Enforce existing laws re: bootlegging, etc.
Also, require all ABC members to not be from the industry they are supposed to regulate!
Raise booze taxes to pay costs!

Nothing in this "report" suggests raising taxes. Is the committee part of the liquor lobby?

Raise Booze Taxes

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Early and effective education is a must--adult education needs to be emphasized more--early intervention, as with drunk drivers is a priority--alcoholic beverages should not be advertised at all in the media that affects children--budgets of alcoholism programs should be increased in the area of education and outreach--these programs have the necessary trained personnel and these personnel should be used for education as well as treatment

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

alcohol taxes should go directly to alcoholism treatment centers--there is no need for them to go through the general fund--alcohol taxes should be increased--in this way the drinkers would be paying for the problems of drinking--non-urban areas need trained counselors urban areas need centers who will reach all the alcoholics--the emphasis on the public inebriate is ridiculous--97% of our alcoholics are not public inebriates

* Section 3 Local Option

prohibition has not ever worked and will never work--it is purely a profit making thing for the bootleggers--bars should close for longer periods of time during the night--alcoholism professionals should have some influence on local options--changing the drinking age will not help--welfare should be tied to treatment in problem cases, and welfare should aid the families of people in treatment

* Section 4 Enforcement

we have an alcoholism law, but it is unworkable--we can't use the committment section at all--our law also overlooks the fact that the police should be able to pick up people and get them to treatment if they are unable to make the decision for themselves--we need to recognize that some alcoholics need custodial care and their "rights" are killing them--get to work on the Uniform law so it can be used

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The best thing you could do to cause an immediate reduction in alcohol consumption would be to put a referendum on the ballot to close all bars & liquor stores in the state from 2 a.m. to 11 a.m. Such a measure would never get through the legislature because the powerful liquor lobby has too much clout. However I am confident that the voters would approve it by a wide margin. This would not be much of a deterrent to alcoholics, but it would likely cut short the period of time when DWI's etc. were on the highways — might also encourage folks to go home instead of waiting 3 brief hours (5 a.m. 8 a.m. closing) to return to the bars.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

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ALCOHOLISM IS ALASKA'S NUMBER ONE HEALTH PROBLEM. TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM, A GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ALCOHOLISM IS HEREBY FORMED. IT IS TO BE FUNDED BY RAISING THE TAX ON ALL ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES TO 100% OF THE WHOLESALE PRICE. THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO FORMULATE WIDE-RANGING PROGRAMS IN THE FIELDS OF TREATMENT, EDUCATION, PREVENTION, ENFORCEMENT AND LOCAL OPTION.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

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Introduce into our school System, Grade school and High school Classes To Educate our Children. for Adults, Information could be Given in Liquor outlets, in the form of Pamphlets etc.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment make alternatives available in all Communities. Treatment Should be made available to all who desire it, also Counseling, but only if The people want it of their own Free will. also impose Protective custody by Law only for efficent Treatment. (this does not mean put them in Jail with Felons and Forget them!)

* Section 3 Local Option There Should be allowed Beverage Dispensery Licenses in Every Community, This will Help To Stop Bootlegging and let the individual choose whether He or She can Drink or Not Drink. These outlets Should not be Govt. owned, but owned By Private enterprise.

* Section 4 Enforcement
I oppose any arrest by Law officials, with Jail and Heavy Fines imposed, if no Crime has been comitted. under our present laws, any individual who Takes a drink is Subject To arrest through 1. Driving while intoxicated
2. Drunk in roadway
3. Drunk in public
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* Section 1 ~~Prevention and Education~~

RESOLVED: ALCOHOL ABUSE IS COSTING THE STATE OF ALASKA MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN INCREASED HEALTH, COURT, CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND REDUCING THE EFFICIENCY OF HER CITIZENS IN EVERY AREA.

THEREFORE, A TAX TO NEARLY EQUAL THESE COSTS SHALL BE PLACED UPON THE ALCHOL INDUSTRY TO

* Section 2 ~~Alternatives to Drinking~~, COMBAT THIS PLAGUE,
Treatment

A GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE SHALL BE FORMED CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH GROUP OF SOCIETY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF THOSE TAX MONIES IN COMBATING THE PROBLEM. THE ULTIMATE GOAL BEING TO REDUCE ALCOHOLISM IN THIS STATE TO THE LEVEL OF ABUSE AS DECIDED BY THEM.

* Section 3 ~~Local Option~~

* Section 4 ~~Enforcement~~

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education The good + bad of Alcohol should be taught in schools grade 1-12, But first the teachers should be educated the proper way to teach the children or one bad teacher can destory the whole program.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

In villages they should make use of schools and any public buildings for movies games, cards pool and Arts + Craft not just for children something for everyone start big projects they will have to keep coming back to finish

* Section 3 Local Option

There are so many things that you can't do anymore no fireworks, you can't throw eggs on Halloween every thing you eat or wear will give you cancer. they take away toys they say will hurt you. Just who has the right to say I can't drink just because they don't

* Section 4 Enforcement

The police should show more Compassion, a person who goes out and gets drunk is not normally an alcoholic.

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Concentrated effort should be made to educate the young. The older persons are beyond education and need rehabilitation. Thus funds, from a general liquor tax or a surcharge on retailers sales, can be applied to two categories. One education program for all would not work because of age differences, but all need the help & knowledge, ~~but~~ the approaches must be different. The young- educated at school, the older at rehab. centers and through the media.

This approach to legislation is great. Let's see more of it in the legislature. Like D-2

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment - mandatory (omos. treatment for alcoholics who were intoxicated at time of crime commission. Such crimes would be: DWI, ASSAULT, ASSAULT W/ BATTERY. In otherwords, crimes where innocent people are physically harmed or killed - Treatment to follow appropriate jail term. Make it tough but not impossible to circumvent in the event of inevitable borderline cases. The state should not spend $ on alternative activities because we can't afford it. What we need is to spend the $ from alcohol on alcohol related problem solving. That's how all our problems should be attacked. It's easier to control the expenditures & revenue generation aspects -

* Section 3 Local Option EACH community should set its own laws for operating hours of bars. Anchorage should close theirs at 2:00 AM, for example. Local towns that are "dry" should be assisted in cracking down on bootleggers. Inspect air lines - fine them and the "shipper" & "receiver." Make it tough to discourage others. Each locality knows it's own problems better than big brother in Juneau or Wilbur-someday. People in Kotzebue do not live the same as those in Anch.

* Section 4 Enforcement
Heavey fines to violators such as bars for "open after hours" serving minors, etc. State a minimum fine in the law. Cut out suspended sentencing. Fine minors parents. Punishment of those really at fault is the key. Make punishment fit the crime. Then rehabilitate. Fines paid can help cover costs of rehabilitation, due process, etc.
No changes in the law should pay a person his wages while attending treatment programs. We might never work if this sort of thing keeps it's popularity - who is going to pay the bills if no one works - the Russians?

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Yes - I thru 12 should be taught if they don't know by then they never will-

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

If an adult is going to drink well drink - If the bar is to open or not.

* Section 3 Local Option If the bars are not open the people will get it any way. In a bar or thru Bootlegging!

* Section 4 Enforcement

An adult should be able to make up his own mind. Drinking or whatever

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one Idea To start Education in the out lying Villages Because generally when Boy or Girl as soon as they Become of age They leave The nest and come to the Bright lights so naturally never Being exposed to This new life They can't cope With the stress they simply can't Handle it.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

We have so many programs, not only federally & locally funded such as schools for Bad drivers, Handy Caped, Senior Citizens Safety net Programs for the echolic who Consistidly Being Picked up, Walkin Centers and Jail is not the answer But Possibly Clinics, and trade schools.

* Section 3 Local Option

I personally don't Belive local option should never have to go that far. Because it's not fair to people who can Handle it and another thing all it does put the Bootleggers in Business

* Section 4 Enforcement

one Idea after a person has Been Picked up (6 mos Period) four Times, He or She will Be held 72 HRS (mandatory)

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• Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should start in the schools at an early age. More impact should be put through the media for adult education.

• Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

More community involvement toward make-work projects & recreation facilities. Get people involved in doing something & they won't drink. The problem arises when people have nothing else to do. Get down to treating the disease and not the symptoms.

• Section 3 Local Option should not be total prohibition of alcoholic beverages. This would be legislating morality which is the same as taking away a persons basic right of freedom of choice.

• Section 4 Enforcement

Do not regulate the sale of alcohol as it would encourage illegal bootlegging. Regulate the abuser much stronger.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Educational speakers to youth groups (Boy Scouts, Campfire girls etc. School programs starting at 1st grade.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Counseling of problem drinkers in there OWN Communities by their OWN leaders in metro areas and BUSH areas.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option in bush areas is not an answer because: Bootlegging results which cause
A. Higher prices which lead to crime to get money.
B. Purchase & consumption of larger quantities when a selection is not available.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Make the problem drinker responsible for himself, not the supplier who sells in good faith to all. Treatment should also carry some form of punishment as a deterrent, not just de-tox & back on the street as this makes the problem drinker dependant on aid.

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A form of education within the school system, educational TV programs etc should be set up to inform persons of excessive drinking - The younger generation should be informed & educated early before their teen years.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

The outlying & bush areas appear to be the main problems (also when "they come to the city") and it seems that some action should be taken to divert them to some other interests. Also instruct them as to the hazards of excessive drinking.

* Section 3 Local Option

People who drink moderately & others who do for health reasons should be able to do without the burden of excessive increasing prices by the proposed licence & tax increases suggested.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The fines & sentences for DWI & etc. have not been enforced fully but fairly - Constant offenders should receive strict punishment

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Education should start in the Schools and be carried thru high Schools.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Better alcohol treatment Centers. Employ the latest findings and increase Police action!

* Section 3 Local Option

If you don't want to drink Don't. but don't try to force me not to drink - Lets Keep our free option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Don't take away free. choice or you will have a situation like Bethel — Bootlegging —

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Education should start in the school systems. Also adult education should be in the colleges

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Treatment should include counseling + an efficient treatment which is controlled by law. These can be accomplished by Community efforts.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local Option is not the answer. This only will encourage "Bootlegging"

* Section 4 Enforcement

Updating State + Federal laws

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Education and example at a very early age in public school, Sundy school and T.V. Eastsoo. Home ec. Class stress Vacuuming, dress making etc should also warn of effects of alcohol — Phy Ed Class should also be used as well as social studies

• Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Pandering of alcoholic is not always the best for every one that abuses alcohol — sure help Em, protect them — but protect me too. drunk drivers - should be kept of the road —

• Section 3 Local Option

we don't need more laws - we need better aplication of laws we have.

• Section 4 Enforcement

Why legislate alcohol in the status of drugs. — If ya got money you can get it" Lawyers, Judges and Legislators enjoy it while inflating the price so some ~~Pol~~ steal to afford it

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Education is the best form of prevention. Residents of Alaska must learn from an early age what alcohol is and its good and bad points. This can best be handled with a comprehensive program that is objective and not all one-sided. We all must be informed of the potential danger of misuse and over-indulgence.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Boredom is the key to the drinking problem and more recreational facilities, civic activities to keep people busy, and entertainment forms to the outlying areas - ie. bush Alaska. State and in this manner would benefit all involved and not infringe upon individuals right of free choice. Treatment centers should be set up to treat the basic cause and that is boredom and a lack of direction by individual.

* Section 3 Local Option

Only encourages bootlegging and does not solve the problem in its entirety. We should all be free to consume alcoholic beverages at our own option if we do not infringe on someone elses right and to do otherwise is unwise and should be illegal.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The laws are strict enough if enforced properly now. Enforcement should be just, fast, and fair and can be handled with the current law enforcement people.

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Education in the schools would be a good idea on drinking & alcohol. We have it in the schools for sex, why not in this other area.

• Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

I believe treatment centres set up in various areas of the state would be good, at these centres people could be given the chance to rehabilitate themselves.

• Section 3 Local Option

I believe no one has the right to stop another person from drinking if he so desires. Also the beverage taxes in this state are the second ~~highest~~ taxes paid by any industry.

• Section 4 Enforcement

To make a law to prohibit drinking, would be setting this state back 50 yrs.

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* Section 3 Local Option

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* Section 4 Enforcement

The recommendation of the latest study available were up to date both State & Federal laws that do not reflect a pattern of ~~life~~ life that include both the use and the non use of alcohol; and to oppose legislation which is designed to take alcohol away from others or to make it harder to obtain.
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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Take the profit out of the liquor business - by State control of on & off sale, with punative taxation.

Increased public education - those T.V. spots were very impressive to me.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

*offer substantial income tax reduction for "dry" alcoholics with substantiated witness statement ??

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement Make any violation of public safety laws, such as traffic, air-craft operation, etc - ~~extremely~~ very harsh when complicated with alcohol, unless the violator is under treatment or is willing to.

Local law enforcement must be strengthened to get habitual DWI's off the road.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education THIS ALTERNATIVE will probably further educate the heavy drinkers and probably give the potential drinkers the right way to drink

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option This is necessary to support centers. The problem here each center has to fight with Local government to get funds This decreases time that can be spent with persons that need treatment.

* Section 4 Enforcement The enforcement laws are liberal enough that a person drinking doesn't give them a second thought. The sentence is usually restricted to probation and visits to Abuse center Maybe the Legislators are designing laws to meet their needs.

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That Curriculum be mandatorially be instituted in all of the schools regarding Alcoholism + its problems, That regional organizations be established through native resources that establish counseling etc to the people of that region.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

More recreational programs for youth - so alcoholism can be abolished in one generation. For local rehab centers ~~be~~ established with monthly checks by state officials ~~$~~ as to their efficiency. If unfit, or inefficient - get that $ back - and plant it in other communities.

* Section 3 Local Option - Kotzebue is starting a "Resource Center" for the workings of this problem - funding is imperative for full - 24 hr. staffing of a few individuals! / increase on specific funds, ie. for training of experienced counselors; $ for workers for local Teen Center, for the people & the "touch" to do their jobs

* Section 4 Enforcement

Through regional rehab centers - the local magistrates can ~~or~~ force offenders through education/rehab programs. Keep these in as local a setting as possible!

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I feel there should be a tax deduction or more tax for anyone to donate to it. We do need education for our children to see why we had a ban once to.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

A detoxfication Center is needed badly. I feel they don't need a detox center. Send them to jail on a pick up charge.

* Section 3 Local Option

Give police free hand to order to send a person outside of town page that take them in. Take them up. Bill has made money. Let them divert to a good worthy cause.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The law states that once a person drunk should be punished. The law says not be open until 5 A.M. Stiff fine for a bank those should be enforced.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education ① Educate the school children from Grade school up. Teach them all that takes place to become an alcoholic. Especially the brain being smaller than a nondrinking. Encourage the parents to enlighten them on this at home too after they too have been made aware of this first before their children.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Have a youth center for the children & teenagers. Have a center with someone as a leader to have something going for them all the time to keep their minds & time off drinking. Create work for the down & out so as to feel they belong too. Have the Pastors take part in the strategy too. The whole church might help.

* Section 3 Local Option Start at the Bars & Liquor stores first of all. Have the City Council & the people make it hard for the owners they don't care when we loose our life there alcohol they sell them. They always have all the answers for you.

* Section 4 Enforcement Have parents take the consequences for not watching their children better. Have any school activities chaperoned to see that there is no alcohol beeing sipped from the bottle by sneaking out on the porch.

Last of all tax the Bar & liquor store owners high. Then they'll sell the bottle real high to our people which they can't afford.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

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* Section 3 Local Option

MASSIVE STATE SUBSIDIES FOR LIBRARIES, OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMS, FREE HEALTH CENTERS, AND OTHER SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ALCOHOLISM IS A SICKNESS, AND THE VICTIMS SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS CRIMINALS.

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FILMS SHOWING WHAT ALCOHOLISM CAN DO TO A PERSON THE [redacted] SHOULD BE SHOWN IN SCHOOLS ON A REGULAR BASIS

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

SEND HABITUAL DRUNKS TO A FARM OR DETENTION CENTER.

* Section 3 Local Option

LOCAL GOV'T TENDS TO BE BAISED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER & THINGS WILL BE BETTER LEFT AS THEY ARE.

* Section 4 Enforcement

REINACT DRUNK IN PUBLIC LAW AND FOLLOW SEC. 2 FOR Repeat offenders.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

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* Section 4 Enforcement VILLAGE COUNCILS ARE HEREBY GRANTED LEGAL JURISDICTION TO PASS LOCAL ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THEIR VILLAGES, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SUCH ORDINANCES. A PERSON WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE VIOLATED SUCH A VILLAGE ORDINANCE SHALL BE TRIED IN THE STATE COURT UPON A COMPLAINT BROUGHT BY THE CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. UPON PETITION BY DEFENDANT TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT IN STATE COURT, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OR HIS DELEGATE MAY ELECT TO ASSUME ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE MATTER AND TO DISPOSE OF THE MATTER BY MEANS OF AN INFORMAL FACT-FINDING AND DISPOSITION HEARING IN WHICH CASE NO PENALTY OF INCARCERATION SHALL BE IMPOSED. IF THE DEFENDANT THEREAFTER REFUSES TO ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY FILE THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE COMPLAINT IN STATE COURT.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Continue NCA-AR money - this is their thing. All their efforts are precisely directed in this area, and they are already there, working, informing, advertising and publishing. Let them continue this work so the state can do more in other fields of alcohol related problems.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Recreation facilities essential but we need to keep people employed, not just amused or occupied. The real alternative to drinking is leading creative productive lives, so that people have a sense of self-esteem, a sense of being important to their community. We can not treat alcoholism as an isolated problem - it is related to all the other social and economic problems we face. (2) You can not legislate treatment: an alcoholic is treatable only when he/she desides to quit, not when the courts, his doctor, family or friends try to force him to quit.

* Section 3 Local Option Each community knows its own problems. Give funding to each town and let them decide if they want to invest it in recreation, rehabilitation, counselling services or enforcement. No state-wide law can cover the needs of all communities.

* Section 4 Enforcement An alcoholic can not be "cured" until he is tired and disgusted enough with his own drinking to want to quit. If locking him up helps him come to this decision, jail can be part of the "cure." If an alcoholic does not "hit bottom" he will never seek treatment. It is not inhuman to punish him for illegal actions - violence, destruction of property, molesting or disturbing fellow citizens. Part of his cure must be to take responsibility for his own actions. Rural areas need funds to hire non-resident policemen, so that the local "cop"

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is not related to half the town! As long as we have local men trying to enforce the law — any law — in the bush, the law will never be equally applied. It should be illegal to have a policeman (especially in a small town) who is related to more than 10% of the town. Funds are needed to make it possible for rural communities to hire "outside" law enforcement officers. Until we have this, no laws will be fairly or equally enforced in our smaller towns. There will not be law and order at all in the bush, no matter what you decide in Juneau.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

a) Provide non-mandatory workshops on prevention and recognition of the disease alcoholism, especially for teachers, employers, bar owners, liquor handlers, police and doctors.

b) Workshops shall be conducted by well-trained personnel with a uniform approach based on the most current information. Every attempt shall be made to use approaches of known effectiveness. [Better to go slow than to botch it!]

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

a) Regarding alcoholism among state employees: Implement the present law which provides for treatment of alcoholic state employees, by training supervisors to recognize the disease and to present the treatment option properly. This training shall be phased in, beginning with highest-level supervisors and eventually extending to the heads of field offices.

b) Establish regional detoxification centers.

* Section 3 Local Option

a) Alcoholism counsellors shall be salaried state employees with full benefits. [This is intended to free them to work with alcoholics, not grants.]

* Section 4 Enforcement

a) Provide funds for workshops for all enforcement agencies - state and local - so that officers can learn the harm they do by letting a drunk driver or disorderly person off easy.

b) Provide funds for workshops for judges & magistrates so that they can make appropriate decisions about when to refer offenders to counselling & treatment centers.

c) Suspension of drivers license for at least 3 months shall be the automatic, but not exclusive, penalty for drunken driving.

d) All persons serving liquor in licensed establishments shall have a liquor handlers license. Knowledge of liquor laws shall be a pre-requisite. Violations of such laws shall result

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

- Have all bars stop selling liquor by 2:00a.m.
- Prohibit retail sales of liquor from stores between 9:00p.m. and 9:00a.m. and on Sundays
- Spots on local radio similar to the American Cancer Society's antismoking ads.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

— Provide recreational and employment outlets for people-perhaps through the public schools involving parents as well as school children.
— Provide more & more visable information to the public as to AA centers or low cost counselling in a way which doesnot threaten those needing assistance.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

— Revoke Driver's Licenses for Intoxicated Drivers and fine them up to $1000

— Have offenders work as part of rehabilitation as well as listen to counselors & lectures, perhaps in a hospital emergency room where they can see what results when individuals mix drinking and driving.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Advertising for alcohol should be prohibited.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Heavy taxes should be placed on the purchasing of liquor. Half of these taxes plus half of the money from fines ~~from~~ for violation of liquor laws should go toward ~~to~~ developement of treatment centers and toward training of local paraprofessional counselors. The other half of the money should go toward developement of community alternative activities ~~centers~~ ~~such~~ such as educational and recreational programs.

* Section 3 Local Option

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* Section 4 Enforcement

Drinking while driving and being drunk in public should be completely prohibited.

Judges should have the option to sentence offenders to a treatment program as well as a fine or jail sentence.

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Don't let this remedie - Utterly needed throughout state - Money well spent!!

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Continue with TV "spots".
* Youth centers with paid leaders to give young people a place to congregate & not drink
Start with Jr. Hi on drug, abuse, alcohol abuse programs.
Educate that the problems arising from alcohol abuse are encouraged from family pit, personal esteem etc.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Every village to have permanent trained recreational director providing alternatives to drinking - Encourage director to work with ministers, leaders of community and/or tribes, AA,

* Section 3 Local Option

Rehab centers - vital need in Statewide areas throughout state.

Treat hospitals used for rehab centers/or treatment centers but use people trained in this area

* Section 4 Enforcement

State land enforcements may be called to help enforce local laws of drinking

State penalty for DWI severe enough to enable system to enforce

Increased programs for pay for treatment of alcoholics.

Roll in drunken needs disaster measures - ordinances encourages them (us) Law should state that drinking by pt is valid reason for losing pt - though penalty for drinking causing problems in home - financial considerations to family if non-performing parent goes to treatment center.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

To tax all liquor sales & the tax go to a fund to pay for therapy centers.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Eight weeks in a good therapy school. To be made to remain in school until class is fully completed.

* Section 3 Local Option

State Controlled
We definitely need a treatment center

* Section 4 Enforcement

Judge should be allowed to commit any person, with proper proof that this person needs treatment.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

that programs of education start in elementary school that more should be done to educate teachers, police, courts, — some requirements on part of police & courts

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide alternatives in the way of - community centers, community school concept, using schools facility more

* Section 3 Local Option

Allow each community input to program & allow community to tax, elected to operate their own program!

* Section 4 Enforcement

Punishment for alcohol related crimes, especially driving & car show be stiffer. first violation should be dr. lic for 90 days + no ex exceptions -

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Detox centers & rehab centers state funded. Concentrate on the alcoholic and don't penalize those who are not alcoholics.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Fine bartenders up to $100 for serving persons who have had enough.

Drunk driving should be a felony. Fine of $1000, loss of license for one year with jail time for second offenses.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

I think periodic exposure of bartenders & the general public to the morbid results of excessive drinking would be an effective and efficient means of reducing the problems created by excessive drinking. (A law is not needed, just awareness.)

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

The reasons for excessive drinking are very complex and rooted deep within our cultural, economic and social systems. I doubt that there would be very much return from a rather heavy investment for any "alternatives" program. In addition, "giving" people something in which they have not invested time and/or money further creates less regard for ones self (which is in my mind one of the root causes for excessive drinking).

* Section 3 Local Option

The closer (to the people) the control, the better; but it would be bad to have a hodge podge of rules, regulations and laws which could create problems for a person who has to travel throughout the state.

* Section 4 Enforcement Properly used, alcohol is not a "dangerous substance, harmful to health," so such a label would not be true; being drunk or tipsy in public is not wrong by my thinking (except in the extreme) and I do not think that government should set social standards; the line between a driver who has had some drinks and one which cannot control his vehicle is difficult to determine (managers) ~~just~~ ~~if~~ penalties would create difficulties in enforcement; extreme enforcement measures (such as many suggested in your summary) will do little to effect usage (witness the "success" of the marijuana laws), what is needed is less government intervention in business and less control of our private lives.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education is needed in villages. we need more educational fundings and alcohol abuse and alcohol Related problems are number one community problems. We want you to help us put a Stop to ship Alcohol to how our community by prohibit airlines from shipping alcohol as parcel post or freight. Also, we want you to developee and Educational fundings for the teachers, Employers, ~~priests~~, Priests, Police the public and village health aids. for a better alcohol prevention. Also, we want you to help get Educational supplys on alcoholism programes for the Schools and publics. More training for alcohol counselors.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

we want you to helpus Start alcohol treatment centers in the communitys. With no treatment centers it is very hard to work with the people or other alcohol Related problems. State of Alaska must help take lead in the community Schools, youth clubs and in Hobbies of any sort plus sports. These alternatives are needed badly in the community.

Help Establish medical treatment complex for Alcoholics and clinicsps compounds and more health aids to work on alcohic patients or help work with, health aid in using the Clinicies in the villages for treatment centers.

* Section 3 Local Option

We want the villages to have a better alcoholism prevention and Start Educational standards for a better community. Also, put Bootlegging into State law. Also, we want you to help alcoholism counselors to have office Supplys and offices.

* Section 4 Enforcement

arrest people who are Selling liquor in the village and pick up drunks in the Streets for their protection and help. Fine bootleggers for Selling illegal drug.

Arrest Minors who are consuming alcohol and counsel them. Help us to Start a State Trooper check the community every month.

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Section 1 Prevention and Education

I A state law requiring a school curriculum to be established and implemented in grades K-12. "Here's Looking at You" program recomended.

II Prevention programs should have cultural heritage enhancement built into the program.

III In service training and education for teachers, employers, police, doctors, hospital staff, correctional facility employees, employees of liquor dispensing establishments.

IV Bartenders and all employees of liquor dispensing establishments should be required to take a course in alcohol education, including the physical aspects of alcohol. They should be required to be able to tell when a person should no longer be served.

V Educational films on alcohol facts, alcohol abuse, and alcoholism, should be produced in Alaska, and be relevant to the environment, and cultural aspects.

Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

I Recreational facilities should be established and operational funds be made available in villages to provide alternatives to drinking. High priority consideration to facilities where whysical activities are possible. (Ice skating, gyms, swimming pools, skiing, and bicycling areas, saunas.)

II Life Skills & Cultual Heritage programs should be developed and implemented to help self worth to be discovered and built upon.

III Rehabilitation and half-way programs must be established on a regional basis. It has proven ineffective to send people out of their environment for sobering up. If sobriety is to be maintained they must learn to live sober in their own environment.

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Section 3 Local Option

I Upon petion of 35% of voters, or action of the governing body, an election should be held which will allow the voters to choose the following options.

a. Completely restrict sales of beverage alcohol in the community.

b. Completly restrict sale, plus ban shipment of mail or telephone ordered alcohol.

c. Have a limited community liquor licence which would allow the community to run a liquor store which would only be allowed to sell a limited amount of alcohol, on an advance ordered basis.

d. Have a community liquor licence which would allow the community to run its own liquor store. Which could control sales limits, and sales hours. The profits may be used by the community for any purpose, including local treatment programs and alcohol caused costs.

Section 4 Enforcement

I Dry communities: Should a town vote itself dry (no type of liquor store) or if a town has already voted dry, the following things should happen.

a. Compensation, communities which limit liquor sales should not have to pay a penalty of lost sales tax revenue. Therefore, the state would pay each voted dry community $10 per resident.

b. Possession limits, In order to reduce bootlegging no person in a dry community will be allowed to possess more than the equivalent of a case of fifths of liquor and 4.5 gallons of wine and beer.

c. Illegal sale penalties: Sale in violation of local option will be punished as a felony with a manditory jail sentence and no plea bargining permitted in bootlegging cases.

d. Confiscation of vehicles used in illegal sales, as a futher deterrent to bootleggers using automobiles, aircraft, snow machines, boats, or any vehicle, the state may sieze a conveyance used in bootlegging activities. Upon conviction of the offender the court may order the conveyance transfered to the community where the offence took place. And conveyance becomes the property of that community. In cases outside of the city or village limits, the conveyance becomes the property of the state.

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Section 4 Enforcement (cont.)

II a. Dispensers and employees in dispensing establishments must be licensed. And if convicted of serving intoxicated persons, the license will be revoked for six months on the first conviction, one year on the second conviction, and permently on the third conviction.

b. Owners of establishments are responsible to see that intoxicated persons are not served. If the employees of any establishment are continually convicted of serving intoxicated persons, the license for the establishment should be subject to possible review, and revoked if owner proves unable to manage employees.

Section 5 Tax (not included in work draft)

I Excise taxes, including alcohol taxes, should be linked to the consumer price index.

II Elimination of tax write offs for all liquor advertising.

III Restrict advertising, elimination of all happy hour types of advertisment.

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~~Distribution of~~ The State will encourage schools, Communities and media to provide maximum information about alcohol abuse, by distribution of alcohol info packets, etc, and providing funds as necessary. Also provide funding for alcohol counselors & outreach workers.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

~~Treat~~ Treatment programs and detox centers will be available to all Alaskans, regardless of location, race or economic standing. Adequate funding will be provided for extension of alcohol counseling & outreach. Teen centers will be built for alternatives to drinking, particularly in needy rural areas, as well as community centers.

* Section 3 Local Option

The state will provide training seminars and itinerate trainers for alcohol counselors, ~~weat~~ whether these counselers of of various medical, para professional or lay background. Training will be on an ongoing basis.

* Section 4 Enforcement

mandatory attendance to an alcohol information course for any violator of law concerning use of alcohol, while driving, ~~nothing~~ illegal sale, assualt, etc. Commitment to a treatment center may be used in lieu of a jail sentence.

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Substantial amounts of money should be directed to national organizations whose history has indicated success at getting individuals to give up using alcohol. Guidelines and record keeping procedures would have to be developed.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Money spent via a television transmission to rural villages should be explored as an alternative to using alcohol to relieve boredom.

* Section 3 Local Option

Monies should be used to train local "man on the street" type individuals to help with counseling the alcohol abuses.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Monies should be made available to have students and teachers attend alcohol abuse work shops. Let the local schools through their students, teachers and parents develop alcohol education program.

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* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement - St. Louis Program - Police issue summons to inebriant and transport him to detox center. There the Act (law) allows the retention of the inebriant until detox feels he is rational and has been evaluated. The center personnel determine, based on their evaluation and a check of police records for past history, what type of treatment program, if any, is called for and advise the subject that he has the option of successfully completing the treatment or having the summons processed through the Court system.

This program would have obvious problems in the bush, but would work in our larger cities. Perhaps it's time to admit that one solution will not work in this diverse State. At any rate, you can't treat a person that isn't there and he won't be there if he's not required to be.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education The abuse of alcohol causes millions of dollars of unnecessary damage each year, in materials and human health. Let the cause pay for the resulting damage. Tax alcoholic beverages to both producer and user to the extent that all damages resulting from its abuse will be paid. This includes material damage, injuries, court costs, job time loss, and compensation for mental and physical suffering, and family welfare. These tax monies should also support education and information in each community, administered by local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment The most needed and necessary awareness and realization by every person is that each of us is responsible for our decisions and actions, and that each of us has to live with the consequences of those decisions and actions. The alternative to drinking is to DECIDE NOT TO DRINK!! Therefore attempted treatment by anyone else is useless. Let the alcoholic live with the consequences of his dedision to drink, or not to drink.

* Section 3 Local Option Each community, as a political subdivision of the state, must decide by a vote of its people whether it desires alcohol in it, or not. Then let each community live with the consequences of its dedision, and live with those consequences without depending on other communities or the state for help, nor having to help other communities or the state either.

* Section 4 Enforcement Treat every alcohol related damaging act as what it really is, which is a personally made decision, the first of which was to drink.

Every assault, every act of abuse whether verbal or physical, every damage or breakage, loss of job time, every damaging result of alcohol abuse must be paid by the one who causes it as a result of drinking. The alternative is to be jailed and work off the damages by public service work at the rate of the minimum hourly pay now allowed by law. The cost of court processes, law enforcement, must also be paid off. No plea bargaining allowed.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

a. Institute an education program for grades 7 through 12 on effects of alcohol on the body, the family, community and the State.

b. Only one bar and one liquor store shallbe allowed for every 2000 people of each Alaskan community. Where there is an excess of that ratio at present, one each year shall be phaesd out until required limit is reached.

c. All bars & liquor stores shall close at 2 a.m. in Alaska or before

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment and open after 8 a.m.

a. any person arrested for an alcoholic-related reason shall undergo a three month treatment program. Iff arrested within that period for similar reason, he shallspend the remainder of his treatment program in jail with no suspended sentence.

* Section 3 Local Option

a. The Office of Alcoholism shall be the agency to coordinate distribution of funds for communities. The amount shall be commensurate with the population and administered by the individual community

b. Each community (city council) shall elect its own alcohol treatment board to determine local solutions.

* Section 4 Enforcement

a. Any personapprehended for drunk driving shall loose his license for 90 days with suspended sentence not allowed.

b. The above shall undergo a treatment program during this time.

c. No airlines operating in Alaska on CAB licensing shallserve intoxicating beverages while in flight over Alaska or after the final stop before landing in Alaska

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Early education in the schools. Some cultures manage to train kids to drink wisely; reseacrh in this area needed to formulate curriculum.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Treatment should be available and, after continual legal involvement, required. Programs must prove beneficial; clients must be sent back without fail as required.

* Section 3 Local Option

No state control except for federal reviewing purposes and audit of dollars. Local control is the only way programs can function.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Enforce court commitment or jail. Treatment is fine--if the guy is ready. Otherwise, get him out of the public's hair.

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Local communities will be encouraged to establish comprehensive alcoholism programs containing prevention, education and treatment components. The State will direct the maximum funds available to such local programs. The State effort will also consist of a small team of expert consultants who will provide technical assistance to local communities in operating their programs. A short statistical summary will be developed for evaluating each community's efforts. This summary will be submitted to the local governing body in each community for review and comment, and then forwarded to the State Alcoholism advisory board for renewal of funding. A local program advisory board with broad-based representation, including representation from the prevention, education and treatment fields, will be required. This board will advise the local governing body on the operation and success of the local program.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

In addition to the local responsibility outlined above, the local governing body will be established as the action body for liquor licenses, with the State ABC board an appeal board, with the decision of the local board overturned only if it is determined the local governing body acted against established local policy (unless a new local policy has been developed and will be applied consistently) or acted capriciously.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The ABC Board will become principally an enforcement body, charged with enforcing STate liquor laws, with particular emphasis on licensing and dispensing requirements of establishments, and illegal transport of liquor within the State. The ABC Board will develop expertise and provide technical assistance to the State Troopers and local law enforcement organizations in the administration of State and local liquor laws. In particular, efforts at identifying and penalizing drinking drivers will be stepped up, using techniques like road blocks, flying squads, on site booking, etc.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Curtailment of advertising alcoholic beverages on TV and in newspapers within the State.
Limit the operating hours of package stores, bar rooms, etc.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Public showing on TV of existing educational movies such as "Chalk Talk" by Father Joseph Martin

Providing facilities with an atmosphere similar to bar room, but concentrating on beverages other than alcohol.

Sufficient funds be procured from the sales of alcohol so as to provide a variety of treatments to meet various individual needs.

* Section 3 Local Option

A severe penalty should be imposed on those who bring alcohol into an area that has opted to be "dry".

* Section 4 Enforcement

Alcoholics should be committed to a counseling program in lieu of a jail sentence.
Should the desired results not be achieved, then the alcoholic would serve a jail sentence.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1. "Here's Looking At You" curriculum for grades K-12
2. Culture awareness orientation for teachers that teach in rural Alaska
3. Place a recovered alcoholic in the ABC Board.
4. Allow for inclusion of women and elderly as people also troubled with alcoholism.
5. Create a youth advisory board on alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. Provide for recreational and craft activities (indoor and outdoor)
2. Provide for treatment facilities at more local (regional level.

* Section 3 Local Option

1. Change bar hours to 8-2 a.m. on weekdays.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Provide for stiffer bootlegging penalties
2. Stiffer mandatory penalties for DWI/OMVI violations
3. Provide for troubled employees programs in State of Alaska departments (could be patterned after State of Washington).
4. Provide for clarifications of involuntary commitment procedures re: habitually intoxicated persons.

Section I

Copper Center

Prevention and Education:

Inclusion of K-12 Alcoholism Curriculum. "Here's looking at you" into school system with inservice teacher and administration training.

Courses offered as mandatory for Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, etc. to insure a level of competency for persons who deal with troubled people.

Public education through all available media to provide choices, information, and referral sources.

isions for Rural Alaskan Alcoholism Programs of Media Education, and Counselors.

Anyone who drinks may become addicted to alcohol at anytime therefore any increase tax on alcohol should be specifically stated as going for Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation.

Section II

Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment:

Provide funds for community and village programs for alternatives to drinking. Movies, music, team sports. How to activities.

Establishment of a therapeutic community with minimum stay of 90 days for those persons addicted to the drug and otherwise deemed socio-pathic or dis-enfranchized. To assit them in making their contribution as useful productive individuals.

Locally trained persons to assist the court, doctors, employers, and other businesses in developing and carrying out motivation

Copper Creek

programs directed at the problem, with emphasis on family participation.

Establish a Troubled Persons Program for the State personnel and then as a pre-requisite for any State funds organizations should be required to establish their own troubled persons programs.

Mandate minimum stay in a halfway house for an alcohol offender to be 90 days.

Sention III

Local Option:

Legislating attitudes has been a problem while dealing with social issues.

Local ideas, attitudes and feelings need to be taken into consideration. Cities, towns and boroughs should receive in centive to support the treatment and prevention of alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

Section IV

Enforcement:

Institute standard State wide court procedures for the alcohol offender including an automatic referral for evaluation (not screening) and recommendation. When specialized treatment is indicated then a minimum of 6 months involvement in that treatment should be ordered. If the offender does not comply then the court should be in a position to re instate any suspended fines or sentences, and continue to do so until the offender completes the treatment.

Require that all doctors prescriptions for psychotomometic drugs (uppers and downers) include a statement that the doctor is aware of the level of alcohol present in the body of the patient prescribed for and he/she (doctor) assumes responsibility for the geometric effect of the drug prescribed on his/her patient.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ADVERTISING THRU THE MEDIA. WITH THE HARD SELL APPROACH. TO SHOCK, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN. (WHO IN TIME COULD become ALCOHOLICS). SHOW VISUALLY WHAT ALCOHOL CAN DO TO THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM WITH FUNDS TO CONTINUE THEIR CLASSES AND ADDITIONAL CLASSES.
REESTABLISH THE ALCOHOL REEDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE ALASKA PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE OR ELSEWHERE PROVIDING ROOM + BOARD FOR A FULL 6 WEEKS, GROUP + INDIVIDUAL THERAPY AND A FULL COMPLEMENT OF QUALIFIED COUNSELORS.

* Section 3 Local Option

RETURN THE LAW TO THE 21 YEAR AGE LIMIT FOR DRINKING

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENFORCE THE LAW THAT A BARTENDER MAY NOT SERVE AN OBVIOUSLY DRUNK PERSON - NOR ALLOW ONE TO "SLEEP IT OFF" AT THE BAR
IMPOSE A MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR DRUNK DRIVING - ALLOW NO SUSPENDED SENTENCES, OR FINES.
PROVIDE LOCAL OFFICERS WITH THE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR TESTING ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. AND THE EDUCATION TO READ SUCH EQUIPMENT.
LET JUDGES BE ALLOWED TO ORDER A PERSON INTO TREATMENT BESIDES PAYING THE FINE IMPOSED.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education
Teach and alcoholism education in the lower grades in school - get local hospitals to set up an alcoholism ward for treatment

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment
Give an alcoholic a choice of 6 months in jail or 6 months in a treatment program

* Section 3 Local Option Close all Bars 1:A.M. Return age 21 on drinking. Eliminate the tax write off for all liquor advertising over 10% alcohol

* Section 4 Enforcement
Increase the penalties for drunk driving. Prohibit airlines from serving liquor on morning flights
No liquor store phone Call Sales

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Honest Straight forward education of young people, continuous throughout public schools. Shows effects of abuse of achohal. also throughout High School

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Put emphasis on creative thinking and living to counteract prevelant idea that it is somebody elses obligation to entertain and fulfill us. By this people will have their own alternatives to drinking By cultivating individualism and initiative, people can make own decisions about drinking based on facts and not peer pressure

* Section 3 Local Option

For smaller communities have traindled personell visit regularly and often Plus have a zenith or Sat. Sun. number to serve as a crisis line twenty hours a day. This would provide expertise for a large number of people in a wide area for a low cost.

* Section 4 Enforcement

4- Enforcement

We cannot legislate the use of achohal, but if a crime was committed under the influence of achohal the offender should recieve a stiff penalty in conjuction with rehabilitation and or counseling. Imposing fines and jail sentence does not

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4 Enforcement

not deal with the real problem

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education on alcohol & alcoholism should be begun in kindergarten and continued thru all grades in the public & private schools.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Treatment must encompass more than the repeated treatment of latent alcoholics (i.e. recycling). Perhaps education or intervention among younger alcohol users would be more effective.

* Section 3 Local Option -

* Section 4 Enforcement The alcohol abuser must be held responsible for his actions.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Prevention thru education - Education on abuses to be done grades 1-12. Adults can be educated by providing information thru alcoholic beverage outlets

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Impose a protective custody by law to treat alcoholic abusers.

* Section 3 Local Option

There is no right to legislate against drinking or sale of alcohol without infringing on rights of those who wish to drink. Prohibition never/may would - those who want to drink will get their liquor.

* Section 4 Enforcement

There are enough present laws on books if made use of. We do not need more laws only people and officers use of ones that are already available

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

While in school there was an education program on drugs. To this day I am deathly scared of drugs. The same should be done on Alcohol

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

There should be counselors stationed in each town. Who can talk to teenagers as well as the hardened Alcoholics

* Section 3 Local Option

Do Something worth while on Alcoholism, instead of just talk

* Section 4 Enforcement

Return law to 21 year age limit for drinking. Since it has been 19, now even grade school children get alcohol with ease

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Program too expensive for the benefits received!
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Lets Reduce Taxes!

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

MUST INCLUDE ALCOHOLISM IN THE HEALTH CURRICULUM IN THE SCHOOLS K-12

PROVIDE MONIES FOR TRAINING OF ALCOHOLISM EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

FINANCING PRODUCTION & AIRING OF SCIENTIFICALLY VALID A/V documentaries AIMED AT ADULTS

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Full employment economy.

Provide money and enforce the treatment provisions of the uniform Alcoholism Act.

Fund Detox Centers on a subregional basis

Fund Comprehensive treatment facilities on a Regional basis.

Provide for involuntary treatment on the basis of (A) Danger to self (B) Danger to others (C) incapacitation

RAISE THE PRICE OF ALCOHOL TO PAY FOR ABOVE

Provide money for recreation

* Section 3 Local Option

COMMUNITIES SHOULD HAVE THE WET OR DRY OPTION - IF DRY THEY SHOULD HAVE STATE TAX MONIES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LOST ALCOHOL TAX MONIES.

EACH COMMUNITY THEN DECIDE HOW TO USE THE MONIES TO COMBAT ALCOHOLISM

* Section 4 Enforcement

Local communities which vote dry should bear the expense and responsibility for enforcing the law.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

~~F~~ MOVIES DEPICTING ALCOHOLICS IN THE PRESENT AND WHAT THEY WERE BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION TO LIQUOR.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON PHYSICAL BRAIN DAMAGE DUE TO OXYGEN LOSS AND LACK OF CARBON DIOXIDE RELEASE

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

TAX IT TO PAY FOR TREATMENT

NEW MODEL (CHEAPER) OF BREATHALYZER IN BARS. (ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE USAGE)

~~A~~MAKE ADVERTISEMENT SUBJECT TO NON DEDUCTION

DRY STATE

* Section 3 Local Option

REDUCE HOURS OF BARS (DRINKING AT HOME SHOULD REDUCE DRIVING DANGERS)

* Section 4 Enforcement

NOT CONSIDER IT A DISEASE BUT A DANGEROUS PASTIME. GIVE ALTERNATIVE OF ALCOHOLIC COUNSEL OR INCARCERATION.

MANDATORY SENTENCE OF ONE WEEK FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING. (VICTIM RECEIVES MAIME OR DEATH SENTENCE)

DOUBLE EACH TIME.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Build in educational requirements for alcohol education as part of licensing requirements for professional people such as: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, teachers, lawyers.
And require alcohol education in the criminal justice & law enforcement areas; courts, judges, police in order to make appropriate referrals.
- Require licensing of people selling & serving alcohol.
- Require alcohol education for K-12

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment
Provide treatment on a local level with overall state standards set up for treatment centers providing qualified counselors, etc. on a certified state training program - standards set up on 3 levels - urban, rural, & bush.

* Section 3 Local Option
Community of Seward is fairly supportive - not much option

* Section 4 Enforcement
- Increase penalties for drunk driving - first offense - loss of license for one year; fine also & jail for 3 days
- Require anyone who sells or serves alcohol to be licensed - to be licensed would require course on alcohol education
- Make it a law that makes it possible for judge to order a person into treatment rather than jail.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

A. Provide funds for counselors to assist employers
B. Start education of alcohol in school to the young.
C. No write offs on alcohol advertisment.
D. Let alcohol pay for the damage it does to the people and the state.
C. The program that genral motors has is working and should be looked at as an example.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

A. Alaska needs a statewide detoxification center and a local halfway house program with trained local counselors in each community.

B. We need qualified help in Wasilla to help a person 24 hrs a day. An answering service.

* Section 3 Local Option

A. Let the Alcohol have a tax on it to help pay for the trealment of alcaholics.
B. Let the community use money appropriated for alcohol programs in there own way.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Alcholic abuse education should be taught in Grade school & High school. They should be taught How to drink, not don't drink, and not to get drunk. Teach moderation

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Community projects. sports. In native villages stress more handicraft projects in the home.

* Section 3 Local Option

In smaller towns this stops people to invest any large amt. of capital to build first bars, hotels, restaurants. So in encourages bootlegging

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* Section 4 Enforcement

People should have the right to drink as well as not to drink. All people should try and help the problem drinker. No bar owners or bartenders want to see falling down drunks in their place of business.

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Dear Sirs: I have had any experience on writing bills, but I do have a few suggestions that might be used in writing up a bill. At first instance I would place education, starting with the primary grades. I say people who are aware of the dangers of heavy drinking, are less likely to become Judge

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Second, Earlier penalties in the form of license suspension, for drunken driving. Few drivers would drive while driving if they faced a 10 day jail sentence plus 60 day license suspension for first offense, then 30 day jail & 6 mos the license suspension for second offense! For third offense, 60 days in jail and 1 year license suspension. It may sound tough, but think of the savings in lives and suffering. It could bring about

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking Treatment

Third, for villages, and small towns, that are dry, allow no liquor to be brought in by mail or plane. Have penalties for offenders. Also, would help villages to have a recreation center, to afford an alternative social life. Encourage them to develop community schools, sports and hobbies.

Fourth- Assignment of alcoholics and problem drinkers to a 30 to 90 day stay in a hot spa, with compulsory attendance at A.A. meetings for 6 months after release. Detox programs should be in every hospital emergency room, a detox program or an alcohol treatment center nearby.

* Section 3 Local Option

Fifth- More restrictions on the number of alcohol outlets, and stricter checks on morals of license holders. Make persons with stronger penalties on serving or selling to juveniles, or adults already drunk.

Sixth- Increase taxes on alcohol and make drinkers pay for at least part of the treatment and rehabilitation, not to mention welfare costs and hospitalization of themselves and people they injure.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Seventh- Where possible, pick qualified people from each village, or community, and send them for schooling and/or training, so they may counsel problem drinkers in their area.

I hope some of these suggestions will be of some use to you. I can think of couple more items, but they might be touched on thru the legislature.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Tax alcohol to cover rehabilitation of alcoholics

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Programs be insitituted in the schools at earliest level and continued throughout. Training grants and scholarships should be established ~~to grow~~ in the University of Alaska through the Masters Degree for counselors in Alcoholism Prevention and treatment.
Also all seductive advertizing should be prohited by law (just as Cigarette Advertizing was prohibited) at all levels of the media

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment
Employment, full employment, through State encouragement of private enterprise and development of the States Resources
Also more job training and vocational training at the 11th grade level rather than emphasizing higher education.

* (Don't provide (ie. don't require the State to provide) recreation and entertainment — the Romans did that and merely furthered the decaying process for their Empire.)

* Section 3 Local Option for Bar and Sales Licenses and for taxation and importation is essential.
Local responsibility for treatment programs should be required rather than have the State finance programs which are not supported by the community except for lip service.

* Section 4 Enforcement of 30 days to 180 days treatment programs for known alcoholics (repetitive drunkeness).
First OMVI should be penalized by suspension of license 10 days.
Second OMVI should be penalized by longer (30 days)
Third " -- loss of license for a year and confiscation of car as a fine
Accident (especially a fatal accident) punishment by revocation of license and jail sentence

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Stop providing, at Taxpayers expense, a expensive place for drunks. for free board & room.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Jail on street sweeping Det. to pay their fines.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

should be strict.

I'm sure this will be gunked. It don't cost enough. of the ~~tax~~ money.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

More ~~education~~ accurate & relevant education in the formal school system especially in the younger grades.
Increase ~~educ~~ alcohol tax and put in to preventative education fund.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

~~to~~ & Assisting in possible development of small businesses such as coffee shops, cafes, etc where alcoholic beverages are not served. Increase funding of community schools to provide ~~for~~ alternative activities to drinking.

* Section 3 Local Option

options for taxes, bans, etc - for each municipality to regulate the selling of alcohol.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Stiffer penalties for drunk drivers & public drunks—

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education increased taxation of production/distribution/retailing chain of alcohol commercial system — revenues to state to be used in variety of programs including public media series on dangers of alcohol abuse.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment individuals found guilty of violating guidlines of behavior while drinking, shall be subject to treatment and/or penalties which shall be established in each community, to include drug education programs versus jail and/or fines. Any fines shall be contributed toward continuation and expansion of drug education of persons in need.

* Section 3 Local Option citizens' groups (groups not to exclude responsible alcohol vendors) shall be formed in each locality, with purpose of recommending solutions to particular problems in their area, with their initiatives having the effect of ordinances

* Section 4 Enforcement shall be strict and effective, disregarding ethnic origin or race, with police officers given the support of the responsible community through Sec. 3 above.

Section 1 Prevention and Education:

The main goal of education should be to change the general population's attitude about drunkenness. The general population must be taught to no longer accept drunkenness in any way. To accomplish the above, we need to educate people who are in service to other people such as teachers, bartenders, employers, police, doctors, courts and private clubs. We need to educate these people that drunkenness is not acceptable behavior. Thereby making these people teachers to others that drunkenness is not a socially acceptable behavior.

Also, early educational programs within the school systems should be aimed at changing the students attitudes about drunkenness.

Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment:

More financial support from the state, federal and local governments for community service programs. Such as Community Schools, where recreational facilities and programs for the general public can be offered. A place where people can go for socialization, recreation and fun without hanging out in bars. The goal is to get people involved in local activities and programs that are aimed at helping themselves and others.

For treatment we need long and short range rehabilitation programs developed and operated at the local level with State and Federal matching funds. We need the financial support for local alcoholism programs such as a detox center and trained alcoholism counselors to work with the sick alcoholic, the courts, the doctors, the police, employers and others who are in direct contact with the alcoholic.

Inpatient programs are needed to provide an environment that will teach the alcoholic how to live without alcohol.

A roving trained alcoholism counselor is also needed to work with families of the alcoholic while the alcoholic is involved in the inpatient treatment. A counselor would be able to provide the family with a support system while the alcoholic is in treatment and then provide the follow up care for the alcoholic and his family when the alcoholic returns. The counselor going into the home would use educational tapes and films or actually "read" to the family and discuss with them the various literature that is now available about alcoholism. The goal is to educate the alcoholic and his family enough to get him and his family back into the main stream of society, involved in church, community functions, recreational activities, clubs or other community involvements.

Section 3 Local Option:

What is needed for the State and Federal Government to provide monies to create programs that are tailored to the needs of each local community and run by the local community. We also need more local community involvement to decide how to treat the problem within that community.

There is a lot of money being waisted for alcoholism by competing state and local agencies. The office of alcoholism, mental health, community and regional affairs, vocational rehabilitation and the highway safety are all spending money. If we could coordinate all the money there might be enough money to help the problems at the local level.

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Section 4 Enforcement:

We need a "get tough" policy with the alcoholic.

There is a difference between punishment and treatment, so pass a law which would make it possible for a Judge to order a person into treatment rather than punish him with a fine. There needs to be a law against public drunkenness that in anyway endangers others. Just having a law for driving while intoxicated is not enough to protect society and the alcoholic. We need a law to protect the drunk and society. Being drunk in public is wrong and should not socially be acceptable. Change the law to show disapproval of this behavior. Then drunks could be picked up and helped.

We would also suggest closing bars earlier, approximately 2:00 a.m. This would help keep some of the drunks off the highways. Also, bartenders and bar owners should be held responsible for serving a man alcoholic beverages when he is already visibly drunk.

Greater enforcement of existing laws that deal with public drunkenness should also be encouraged.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

The State Department of Education should do all that it can to establish, promote and provide financial assistance to local school districts in an attempt to adopt and use a comprehensive substance abuse school curriculum.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

We agree with the legislative intent not to punish an individual for manifestation of symptoms of alcoholism but due to the nature of the physiological effects of alcohol on the human system we feel that providing care as specified in Title 47 of the Alaska statutes we are not allowing for or promoting effective treatment of alcoholism. Persons who are in need of protective custody services due to incapacitation by alcohol should be spuervised in a treatment facility for 12 to 24 hours.

* Section 3 Local Option

Each community should be allowed to determine whether or not it will be wet, dry, or damp as proposed in House Bill #340.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Bootlegging should be reclassified as a felony offense and the Alaska State Troopers should take a more active part in the enforcement and control of alcohol abuse problems in the local communities. They offer a valuable resource that needs to be more effectively utilized.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Established funds by State Legislature for Rural Prevention and Education in Alcoholism and Substance-Abuse these funds to be used especially by Rural Villages coordinated thru their respective Health Corporations. Established funds for training purposes for counselors and others who are directly involved in the field of Alcoholism and funds for teacher education involving a comprehensive alcoholism curriculum in schools. In establishing and implementing, the major State organizations as well as the major Health Corporations will be available for planning, consultation,coordination, and assistance for these programs.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Established funds to provide for Rural treatment and rehabilatation programs staffed with locally competent individuals and these programs will cooperate with other alternative program sources in reduction of Alcoholism and Alcohol-Abuse. Establish funds to renovated now-existing programs to up grade the quality of services and construction funds for new programs such as activity centers for young people, culteral centers and others relating to the reduction of Alcoholism and Alcohol-Abuse in rural areas.

* Section 3 Local Option

Each and every individual community within the State of Alaska will have the power to vote itself wet or dry and will have the power to tax liquor if voted wet. If dry, the Stae will supplement the loss of revenue to be used only in prevention, education and toward the treatment of alcohol-related problems.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The salaries of Rural Village Enforcement Law Officers be raised to a livable wage according to area and assured of continued increase by the State. Bootlegging a misdemeanor shall be a felony within the State of Alaska.

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EDUCATION STARTED THE 5th GRADE LEVEL ON ALCOHOLISM OF WHY SOME PEOPLE DRINK, HOW TO HELP PEOPLE STAY AWAY FROM ALCOHOLISM AND MORE UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM--TEACH SCHOOL CHILDREN HOW TO FACE UP TO ALL PROBLEMS AND HANDLING OF STRESS, SCHOOL & FAMILY CONFLICTS, SO WHEN THEY REACH THEIR TEENS--ALCOHOL WILL BE AVOIDED AS A CRUTCH.

EDUCATE COMPLETE COMMUNITY THROUGH TV MOVIES, PAMPHLETS, RADIO

OFFER COURSES & WORKSHOPS, FREE OF CHARGE, IF POSSIBLE, TO COMPLETE COMMUNITY

TRAIN TEACHERS IN THE BASICS OF ALCOHOLISM PROGRAMS

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

INCREASE PAID STAFF TO WORK IN COMMUNITIES TOWARD MORE RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

FINANCE DETOXIFICATION CENTERS AND HALFWAY HOUSES, INCREASING ALCOHOLIC COUNSELLORS AS WORK LOAD INCREASES.

TRAIN MORE INDIVIDUALS WITHIN COMMUNITIES ON ALL SOCIAL PROBLEMS PEOPLE FACE

ENCOURAGE JUDGES TO SENTENCE TO TREATMENT, AND AS SOON AS INDIVDUALS ENTER JAIL - NOTIFY COUNSELLOR FROM ALCOHOLIC DIVISION OR MENTAL HEALTH TO ASSIST PERSON WHEN TIME IS SUITABLE.

PROVIDE A PORTION OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTING MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDINGS AND STAFFING TO SERVE ALL RACES

MORE FOLLOWUP OF ALL INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED WITH DRINKING PROBLEM, TEACHING THEM WAYS OF HANDLING PROBLEMS AND MORE IMPORTANCE IN THEMSELVES, CONSTANT ASSISTANCE IN CHANGING IMAGE, INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY KEEPING ALCOHOLIC PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL.

* Section 3 4 Local Option

RETURN LAW TO 21 YEAR AGE LIMIT FOR DRINKING

USE MORE PUBLICITY TO TELL ABOUT CONVICTIONS FOR LIQUOR VIOLATIONS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING BARS AND LIQUOR STORES

REQUIRE THE COURTS TO REFER PEOPLE TO TREATMENT PROGRAMS WHENEVER A PERSON APPEARS BEFORE A JUDGE FOR FAMILY DISTURBANCES, CHILD NEGLECT, ASSAULT, ALCOHOLISM, BREAKING AND ENTERING, VANDALISM

* Section 4 3 Enforcement Local Option

Do NOT MAKE IT A NECESSITY THAT ONLY FUNDING CAN COME THROUGH GRANT WRITING- IF NEED IS SHOWN - CONSTANT REPORTS TURNED IN AND VISITATIONS SHOULD PROVE IF PROGRAM IS WORKING

TEACH ALL CITY OFFICIALS HOW SOCIAL PROGRAMS TIE IN WITH OPERATION OF A CITY AND IF SOCIAL NEEDS ARE NOT MET - CONSEQUENCES COMPLETE CITY'S FACE. ALSO THE FACT THAT HELPING A FEW IS BETTER THEN HELPING NONE.

ENCOURAGE ALL GOVERNMENT IDENTITIES TO HELP ALL INDIVIDUALS, NOT ONE RACE ONLY, WHEREVER NEED IS SHOWN IN ANY SIZE COMMUNITY

DO NOT MAKE IT MANDATORY THAT CITY COUNCILS GET INVOLVED, WHEN THEY DO NOT CARE TO, IN ANY SOCIAL PROGRAM, WHICH ELIMINATES NON PROFIT GROUPS FROM SEEKING ASSISTANCE OR RECEIVING SUCH.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1. Adopt on a State-wide basis the "Here's Looking at You" Program or at least require all public schools K--12 to implement with adequate in service training some type of values clarification program
2. School Counselors should be trained inthe "Functional Approach to the treatment of Alcoholism" and local resources available.
3. Enforcement of suspension to include referral to local treatment eg: Drug Alcohol Counselors, Ala-teens via proper channels when teachers are aware of students using drugs and alcohol.
4. Financial support and encouragement should be given to each local to have an information education component to the Alcoholism Programming.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. "Adult Leisure Centers" should be financially supported and encouraged in each community.
2. Each alcoholism treatment program should have an "alternative to drinking" - "Arts & Crafts" program etc. as part of the total program and this should be a criteria for funding as part of competent treatment.
3. Public service commercials -(TV and Radio) should be on as often as beer & wine commercials are run. (Higher rates could be charged to the beer & wine industry to off set these alternative ads, or cut the rate of beer & wine commercials if they will sponsor an alternative ad".

* Section 3 Local Option

1. I believe the General Fund can find a way to support the prevention, education and adequate treatment of the epidemic that alcoholism is in our state!
2. Adequate treatment facilities could be constructed in every local by a Special Bonds - the staffing and maintenance increased and continued through local and state funding.
3. Local match should take into consideration the community "people-power". Communities should be encouraged to be involved with their local programs and this should be considered part of "local match"

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENFORCEMENT:

1. Training in the Functional Approach to the Treatment of Alcoholism should be given all criminal justice and law enforcement people. This should be a requirement.
2. I believe if we put our dollars and energy on #1-3 we will not need to be concerned with enforcement.
3. Lower the BAC to .05% for OMVI and make it an automatic conviction if at the time of incident the BAC is .05 or higher. All convictions should result in referral to treatment as well as penalty.

All criminal offenses when alcohol is prevalent or alcoholism is evident should be handled in the same manner --penalty and treatment.

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The liquor industry should be made to clean up its own pollution. Educational courses in all schools and colleges is essential but the courses should include the multiplicity of stupid laws that exist to protect the strong liquor industry. Just try reading the complex laws that exist and no wonder a problem exists and alcohol is abused. Liquor taxes must be raised to pay for the tremendous loss of life, property and time on the job. No one should be allowed to advertise alcohol in any way. Have classes to educate the public what they can legally do to fight alcohol abuse.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Mandatory ten day jail sentence for drunken driving first conviction. Mandatory attendance at next scheduled alcoholism classes if found drunk in public otherwise serve jail term. Drunks should be required to pay $50 per day for every day they must serve in jail, hope house, alcoholism classes or whatever just as they would if they had to go to the hospital or go to see a doctor. Anyone convicted of an alcohol related crime must publically sweep the sidewalks with specially painted (red) push brooms. Reduced jail sentences for those found guilty of alcohol related crimes that voluntarily become actively enrolled in community athletic, arts, service, and government improvement programs.

* Section 3 Local Option

Improve state welfare fund to prevent money being spent on alcohol. Local community should be able to vote on raising alcohol taxes to pay for alcohol related crime, damage to property, cost of alcohol programs etc. Local community should be able to take away operating liscenses of alcohol establishments found guilty of serving minors, intoxicated persons etc. Raise fines for alcohol related crimes and allow a portion of the fine to return to the community alcohol programs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

The law must be written in such a way to enable police officers to easily determine if someone is legally intoxicated. Then any liquor establishment found serving an intoxicated person must loose their liscense automatically for six months for the first offense. Laws must be changed to allow for only one liquor license per 2,000 adults. Alcohol may be sold only six days a week from 2Pm to 2 Am, no other time. Enact legislation to encourage and simplify legal action against those selling alcohol in excess to abusers who victimize others.

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A law should be enacted, making it mandatory that alcohol education programs be instituted on the elementary level in the school system. It should also be mandatory that bartenders and cocktail waitresses be required to attend alcohol education classes.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Have trained alcoholism personell go into homes with an education and prevention program (Cottage Meeting Program) to work with the family of the alcoholic. Through family participation and encouragement, the alcoholic can be made aware of his/her disease and thereby seek treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

Make available in communities, workshops on alcoholism or alcohol education classes, whereby mambers of the community could attend and become aware of alcohol related problems and the disease of alcoholism itself.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Perhaps the local city government (city council, assembly) would pass an ordinance or resolution, requiring all municipal employers and employees, to have completed an alcoholism related workshop or alcohol education classes.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

(A)Be it enacted that all social service agencies within the State of Alaska mandated by law or otherwise directly or indirectly obligated to the treatment or rehabilitation of alcoholic individuals be instructed under this Subsection to fulfill their mandate without any artificial, arbitrary, or otherwise regressive resrictions as to eligibility for such service.

(B)This subsection is intended to serve as a requirement for all State agencies involved with alcoholic persons to provide such service without regard to such things as frequency of recidivism, length of current sobriety, previous negative treatment response, or any other eliminating criteria as long as said afflicted individual is judged by the affected agency representative to demonstrate an honest and real commitment for treatment of his/her alcoholic problem.

(C) It is intended that this Subsection eliminate all non-financially related

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Trratment (Continued)

eligibility resrictions limiting an afflicted individuals opportunity for services from any State social service agency, except that such individual must be deemed to have made an honest and real commitment to the services offered by said Agency;

(4) The social service representative charged with the determination of what constitutes an honest and real commitment from said afflicted person shall consult with other professional persons involved in the rehabilitation plan of the afflicted individual, with nonprofessional persons associated with the afflicted individual, and any other persons deemed valuble in the above-mentioned determination.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Utilize the schools for a good, educative program on the use and abuse of alcohol--and stay away from scare techniques. It is important that youngsters recognize the difference between social drinking and "escape" utilization.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

As long as the person has committed no other crime, his or her drinking behavior must not be seen as an offense requiring incarceration. Treatment should be an option --and the courts should have the authority to require treatment when the individual presents a threat to him/herself and/or the society. Accountability and research in the field of rehabilitation needs to be adhered to.

* Section 3 Local Option

Dollars, based on population, need to be sent back to the local government. Juneau bureaucrats should offer only financial and contract monitoring--but the program must be locally controlled and locally responsive. The expertise tends to be in the local program--but the authority sits in the hands of less capable folks in Juneau.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Arrests must occur only for criminal behavior--not just drinking. If "drunk-in-public" is made illegal, then arrest for that. Give the courts the power to demand treatment or jail--but make sure the Department of H&SS will provide the treatment funds that the courts requires.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

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* Section 4 Enforcement

Be it further enacted that persons convicted of alcohol-related crimes shall by court order be interdicted from the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages for such period of time as may be specified, such notice of interdiction to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction in which the offender resides and/or by notice in a public place; the costs of such newspaper publication to be borne by the court and collectible from the offender along with such fines as may be levied.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be a major part of initial instruetion to youth beginning at grade one. Adult education should be accomplished through various retail liquor outlets and other social settings. Social service centers and groups such as CMI and De-tox should be oriented toward cure instead of babysitting.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Major free stress counseling centers should be available for all social groups, alcoholism is not directly related to degenerate groups.

State facilities should be equiped to remind the incoming alcoholic via video film of his performance upon admittance.

* Section 3 Local Option There are a few of us who can enjoy the benefits of fine wines, etc. without being deemed alcoholic. Unfortunately eating in excess does not offend any social group. It is unconstitutional to decide to eliminate a persons livelyhood due to lack of control of an "alcoholic" to function in society.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education
  a) That education on alcohol abuse be given highest priority in an alcoholism prevention program.
  b) That a graduated curriculum on alcohol and other drug abuse be made mandatory in all schools from grammar school thru high school.
  c) That Regional Technical Assistants on alcoholism have authority to coordinate on a regional basis the schools programs on alcohol and other drug abuse, plus adult education concerning alcohol abuse.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment
  a) That each Native Health Corporation in Alaska be assigned to formulate a five year comprehensive alcoholism treatment proposal that would include acute alcoholism care, chronic alcoholism care and non-institutional follow-up and outreach care.
  b) That State and federal matching funds be made available so that each region could provide comprehensive treatment within the five year period.
  c) That the Native Health Corporations be assigned to coordinate the acute, chronic and follow-up care between the services providers.

* Section 3 Local Option
  a) That local communities are expected to use a portion of Community Development funds, in proportion to the alcohol abuse problem in that community, for alcoholism prevention.

* Section 4 Enforcement
  a) That possible withholding of State matching funds for education and health and social services be a means to induce regional agencies and local communities to develop viable alcoholism education and treatment programs.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Each bottle of alcoholic beverage shall have attached to its label the total sum of state and federal taxes. The state tax will also show in dollars and cents what part of the total state tax is used in the separate parts of the liquor program on alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Coffee and Tea Houses could be subsidized with a tax-free program based on need and locality.

* Section 3 Local Option

All costs of rehabilitation, prevention and education, under the Alcoholism Program to be paid from the state tax refund on total alcohol beverage sales. Refunds will be based on beverage sales supplying the particular area involved. It's unfeasible that bar hours in Ketchikan are allowed until 5:00 A. M. to remain open. We would suggest closure at 1:00 A.M. or 2:00 A. M.

* Section 4 Enforcement

All costs of liquor violations resulting from local police action shall be paid for from the state liquor tax refund.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education (a) Provide funds to use the media of TV, radio, and newspapers to inform the general public concerning Alcoholism, as well as provide instruction in the schools. (b) Provide legislation to prevent liquor advertising via news media, especially, pricing. (c) Provide employers with tax deduction, if they advance money to an employee to participate in an Alcoholic Treatment program, also make this tax deduction available to any taxpayer filing in Alaska, who contributes to a bonafide Alcoholism program. (d) Provide legislation compelling bartenders to be licenced only after passing a test covering the rudiments of alcoholism and its treatment, Also provide evidence of their not being convicted of a felony (or felonies)

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

(a) Provide funds to establish community centers where the public may participate in sports such as bowling, tennis, gym, social activities as an alternative to drinking.

* Section 3 Local Option

(a) Local option when put up to popular vote has little chance to suceed, as an alternative liquor licenses (excluding beer) may be canceled and state liquor stores be established, using the profits to help finance Alcoholism Programs (This type of operation has, over period of several years been sucessful in such States as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon and Washington

* Section 4 Enforcement (a) Laws that we already have concerning the sale and use of alcohol are not being enforced. Peace officers are being hampered by the court handing down mostly minimum fines especially to repeating offenders of drunk driving laws. Driving school is fine but not enough to stop the repeaters.

(b) Many bar tenders sell to an already drunk person as long as the drinks are paid for. Some also sell to known alcoholics and troublemakers whichsometimes result in fights, wife and child beatings, even death.

(c) There are numerous casea of liquor being furnished to minors by older persons.

The laws must be more rigidly enforced

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Teachings in school

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Offer activities in villages

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Their should be education on alcoholism in rural communities, rather than have them learn the hard way.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

The only problem is that young people should have a activity center where they could be creative.

* Section 3 Local Option

Their should be more training on such item, as alcoholism, meaning the counselor could be a great help in our local level.

* Section 4 Enforcement

When the drunk can't be treated, when he or she is picked up for being a public nuisance.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Need a positive program to counteract drinking as a pleasant social function as shown on TV & in movies

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

In the villages - yes.
In the Cities - more control by local councils as to issuance of licenses

* Section 4 Enforcement

Apparently some form of involuntary commitment for alcoholic treatment is needed — too much family strife, child & wife abuse stemming from excess use of alcohol

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education - For young: state funded position in each school for special alcohol/drug abuse counselor to plan programs for students and work closely with juvenile officer and counselor on alcoholism personnel in relation to student programs and problems.

For general public: position in state administration to educate public with monthly bulletins on cost of alcohol abuse to state in specific ways and broken down by communities. Appoint a special committee to work for deleting antiquated or ineffective laws concerning alcohol and bring about drafting of enforceable laws that come to the root of the problem (alcohol itself).

For Abusers: video tape actions of abusers who have to be arrested, hospitalized or otherwise cost taxpayers and make these films mandatory viewing by person when sober.

Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Raise taxes on alcohol to finance isolated facility for each community to permit voluntary and sentenced commitment for abusers.

Organized community improvement programs to involve abusers to combat the argument that "there's nothing to do but drink."

* Section 3 Local Option The state law on liquor closing hours should be changed to prohibit any liquor outlet to be open after 2AM or before 12 noon. (Local control by liquor interests may hinder some communities from adopting same hours on their own.) Local option on Sunday or complete closures should be encouraged. Until we change the laws, the liquor industry will continue to make abusers of each generation, since their main interest is money - not in solving the problem which would cut down profits. Prohibit advertising.

* Section 4 Enforcement Get some enforceable law on the books to close any establishment serving a drink to anyone displaying symptoms of intoxication (lack of coordination; slurred speech, abusive language or action, passing out or sleeping in public. Adopt necessary legislation to make the bars and bartenders liable for criminal and destructive actions of those they served to intoxication. Increase mandatory sentence for any alcohol related crime. Mandatory jail sentence for every offender OMVI (even first time!) Require any arrested drunks to clean up littered area each morning, removing bottles, vomit, etc. caused by alcohol abusers.

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Provide breathalizers in all bars etc so that a conscientious person can check his safe level of drinking. This should be free. If person serving liquor sees fit he can ask patron to Test himself before being served. Allow beer to be sold in grocery stores. Frequently liquor stores are next to bars causing a compounding of the problem.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Education in Schools, T.V. & Radio.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Provide funds for Programs in Education. Education of young (~~Pre~~ Pre-school -) and Old - Both Alcoholics and Non Alcoholics members of the family of an alcoholic.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide Funds for Activitie Programs. Anything that may interest both Young and Old, either together or separately.

* Section 3 Local Option

Put a heavy restriction on selling Liquor illegally with a stiff penalty.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Local officiers should get a Little more strict with drunk'n disorderly. The penalty should be "To take Treatments".

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Teach alcoholism in grade school so they know that drinking a drugs and tell what they should do when they are adults. Teach them when they are young so they grow up knowing the truth about alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Have community places where adults and teenagers can go to be with friends and play games to keep them occupied ~~and~~ so they will find that there are other thing to do besides getting drunk. Build more ~~recre~~ recreation centers!

* Section 3 Local Option

Put a limit on how much ~~beer~~ ~~more~~ booze one may obtain from a bar or liquor store at a give time.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Instead of picking up a drunk for 12 hours and letting him go. fine him and put him on probation of at least one month with ~~no~~ no drinking and if he fails to stay off the booze put him in jail for a year and have him go to Alcoholism meetings and treatment.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Prohibit advertising liquor on TV, radio, magazines, etc. Newspapers should not advertise specials in alcoholic beverages. Labels should carry warning that it is dangerous to health and is habit forming. Schools could show films on alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Trained specialists in each locality, salary to be paid from taxes on liquor and liquor license fee. Higher liquor license fee might eliminate too many taverns. Chronic drinkers should be forced into treatment. Perhaps a local person trained to help local people.

* Section 3 Local Option

Get local people involved in determining how alcohol money should be spent, particularly in running the programs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Increase the penalties for drunk driving. Make these so stiff a person will not want to drive when drinking because of the consequences. There is a difference between punishment and treatment. So pass a law which would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment. We should also pass a law that alcoholism is a disease.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Require Alcohol education for licensing Requirements for Professionals - Doctors, nurses, Teachers, ~~It~~ BARTENDERS

Establish Alcohol education & TRAINING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE System for to make Appropriate Referrals.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

PROVIDE STATE SUPPORT & INCENTIVES FOR locally Run programs. ESTABLISH STATEWIDE PROGRAMS STANDARDS (3 levels, URBAN, RURAL, BUSH,) and STATE-WIDE PERSONAL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION AFTER STATE approved TRAINING PROGRAMS

Increase Alcohol TAX.

Increase Alcohol TREATMENT monies

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Increase the penalties for DRUNK driving To one week mandatory jail, one year suspended for license and a different colored license plate.

Require license for selling and SERVING alcohol - 1st license, if they SERVE someone DRUNK, DRINKS on job are allowed more than one DRINK in front of someone.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

EDUCATION SHOULD START IN THE SCHOOLS TEACH CHILDREN WHAT IS ENOUGH + WHAT IS TOO MUCH !

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

COMMUNITY - CENTERS + COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO RELIEVE BOREDOM DURING LONG WINTER MONTHS TREATMENT SHOULD BE ENFORCED

* Section 3 Local Option

TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOL WILL ONLY ENRICHEN THE BOOT LEGGER. WE, HOPEFULLY ARE STILL A FREE COUNTRY AND HAVE A CHOICE

* Section 4 Enforcement

I OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATION THAT WILL TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK. EDUCATION IS THE ONLY ANSWER.

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You are spending a lot of money on this investigation. As citizens much less office holders I would have thought you would have the common sense to tax liquor sales for whatever over-indulgence will cost.

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If you used your common sense you probably would not be reelected

In the HOUSE but what do you really care
SENATE about - good government or your own power + status,

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Improve the quality of life in Alaska at every opportunity. Help make it a less competitive more humane place to live. Do not take away people's choice to drink or not. Give them facts + truths but let them make their own choices.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Try to coordinate all spending for alcoholism + have it administered on local level. Abuse alcohol. Charge enough for alcohol (tax) that only those who are alcoholic problems users need to support the alcohol treatment and accompanying costs.

* Section 3 Local Option

I gather that the cost of running an alcohol abuse department is very high. Make the development of alcoholism a "pay as you get drunk affair. Estimate what the costs in human and economic losses will be and add a commensurate tax on the liquor sales.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Possibly the state should take over the sale of all liquor + thereby take the profit out of it.

(As a politician) I suppose bar owners would create a lot of trouble ~~if~~ at the next election. You would be out of office. I suspect all this literature + studying + questioning is a way to appear earnest and at the same time do very little, rock the boat very little so the bar owners will contribute to your next campaign

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education. There are high school students that are of age to drink and buy liquor and go to bars, they should put a stop to it and return law to 21 years of age to drinking plus we do need more activities.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

There are alot of drinking with young peoples cause there are no activites planned or anything and lot of them meet at house parties or bars for they complain of nothing to do but drink. Should build a movie theatre and bowling, reacreation place to go.

* Section 3 Local Option

Lot of bootlegging for high school students, there need to be more activities to keep them occuppied.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Return law to 21 years of age for drinking, there is too many young alcoholics.

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1) Have rehabilitation classes during school.
2) Have town discussion about alcohol.
3) Discuss while drinking Alcohol.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1) Have family outings
2) switch to marijuana
3) more activities for everyone.
4) if alcohol is a sickness, why punish the sick person? we should help them.

* Section 3 Local Option

1) Have a local bar where only beer is served, Run by the city council. Have restriction cards. 1/2 of profit for village for activities, 1/4 to school kids.
2) Drop off Center for intoxicated person & sleeping place for the children while parents are intoxicated.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1) Have rehabilitation classes required for graduation.
2) Kids should be put in foster homes outside the village, until parents straighten out
3) Charters should be limited one per. week.

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More funding to train teachers in schools on Alcohol + Drug Abuse Education is needed in schools, is a must in Prevention Programs

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Recreation Programs for all ages. Through these you are most apt to have most people interested in Education more interest in alcohol + drug abuse programs.

More young people would be involved. these the ones that count Look to the future. with Education + Prevention of alcohol abuse. with more young people involvement.

* Section 3 Local Option

More authority for rural towns to enforce their ordinances on selling + drinking of alcohol. If they vote dry, give them more support in enforcing their village resolutions or ordinances.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Change the drunk in public laws. then drunks could be picked up + helped. Courts are too lenient. Change the law to require the Judge to put a person in an alcoholism program or jail. Alcoholics + all persons will drink more, when they know that they can't be arrested for drunken Public.

Make the laws more stricter on bootlegging. As it is now, it is hard for the Law enforcement agencys to get a conviction, too many loop holes in existing laws. The fines imposed now are being paid by the ones buying the liquor. The bootlegger just increases his sales.

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I donat see much use of either of these, because prevention is to late for the Alcoholic and most people from 6 to 99 know the effects of Alcohol already.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

A good treatment and rehabilitation center for those who are already alcoholics, for Alaska.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Firm on drunken drivers, stiffer penalties, also for people being drunk in public. Because most people who drink seem to have to go somewhere and do something different.

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I think classes should be thought in the school for kids to know the dangers that comes with alcohol

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

We need more activities as groups to occupy minds leading to drinking.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

There is an awareness of it here but rarely anything is done about it. Parents do lecture their kids here

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Education is needed in schools (lower + higher grades) Make the public aware of the problems related to alcohol. The state could encourage non-alcoholic activities in the state.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

We need qualified counselors and organized volunteers to help people. A state rehabilitation center that produced an income for the patient could give him his self respect back. Apart from, factories, crafts etc.

* Section 3 Local Option

If the person who sells liquor to a patient when someone is intoxicated he should also be responsible to have him for the period necessary to sober him,

* Section 4 Enforcement

If a person is caught drunk in public often he should be put in a detox center or jail and not be allowed to drink for a number of months. The rehabilitation center should be away from his home town.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education a law providing for the education of school teachers at the Junior and Senior H. S. level, employers, bartenders, police and the general public; of the harmful effects of excess drinking of liquor, beer and wine. This educational study shall be a study of a compilation of all certified studies dealing with causes of alcoholism. The book might be called "The Biological Effects of excess alcohol intake on the human body". The contents should include the effects of alcohol to the kidneys, liver, digestive system and heart. The addenda could contain the social and moral effect of alcoholism to the home and family.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment The only alternative to drunkenness is self willed abstentions. Therefore Be it enacted that a base be established to curtail the rapid growth of the liquor industry, by means not legislative ones, but you can legislate the control of supply. Further this law should stop the issuance of licenses of all types immediately for a period of five years. Then a study should be taken to determine the need for more.

* Section 3 Local Option Be it enacted that the city shall have the final say as to who has a license and where license is located.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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I think we should eliminate all advertisements on T.V. radio newspaper etc. for liquor beer or wine. We need education programs, but the ones on drug abuse were a waste of money. I hope the ones on alcohol would be better. We should raise the taxes on alcohol to cover this, plus the costs for programs, enforcement and added expenses for local options.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

I think six week treament programs are worthless. No one can make a new life for themselves in six weeks. It takes years to become an alcoholic and it take a long time to change. I think programs should be a minimum 6 month inpatient and 6 months outpatient.

* Section 3 Local Option

I think the local communities should have the option of going dry, or having a community liquor store, bar and wholesale they wish. I also think if they vote to go dry they should have laws tough enough to make bootlegging unprofitable.

* Section 4 Enforcement

I think being drunk in public should be grounds for picking people up. But we need some place other than jail to put them. I think anyone picked up for drunk driving should lose his license for 1 year the 1st time and for good the 2nd time. I think bars should close at 1 am and open at noon.* I think liquor stores should have the same hours. I think there should be stiffer fines + jail sentences for Bar owners + bartenders who serve drunken after hours bar outside city limits.

* This needs to be a statewide law or you will wind up with

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education concerning health problems & results

Curb advertisements which deceive the public - Allow no billboard advertisements.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

- provide activity centers for young people -
- detox centers
- provide continued education to counteract recurrence of drunkedness.

* Section 3 Local Option

- have Community pick-ups of empty Const bottles
- raise taxes on liquor - more revenue should be coming from the liquor industry

* Section 4 Enforcement

- severe penalties for drunk in public & drunk driving.
- make liquor stores close at 9:00 or 5:30 p.m. like other stores.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

a special allocation should be given to all school districts, to be used specifically for the education of our youngsters on alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

The State will make ~~---~~ available to all communities, a consultant, to access the needs and to assist in setting up an alcoholism prevention program.

* Section 3 Local Option

Bootlegging is a problem. To solve the problem, the air taxis should be forced by the FAA, CAB to enter on their Tariff Filing that they will ~~not~~ carry any alcoholic beverages to a dry community, or risk the chance of losing their certificate.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Dry Communities should be assisted more so than a wet community. Because the problems are greater due to lack of taxes lost from the alcohol sales. Dry communities should receive greater state aid.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Educati n

Schools are place for education — social drinking controls need to be taught

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Treatment should be required - but basis for requirement must be clarified. Jail or treatment — but jail for crime (not drinking)

* Section 3 Local Option

No other way worth considering — State should do no more than monitor (based on approved contract), provide financial audits

* Section 4 Enforcement

Enforce treatment option made available by courts — now programs do little but recycle person in trouble. Accountability of programs and enforced treatment w/ treatment.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Close all Bars at 2^00 AM & allow to open at 11^00 AM.
Train people in out lying villages in Alchol Control & Education so they can Teach

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Let the State quit passing out money. provide jobs & Help make a welfare person develop some pride & accomplishment in their lives.

* Section 3 Local Option

AK. State provide assistance & guidence to local areas & let them develope their program to their own special needs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Law enforcement officers should be required to Visit Bars (inside) on a regular basis during late hours & take Keys away from those that are in worse shape. If they refuse, lock them up over night.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Like Hammond's emphasis on community schools and local people being emphasis for "prevention" — really hard to pin point prevention. Tough on drivers, shorter hours for bars and liquor stores, health info. Education must be as much for adults as for kids and media seems most likely. Will take a long time so first attack has to be on treatment and deterrance.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Drinking often a symptom of other problems — access to counseling and activity helps, but if it helped that much, Anchorage wouldn't be such a mess with social drinking abusers as well as alcoholics. Treatment grants to villages should involve local people in the counseling/helping role. Urban areas need variety of treatment causes. I have had some successful ones — 1 relative, 2 friends helped tremendously — Perhaps we need a long-term, residential program — a quiet out of the way place?

* Section 3 Local Option Really like this aspect of the bills in the Governors package last yr. Increasing the local peoples choices of how to handle the problem is good. Our towns are different from each other in many ways & need to have more choice in those laws.

* Section 4 Enforcement Crackdown on bootlegging in smaller communities especially. I have watched much suffering result from this.

Section 5: (another bill, I guess) Why do we let the liquor commodity float free when everything else has gone up — personal, real estate, etal? It's almost like subsidizing booze is what I have heard. Maybe it's true you guys are in their pocket.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Study, in depth + with Native advisors, the problem of village alcoholism before trying to cope with the problem. Village patterns of drinking are different + probably require a different approach to that used elsewhere. Past programs have been a waste of money — why spend if you can't improve the situation.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Avoid using public funds on short-term sleep-it-off facilities. Either provide, in urban areas, a true treatment center or none at all.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option is vitally important in treatment. Stop spending money on a dozen agencies that spend much but haven't solved a thing — make grants direct to the local units for detention facilities, patrolmen, or treatment grants to individuals.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Have legislatively established minimum sentences for alcohol-related crimes (including related child + spouse abuse, child neglect, etc) so that "soft" judges don't let offenders off easy — + so the public knows what the consequences of drinking offenses will be.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Leave the Education to the National Council of Alcoholism. That is what their function is.

Let the people know what the existing laws are at (about, public law 91-616 - 92-255 and state laws passed in 1972

* Section 2 ~~Alternatives to Drinking,~~ Treatment

Set up a short term treatment like Schick Shadel Hospital in Seattle, Washington. The treatment program now being used now is no good. Need more responsiveness and accountability in the treatment programs.

~~Make~~ make the records public so a person can get the facts and figures at anytime without getting the run around and never getting the information.

* Section 3 Local Option

Get rid of it as a vote in all areas whether or not to have alcohol distribution establishment.

* Section 4 Enforcement

All that is needed is some teeth in the existing laws, more ~~stiff~~ penalty for offenses that violate the laws, and quit ~~not~~ looking up the alcoholics.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education showing the ill effects of alcohol,drugs and tobacco at all age levels.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Other forms of social entertainment at a local level

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option would be a complete failure,the problem is not the availiblity. The problem lies with the Judges not judgeing the act ,but the reason.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Enforcement problem is the Court system,thier seems to be a complete lack of respect for the police officer trying to do his job.The lack of toughness in the court system,compounds are alcohol problems

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Require all bartenders to be licensed, and to be able to prove that they can spot a person who has obviously had too much to drink. If a bartender does serve drinks to those who are too drunk, then they should lose their license. Also they should not be allowed to drink on the job, or immediately before going to work.
People arrested for driving while drinking should be required to take a course on what happens to those who drink and drive and repeaters should be required to take treatment.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Those who refuse treatment or any courses given, and still are repeatedly arrested for driving while under the influence should have their licenses taken away from them for a long period. If they drive after having their licenses suspended, then they should be punished with a stiff fine and/or long jail sentence.

* Section 3 Local Option

Laws should be enforced uniformly throughout the state. No local option.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Bars that sell to people who have already had too much should, if repeatedly done, lose their license. Bartenders should be licensed, and they should lose their license if they continually sell to those who have had too much. Those who, whether at parties and private gathernings or at public bars, give people liquor then allow [redacted] recipient to drive should bear any financial liability that is caused to others for injuries suffered because of said drunk driver.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Funds shall be channeled to the public schools specifically for use in alcohol education. Alcohol education kits such as "Here's Looking at You" shall be presented to grades K-12 on a long term basis for maximum effectiveness. These kits deal to a large extent with general mental health issues, such as self image and responsibility, and will provide valuable mental health education even to areas where alcohol abuse is not a problem. Money will be made available for community education in mental health and related services available (films, radio, TV, newspaper).

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Recreational facilities should be made available to those villages that don't have them (gymnasiums, pool halls, equipment). Halfway houses for sleeping off drunks and introduction into counseling and anti-abuse programs will be made available to those areas where there are drinking problems. Such facilities are essential for protecting the health of abuser, the welfare of the family (protection from abuse or psychological damage stemming from alcohol abuse of family members), and a place for drunks to be taken other than the jail. A facility should be made available for family members to stay overnight in the event that alcohol abuse is causing problems in their homes (parents are drinking or spouse is drinking). Extensive alcohol programs with people in jail for alcohol related offenses.

* Section 3 Local Option ~~(1)~~ Transport by air taxi of alcoholic beverages liquor from Nome to villages voted dry ~~(option)~~ will be made illegal. Enforcement officers will be ~~responsible~~ hired to check shipments at the liquor stores and the airport and alcohol found will be confiscated. (pilots will not be handed this enforcement responsibility).

* Section 4 Enforcement Bar owners will be prosecuted for serving intoxicated persons. Pilots taking money from villages and bringing booze back from Nome will be prosecuted (sale of liquor without a license). Driving while intoxicated will be severely punished (loss of drivers license, jail sentence).
→ loss of liquor license or jail sentence - avoid fines as these people are rich.
People drunk in public will be put in jail or halfway houses overnight, to ~~make the street safer~~ protect themselves the public, and their families and to make public drunkeness less ~~(the)~~ appealing.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

the "Heres looking at you" program is, I think, an excellent program for education starting with grade one thru 12 -

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Community efforts should be made to give people alternatives to drinking - counseling, community activities, especially for younger people.

* Section 3 Local Option — A very wrong approach! Making a community dry - shorter hours etc. will not stop or even curb drinking - only encourage bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement - get our judicial system to deal a lot harder on drunk drivers, alcohol abusers etc. Patting them on the hand is no way to get Results. Taking away liquor from the non-alcohol abuser (95% of the population) is not the answer.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Provide special funding for an alcohol education program to be given by the regular science teacher as a part of the regular science curriculum aided by the expertise of the school nurse. Definitely not a separate program with a special teacher as some students may not elect the program. All students should be exposed!

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Major alternative for drinking should be an increased recreation and interest programs for all ages; sports, arts and crafts, net mending, taping etc. Provide activities that will fill up empty hours!

* Section 3 Local Option - Useless! Just increases the crime rate; smuggling etc.

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* Section 4 Enforcement Removal of intoxicated persons from the streets by police or state troopers to temporary detoxification units then set up long term programs / re-education and psychiatric treatment. To pay for these services taxes should be levied on the purveyors and purchasers of alcoholic beverages. Let those who use the product pay the costs resulting from its use. I do not drink, & do not appreciate paying for the

problem to which I was very conducive.)

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P.S. Hope this seems in time to be of some use. I am in California. My father, aged 97, fell and broke his hip.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education -

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment -

* Section 3 Local Option -

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education. Special state-funded programs will allow local School districts to hire teacher-specialists in counseling and behavioral sciences ~~of~~ and will also provide materials and teacher workshops in preventative programs starting at grade 1. (Values Clarification Classes, Human Behavior classes. Anything to develop positive role models for kids in rural Alaska will take time, such as teacher training + Counselor training programs to get more Native adults into professions where they can work with kids.

(Jobs + training for unemployed is probably more important than anything else on the long run because it will increase self-esteem + create people to deal with their destructive Behavior)

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Recreation programs and other alternative activities such as cottage-industry workshops, cultural activities, indoor sport areas will be available to local communities submitting suitable plans, through a special addition to revenue sharing funding. Child care components.

Evening classes in clearly identifyable skills training with Child-care components. Public works programs directed at rural needs.

State Grants + scholarships for people who will go into training programs (geared to rural people) to produce prevention workers + Counselors

* Section 3 Local Option

By providing the above through revenue-sharing and special grant-funds, local communities will be required to commit themselves, plan + put up match in order to avail themselves of the funds. Match should not be required to be monetary.

Any community buying into Hammonds' local options plan should get proper subsidies to cover revenue losses.

* Section 4 Enforcement Drunk in public should be a crime - a misdemeanor, but with required jail time or substitute treatment time. Drunken driving + other felonies the same. No getting off with fines alone. 2nd offenders should face definite prosecution. Compulsory treatment is OK for 2nd offenders on alcohol related crimes, but they must be good treatment programs, not just dumping grounds. Work-release or Jobs with training opportunities is vital for hard-core unemployed drinkers. Stiffer penalties on drivers licenses 2nd offenders

Much stricter enforcement on barowners + bartenders. These are not enforced now.

Much stiffer judgments on those who sell or pass alcohol to minors.

State troopers support to villages voting dry. They cannot enforce alone in a small community. Constable has little power.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

See Inclosed for one idea —

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Begin education at Elementary Levels.
Use the media to educate.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide alternate activities such as recreation
There should definetly be a place in the community where a person can go to.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Treat as an illness and not a crime.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Local Alcoholism offices staffed with trained personell.
Certification and training for those people working in the field of Alcoholism.
K through 12 curriculmn in all school areas.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

State wide detoxification centers, local half way house's, also long care intensive care centers.

* Section 3 Local Option

para-professional in out lying areas trained as alcoholism counselors.
Coordinate state agencies, stop wasting money + concentrate on helping the problem drinker and suffering alcoholic.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Courts are too lenient where alcoholic convictions are concerned, driving & non driving offences.
Put teeth into law requiring Judges to put a person into alcoholism training and/or treatment or put him in jail.

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A Labor & Management Occupational Alcohol Program has the information and education elements built in with the main ingredient of early identification. Through job deterioration and getting an individual aware of his/her drinking problem and willing to do something about it at an early stage. Training of supervisors, community leaders, etc.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alaska needs a statewide detoxification center and a local halfway house program with trained local counselors in each community.

* Section 3 Local Option

Program and more money won't help unless you have local people directly involved. Community participation is one of the keys.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Being drunk in public is wrong and should not be socially acceptable. Change the laws to show disapproval of this behavior. Then the drunks could be picked up and given help.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Attitudes about drinking need to be changed. Only through education in the schools over a long time will people stop accepting drinking as all right.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide incentives for employers to put their people through compulsory treatment. The person then has a choice of finding help or finding another job.

* Section 3 Local Option

We nedd FEWER outlets for dispensing alcohol. We have less than 2000 people in Seward and have 17 liquor outlets. WE need a moratorium on licensing new bars until the law(Title 4) is clarified and enforced. In 1975 Seward paid 10.2% of state liquor tax, they have fewer than 2% of Alaska population! This is MUCH OUT OF PTOPORTION!

* Section 4 Enforcement

Increase the penalties for drunk driving, Make these so stiff a person will not want to drive when drinking because the consequence is so great. Put some teeth into present laws and require judges to put EVERY PERSON guilty of DWIL into alcohol treatment or in jail. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Develop Films, Slides and literature relevant to the village structure, i.e. Drinking habits, How to work with Alcoholics and Recognizing symtoms with solutions

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide more effective Rehabilitation centers in the villages with properly trained staff. Develop Employment and Recreation with goals toward Rehabilitation

* Section 3 Local Option

Provide more training for Alcoholism personnel, Enlarge programs and funding

* Section 4 Enforcement

Train enforcement agencies about Alcoholism with solutions and to work closely with Alcoholism programs.

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Ban on advertising hard alcohol - especially ads which depict alcohol as answer to problems.

Collect tax revenues from alcohol sufficient to pay for state programs in Education, enforcement and treatment - why should non-drinkers have to pay for such abuse when there is a mechanism to tax the source of the problem?

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

State should provide best programs available in as many communities as possible - but only those that can be paid for out of revenues coming from alcohol taxes. Non drinkers should not have to pay for alcohol abuse. The drinkers and industry who profit should.

* Section 3 Local Option

allow local communities to go dry and then provide revenue sharing to make up for lost revenue - also let local Courts have fines levied against bootleggers as an incentive for local enforcement.

* Section 4 Enforcement

allow local option with revenues going to local Municipality.

Closing hours should be earlier. Why keep Bars open until 5 Am This invites problems with Alcohol related crime - to say nothing of loss of productivity for Workers on jobs next day.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

~~It~~ Local coucils on Alcoholism shall be encouraged to develope effective alcohol prevention and education progams with adequate funding and

Provision of an alcoholism education speicalist for each major area of Alaska who would travel to the individual communities and assist them as needed as a consultant.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Well staffed and organized comprehensive treatment centers to include vocational guidance, medical and psychiatric care as well as alcohol counseling should be deveolpped in each area with the first being in the Anchorage area and to operate there as a pilot project for 1 year before the others are opened. Meanwhile present half way houses should be funded in such a way as to make them available to all without regard to race, creed , or sex, or funds of the individual.

* Section 3 Local Option

Each community will henceforth have the right to determine the number and type of liquor outlets in its own community providing that the total number does not exceed the ration of outlets/ 1000 people in the present statute.
The State Liquor board shall continue to detrorimne who shall or shall not have liquor licenses in areas out side of cities and organized bouroughs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Local police and state police shall enforce the local and state regulations,

Section 5 Funding

An added tax of 6% shall be added to Liquor sold at retail [redacted] in Alaska, proceeds of which would be used for funding of items in section 1 and 2 above

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Be done by one agency - Mental Health, to be financed by taxes on liquor wholesale and retail establishments.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Communities to be encouraged to establish indoor recreation centers & care centers for drinkers. To be financed by taxes on liquor wholesale and retail establishments.

* Section 3 Local Option Present statutes left. Communities encouraged to establish community package store.

* Section 4 Enforcement As at present, with decent centers in which to place drunks until they can function.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Alcoholism education to begin in Kindergarten and taught through grade 12.

A minimum of 12 films per year provided each community with a [illegible] made and adherred to.

Return to the 'Black Hat' where known alcohol liquor cannot purchase or be served.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment A State funded recreation facility in each community.. operated by recovering alcoholics.

A State training program for recovering alcoholics to get them back into the working world. A school loan or whatever is necessary to make this person productive again with a guarenteed job awaiting with the loan to be paidrback in monthly installments automatically held out of the paycheck by the employer.

* Section 3 Local Option

A State funded Council on Alcoholism in each community with a local decision making board of directors. All that should come out of the Juneau office is guidelines; not a mandatory set of rules. Client names should remain in a local file and not on State display. This includes any information that might identify the client..

* Section 4 Enforcement : Classify alcoholism as a disease,with required treatment of a three month minimum in an alcohol treatment hospital (longer if counselor feels it is needed). A weekly follow-up of one year with the local council on alcoholism.

Require license of both bartender and waitresses to be held liable for serving an obviously drunk person. 1 year probation for first offense and taken away for 1 year for second offense.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

It's not fair for the taxpayer to have to suffer because of alcohol abuse that makes dealers wealthy. Maintain liquor prices as they are now, but drastically reduce markup the wholesalers and retailers can charge for by-the-drink and volume sales. Then increase the tax rate to bring the price up where it is now. This will put a bigger share of the burden where it belongs.

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Make the penalty for first offence DWI-OMVI at least 30 days in jail with education mandatory while in jail. With second offence 90 days. Make the penalties mandatory so all will know it could be them also.

Teach children about the good and bad features of alcohol from the early grades.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

Local Option only if it is tougher than the State Law.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Law enforcement officers including judges must be educated so they can take action that will solve the problem not create new ones. Medical personnel from the Medic on the ambulance to the Doctor in the hospital also must be educated.

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~~I feel strongly~~ Mandatory education as to nature of alcoholism for a person to be able to work in the liquor industry bartender, waitress, salesman etc

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

I feel strongly that local municipalities be given the option to place a tax on liquor to fund local rehabilitation. Problems with this can be worked out. Let cities do this who would find it beneficial. If this would not work in Anchorage don't let this hinder Hoonah.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

~~I feel strong that a local municipality~~ mandatory 3 days in jail for drunk driving and license suspension. go back to territoral law for bootlegging

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I should start this like in Navy Day Now HEAR THIS — for myself & both smoke and drink — but I firmly believe that the health or social problems that arise from both alcohol or tobacco - those costs should be borne by the user.

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Ketchikan, Alaska

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

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Check the states that experience the problems the least - and imitate them (Canada - Kansas - Arkansas - Nebraska) It will mean a sharp curtailment in the hours of liquor dispensing - much like the curtailment of the speed limit on the highways.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Work farms - it allows a person to "Dry Out" whether they want to or not. When sober they are then subject to reasoning. They will have money from their work to start anew - and if the work at "the farm" was hard enough, they would not want to go back.

* Section 3 Local Option

Road work - forestry - logging - any physical labor - closely supervised to "dry" them out.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Enforced labor - closely supervised to keep alcohol away from them until their mind clears - maybe 60 - 90 days.

1. Hard physical labor
2. Loving concern for their mind & families
3. In all - Dynamic State agency for work farms.
4. No work - no eat.

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Training of program people, standards and certification.

K thru 12 - in all schools curriculum - "Here's looking at you"

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

drop in centers with coffee, pool, cards & counselors on duty

a treatment center & detox for the Kenai Soldatna & Homer area

a recovery house & enough help in office for a continuum of care.

* Section 3 Local Option

taxation of booze - here & State wide - See Hammonds packet.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Give the law enforcement people & the alcohol people clear readable laws. The judge needs the power to have people comitted to treatment

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I cannot understand why Alcoholic Anonymous has not been stressed as a one to one is very important in drinking Treatment. I failed to see any mention of this in your brochure. We could give more support to this organization

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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Attitudes towards drinking must be changed in this country. Drinking in moderation must be emphasized. Drunkeness of any kind must be discouraged heavily. Education through the schools but, most of all, in families with change attitudes and drinking patterns

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Support for Community schools is a must. Stronger controls on licensing. Shorter hours for bars and liquor stores. Encouragement of public recreational development. Leisure time centers for the elderly, youth, and unemployed.

* Section 3 Local Option

By all means we should have strong local option.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Every way that drunkeness can be discouraged should be used. HEAVY penalties for public drunkeness and particularly drunk driving. Mandatory alcoholism programs for habitual offenders. There is no excuse for drunk driving.

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Education should begin in pindergarten or Elementary school and continue through 12th grade. It should be a requirement on all public schools. Prevention and Education should also be done by Alcohol Educators on the communities — an outreach program where the educators go to homes where alcohol related problems are indicated by a counselor, social worker & concerned individual.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Regional recovery centers should be set up — it would be preferable to have local recovery centers but that does not seem realistic at this point also, the recovery centers should be for non-Natives as well as Natives since alcoholism makes no distinction of race or social status. Various funding agencies should be made available for those who are unable to pay for treatment. Companies and organizations should have an intervention program for employees before the employee loses his/her job. (Knowledge can be obtained from Johnson Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.)

* Section 3 Local Option

Local involvement is very necessary. Technical assistance could be provided but the decision on how local programs are run should be left up to the local people. They know best what will or will not work in their communities.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Law enforcement agencies should also be given education on the disease alcoholism — judges on down! On alcohol-related court cases should enforce professional counseling on alcoholism in lieu of a fine or jail sentence. The money that would be used for a fine to go to the counseling program for ~~a~~ number of sessions. This would be for the first offense. A reporting system should also be set up so the court knows the offender is receiving the counseling. If offense continue (2nd or 3rd time) the person should be given alternate of jail term or recovery center.

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-Eliminate all liquor advertizing
-Tax alcoholic beverages at rates which will fund all existing and expanded alcoholism treatment programs.
-encourage installation of breathalyzers in liquor establishments
-expand school programs in alcohol education (and tobacco educ.)
-give more funding to recreation centers and other alternatives to drinking for youth and adults.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide a much-expanded treatment and prevention program. The two functions should go hand in hand, with close liaisson between programs, local schools and other public agencies. This should be funded through greatly increased liquor taxes (whatever it takes to cover 100% of the cost.

Treatment programs should include clean facilities - but with no coddling - for drunks to sober up. Treatment should be, for the problem drinker, intensive but again with no coddling. Coddling of drunks is just behavior modification saying "It's OK to get drunk and sick, because then you can go to the hospital" where you get a clean bed, a warm room and room service. A free shower and you leave with the warm feeling that you've gotten the best attention you've had since the last time you were at the hospital!

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Make breathalyzers more available to the public. Many people - unless so drunk they have lost all reason - would be convinced they shouldn't drive by test results.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education State controled early closing hours, IE 1:00 AM Monday thru Friday 2:00AM Saturday. Closed Sunday. Training for bartenders prerequisite to licensing. License required. Early school training.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Detox centers and local halfway houses. Local shelters for families. Recreation centers.

* Section 3 Local Option Village councils. Elders are presently helpless in directing the younger people. Prevent mail and freight containing liquor from going to "dry" communities. Increase taxes on liquor.

* Section 4 Enforcement Return law to 21 year age for drinking. Require reasonable closing hours for bars. Fine or imprison persons serving individuals who are under age or who have reached a stage of irresponsibility. Fine or imprison persons who are drunk in a public place. Require liquor to be purchased at a store or bar no home delivery.

Comment: Do not allow the greed of sellers to sway legislation from placing laws and regulations on the sale of harmful and deadly products ie liquor,

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A) THAT A CURRICULUM BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE ALASKA SCHOOL SYSTEM, GRADE K-12 THAT WOULD PROVIDE EDUCATION REGARDING ALCOHOLISM AND NUTRITION. NUTRITION IS IMPORTANT IN A PREVENTIVE WAY.

B) ALSO THAT ALL PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WHETHER EMPLOYERS - WORKERS, MINISTERS AND FAMILY PEOPLE, BE GIVEN EDUCATION ON WHAT THEY CAN DO ACTIVELY TO HELP WITH THE PROBLEM OF ALCOHOLISM. (* DOCTORS)

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

THAT TREATMENT PROGRAMS BE SET UP, THAT ARE USING THE MOST SUCCESSFUL METHODS KNOWN. INSTEAD OF THEORIES. AND INCORPORATE CURRENT NUTRITIONAL IDEAS INTO ALL PROGRAMS AS THIS IS VITAL TO A PERMANENT RECOVERY.

[redacted] THE STATE OFFICE SHOULD AGREE ON A CONSISTENT POLICY ON ALCOHOLISM AND ITS TREATMENT, AND SHOULD START THE BALL ROLLING BY UTILIZING A PROGRAM FOR ITS EMPLOYEES. (IDENTIFICATION + REFERRAL)

* Section 3 Local Option

WITH * Section 4 Enforcement

PEOPLE THAT ALCOHOL RELATED CRIMES OR INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED ONE TIME THEY MUST ATTEND AN EDUCATION CLASS - IF THEY HAVE A SECOND OFFENSE THE CHOICE OF JAIL TIME OR POSSIBLE TREATMENT.

THE ALCOHOLIC MUST BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ILLNESS - IN SOME CASES COMMITTMENT TO A TREATMENT PROGRAM.

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Education is needed as to why we resort to escape mechanisms (alcohol) Personal and social disorganization is rampant among the Alaskan Eskimo & Indians.

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I support Governor Hammond's proposals and the taxes on alcoholic beverages should be increased to help pay the cost of alcohol caused problems. The users should pay for the services they use or require.

Enforcement of bar rules is also necessary.

Education & prevention services are needed as well as inpatient & outpatient services and half way houses.

Accountability of programs is necessary and local control under state and federal guidelines.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education The state has to pass higher taxes on alcohol to aid in the treatment of alcoholism. These funds should be distributed to local programs. Alcoholism is such a part of the Alaskan way of life, that some legislators have not realized that we must do more to prevent and treat it.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide for adequate facilities for detoxification. This is a hospital-type operation and should be provided for by the state.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Local areas should be given the tools to make & enforce liquor regulations.

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give more money to community; But the government cut our funds back and now I can't offer alternative for drinking

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Provide a special municipal building grant for multi purpose building in the villages then we could have more activities planned and less drinking

* Section 3 Local Option

use para professionals in outlying areas but train them as alcoholism counselors

* Section 4 Enforcement

return law to 21 year age limit for drinking

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Education is needed in the lower grades of the schools.
Reduce and control the outlets for dispensing alcohol.
I prefer state-owned ABC stores.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Have local people, trained or ex-alcohic, to help local people.

Every hospital should have an alcoholism ward for treatment and to dry out. Jails disgrade a person.

Increase involvement for young people in the Community schools programs. Community School Coordinators should plan activities for the juvenile.

* Section 3 Local Option

Have local people directly involved in alcoholism programs. Get the local people involved in determining how alcoholism money is to be spent.

Money from the state welfare system feeds the alcohol problem.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Increase penalties for drunk driving and accidents.

Sell alcohol through state-owned ABC stores similar to those in north carolina.

Increase the tax on alcohol to support alcoholism programs.

No alcohol is to be shipped to any dry village via aircraft.

Impose heavy fines on selling illegal alcohol and impose liability on parents of minors who purchase alcohol.

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More funds should be allocated to developing educational material for prevention of alcohol abuse and alcoholism for young children and youth.

Bartenders, liquor sales people and others should be required to take inservice training and be licensed to serve liquor. The training should be composed of what the State and Federal laws are regarding alcohol, its abuse, and its addictive powers. Emphasis should be placed on how they can help an alcoholic, and provide the public service of referring alcoholics to treatment people. They should also be made aware of their conscionable duty of this particular illness.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

A larger detoxification center should be made available in Southeast Alaska to serve the villages. This facility should coordinate closely with village programs so that follow-up care and halfway house care is fully utilized. Treatment programs should be implemented in villages where liquor is sold.

* Section 3 Local Option

Give the villages the legal right to impose a tax on liquor sales and utilize those monies to fund local treatment programs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Raise the drinking age back to age 21. Impose a higher fine (critically high) and jail sentence for 1) selling liquor to minors; 2) "runners" furnishing to minors; 3) bootlegging; and 4) making "home brew, etc."

Impose strict responsibility and penalize parents with delinquent children who violate consumption of alcohol.

Require the liquor control board to give information to the local police department and the city councils information regarding license violations.

Reinforce the previously enacted statutes on alcohol abuse and alcoholism with programs and treatment care.

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2. Give same to all arrested persons using alcohol.
3. Harder laws for the defender.
4. Required classes for all offenders and sellers of alcohol
5. Strictor requires for the sellers to provide for those they help make hungry, cold, and poor.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

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* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Provide more police force to enforce this states laws.
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3. Make and enforce stronger laws for drunken driving and public drunkenness. The latter is terrible in Kotzebue.
4. When a community is dry, enforce the XXXX law on bootlegging.
5. This state does not have to put up with such terrible conditions in this area. We need to elect senators and representatives who cannot be bought by the Liquor companies and then each community get together and do what needs to be done to eliminate this problem. Until the people of each community is willing to do something, nothing is going to happen that is good and beneficial.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Mandatory requirement for all liquor purchases: Alaska State Liquor Control Board Card, good for one year, with punch idents, no carry overs, color photo, issued by DMVI.

ELIMINATION of all business tax write offs for advertising via any media.

Mandatory education for all persons, seeking ASLCBC, written and oral exam must be passed.

Cross computer check with Alaska State Liquor Control Board, before issusance of ASLCBC, drivers license, both to be issued by Department of Motor Vehicles, stations.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

No alternatives: Drunk in Public, Dmvwi, Omvwi, harsh detoxfication tank, basics - no extras No - Plea - Bargining !.

Second offense, removal of drivers license and vehicle at the same time, for not less than one year.

Any deaths resulting from liquor shall be considered a felony. No - Plea - Bargining !

Establishment of record center - cross searched by computer,. second offense, Alcoholics will work drunk tank as directed by police officers and any related alcohol related accidents, alcoholics will be a physical wittness to all results, and physical appearance of same.

Must be granted probation by a division of Alaska State Liquor Control Board, before release from above program. A period of at least three (3) years, before release,

* Section 3 Local Option

Must follow, Federal, State, Local laws, licensing requirements.

Illegal to be drunk any-where, any-time period.

No sales of liquor will be made to anyone unless in posession of current ASLCBC and sales must be registered by number, name, amount of purchase and forewarded to ASLCBC record station

* Section 4 Enforcement

Establishment of "ALASKA STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD", All alcholics will bear any and all increases of equal proportion of all insurance increaseses, related to alcohol. A non - drinker, WILL NOT have his insurance increased by said alcohol catagory.

These provisions of law will be applicable to all areas where alcholic beverages are sold or consumed.

At least one signed and wittnessed paragraph containing the following, will be part of the drivers license exam and Alaska State Liquor Control Board Card exam: I have read and fully understand that, driving or operating any motorvehichle while under the influence of liquor may be grounds for a fellony charge and subsquent insurance price increases.

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Local education agencies be required to develop and maintain a comprehensive substance abuse curriculum which includes alcoholism. Funds for supporting this effort be appropriated by the legislature, in part, through increased taxes on alcoholic beverages.

Develop community-based activity/recreational programs as alternatives to the "saloon-social" options currently available in many communities.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Through regional mental health centers, or related agencies, provide individual and family counseling and therapy programs.

* Section 3 Local Option

From alcohol tax revenues, reimburse local communities for maintenance of treatment/enforcement programs which meet their needs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Provide appropriate resources (financial and personnel) to communities to enforce extant laws (before new laws are enacted).

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1.The Commissioner for H.& S.S. or suitably qualified associate or deputy shall establish machinery for propaganda in the "war against alcoholism." (S)he shall solicit intensive assistance from voluntary asssociations, clubs, advisers, newpapers, broadcasting companies for statewide, frequent propaganda on the problems of alcoholism. 2.Rewards (in material or status) shall be awarded for suitable contributuions from professionals, amateurs or schools for winners in competitions etc. that assist this project. 3.Well qualified professionals in advertising etc will be employed in this sustained campaign. 4.Attempts at prevention by the adoption of limited drinking hours shall be facilitated.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. The Commissioner for Education shall study the means of correlating the present educational system with the demands in the market for skills in present day graduates. 2.Activities such as the development of marketable domestic (home) occupations shall receive financial encouragement as well as the encouragement of the development of labor-intensive businesses in the rural areas.(e.g. tax relief, subsidies)

3.All definitive alcoholics shall receive searching medical investigation with a view to organic diagnosis, co-existing medical conditions, and review for further management. There the prognosis is considered good, they shall receive medical care and concentrated rehabilitation for as much as two years after discharge, and no less than one year. Where the prognosis is poor, there shall be established a long term facility for their care. If there is a psychiatric or other basis, appropriate referral and care shall be instituted.

* Section 3 Local Option

1.Communities shall have the choice of instituting local restraints against the public danger of alcohol consumption, either as total prohibition, early closing. Trafficking in alcohol in contravention of ordinances an laws shall be severely punished by fines, inprisonment, or other confiscations.

2.The hours during which alcohol may be publicly consumed in the State shall be limited to 11 am-3.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1.The strength of law enforcement officers(State Troopers, Police Apertment) shall be increased to the optimal for the purpose of this Act. The strength of the State Troopers in the bush shall be increased to a density capable of enforcing law and order, procuring and delivering evidence, without fear of intimidation or personal influences. 2. No person shall operate in public machinery while under the influence, or delave after effects or alcohol or other drugs in any circumstances. The penalty for a first offense shall be 1/100 of the offender's annual income and/or six months' imprisonment, and for the second offense 1/40 of th annual income and/or one year's imprisonment unless the offender is a diagnosable alcoholic in need of medical care and re abilitation

Law enforcement officers shall have the powers to detain for examination any drivers for detection of drinking, and shall be empowered to institute spot checks and road blocks for this purpose.

3. Brief notices or slogans on the risks of alcohol consumption shall be frequently publicly posted, and there shall be highway and street signs (every five miles on the highway, more frequently in the town) indicating the penalties for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The Commissioner for H.& SS or Public Safety shall explore methods of recruiting enforcement officials whose duty it shall be to enforce sober operation of motor vehicles. This shall be a uniformed, specialized, visible force.

ADDENDA:

Section 1.

The Commissioner of the Department of Commerce shall be directed to investigate the legal potentialities of an ordinance or other legislative instrument for enforcing the limitation of the alcohol content of beverages at the the standard of the following maxima:

a). Beers and Ales 3-4% by volume
b). Light Wines 6%
c) Fortified Wines 10%
d) Spirits: Not greater than 50° proof.

In addition the sale of pure ethyl alcohol shall be considered as a controlled substance, in the same way as all other central nervous system agents. (Similar provisions for other alcohols). In addition, it shall be an offense punishable by severe confiscation to supply alcohol in any form to a definitive alcohol abuser. In addition, the Commissioner of Revenue shall explore the potentiality of the issue of a drinking license (especially in rural areas) on a basis similar to that of a driving license.

2 Section: The Commissioner(s) of H & SS and/or the Dept. of Public Safety sall investiarte the methods developed in the Arctic regions of neighboring States and Provinces, for law enforcement and the management of the social problems of alcoholism and reconsider their results(particularly in the Yukon Territory).

3. Appropriations for this program shall be obtained from
a) amounts returned from confiscation or fines
b) an increase in income or individual, or regional property taxes
c). an regional area or community tax, specifically levied on those communities who consistently fail to meet standards in respect of public drunkenness, notoriously offending taverns, and repeated failure to enforce OMVI and the other statutes proposed in this bill.

4. Enforcement of sober managment of motor vehicle. Any citizen or resident of this State may bring a complaint against the driver of a motor vehicle whom he considers to be either inebriated or under the immediate or late effects of alcohol, or driving recklessly. Failure of the appropriate authority--Driver Regulation Responsibilty Board, or community Dept of Public Safety, which fails to take action on presentation of the license number or other identifying data, with a view to mandatory conviction, shall be liable to legal proceedings as Defendant in an action with the State as Plaintiff.
In fact, it shall be the responsibility of every citizen and resident of this State to see that safe passage on the public roads, routes and streets is observed.

The Commissioner of H&SS shall be empowered to institute a substantial increase in strength of the the Field Audit Service of the Dept. of H.&SS with a view to close examination of the financial activities of all the programs throughout the State.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

"I know we can't solve all the alcoholism problems, but a start must begin someplace. Education is needed in the schools, particularly in the lower grades." Any educational program has to teach that alcoholism is a disease and after heavy drinking for a period of time, a person looses control of his ability to say 'no'."

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

"An alcoholic does not have a free will where liquor is concerned. His body needs it and his mind knows nothing else except his next drink. He needs to be forced into treatment.

"Change the Workmans Compensation laws or set up a special loan fund to allow for payments to a person's family if the person voluntarily goes to a treatment program and looses time from work."

Extra taxes levied against the manufacturer, retailer & consumer could help pay some of the costs of treatment.

* Section 3 Local Option

"There is a lot of money being wasted for alcoholism by competing state agencies. Office of Alcoholism, Mental Health, Community & Regional affairs, Vocational Rehabilitation, Highway Safety are all spending money. If we could coordinate all the money there might be enough to help the problem at the local level.
...programs and more money won't help unless you have the local people directly involved. The state cannot solve the problem from Juneau."

These people should be oriented to the problem!

* Section 4 Enforcement

"There is a difference between punishment and treatment, so pass a law which would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment rather than punish him with a fine."

"The alcoholic who has a problem will get alcohol regardless of the price or its availability even if he has to make it himself. Why punish others who drink without problems? Concentrate on those with the problem through prevention and early intervention, even if you have to force a person into treatment."

The person then has a choice of finding help for himself."

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education ...the division will set forth a series of several criteria in order that radio, television, newspaper, schools, churches and hospitals (regardless of whether they are privately or publically funded) and grants shall be made on a one year project basis for amounts up to $25,000.

...it shall be required that all automobile or other accidents where the guilty is decided by the court to have been drunk shall be released to the press and properly made public.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment ...the Division of Alcohol will set up a grant funding system for various categories of treatment. All detoxification funding whall be made available for those hospitals which apply and meet the criteria. Short and Long term treatment programs can be handled by any group in the bevavioral or religious categories, but under no circumstances shall a municipality serve as 'middle man'; however, a municipality may apply for grant money under the treatment (not the detoxification portion if they operate it with their staff.

Provision may be made for 'sleep in', 'walk in' type centers where essentially the indigent are afforded the most minimal of shelter, hopefully so unappealing that they might consider sobriety as a viable option.

Penalties shall be afforded any state funded operation posing as a treatment center when in fact operating a motel setting to motivate chronic alcoholics into continuing to drink.

* Section 3 Local Option

Any municipality or village shall be given total authority (within the conditions of the U.S. and State Constitution on such areas as privacy and detainment without a court order) to do as they will choose. This would include everything from total prohibition to wide open number of hours, age limits and number of saloons or other type dispensers. The local option should be complete, except as to how some of the extremes might be unconstitutional.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Have enforcement upon those facets of the problem which effect another person (Traffic fatality from DWI, violence, etc.) punitive to the extreme, immediate and force the judges to be mean as hell.

Simplify and clarify the bull shit laws such as age, number of bars, hours so that they are enforceable and simple to do; that leavas time and energy for the more serious items as above.

In general, be tough on those areas where through alcohol an innocent victim is hurt, and be lenient on those matters of law which have extremely limited or no effect upon the damages caused by alcoholism.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

(1) BARS OPEN AT 11:00 AM - CLOSE AT 2:00 AM
(2) LEGAL AGE - 21 (18?)
(3) TOO MANY BARS
(4) TV ALCOHOL ADS A WASTE OF MONEY

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

(1) EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS
(2) WORK PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF DETOX CENTERS
(3) TOO MANY WELFARE MONIES GO FOR LIQUOR GIVE FOOD STAMPS INSTEAD

* Section 3 Local Option

(1) ABC / CITY INSPECTORS AUDIT BOOKS OF BARS & TELL BARTENDER NOT TO SERVE TO DRUNKS PERIOD - LOOK AT DRUNK IN ANCHORAGE - A DISGRACE!

* Section 4 Enforcement

(1) SHOULD BE SAME LAWS THROUGHOUT STATE
(2) JAILS SHOULD CHARGE DRUNKS FOR PICK-UPS. COST TAXPAYERS TOO MUCH MONEY

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

make the punishment for alcohol related crime too stiff for anyone to want to even think about; especially second offenders. (includes drunk driving) Reduce the number of bars per capata, reduce hours

* Section 2 ~~Alternatives to~~ Drinking, Treatment

put a warning on bottles saying it can be addictive and dangerous to health; eliminate tax write off for liquor advertising;

- Provide leaderships in recreational outlets, sports and hobbies.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Make the punishment mandatory - don't give the judges so much leeway.

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ALCOHOL DOES NOT MAKE AN ALCOHOLIC, JUST AS A GUN DOES NOT MAKE A PERSON A KILLER. MAKING A PERSON A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN IS AN INVOLVED PROSESS AS WE ALL KNOW, AND DOESNT INCLUDE GIVING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

THROUGH OUT HISTORY MAN HAS HAD AN OUTLET TO ESCAPE THE DAY TO DAY CHORES, TAKE AWAY ALCOHOL AND IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH SOMETHING ELSE

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

PUT A LAWBREAKER IN JAIL + ALL IT ACCOMPLISHED WAS A BURDON ON THE TAXPAYERS WHY DONT WE GET SMART AND MAKE THEM PAY WHEN THEY BREAK THE LAW, WITH THE SWEAT OF THEIR BROW OR THE MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS

FROM D.M. ZIVANICH
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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Tax the liquor industry to death and
ear mark the revenue for education re alcohol
Label all containers as "dangerous to your health"

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Jail as treatment - no alternatives

* Section 3 Local Option

Food + jobs instead of welfare.

* Section 4 Enforcement

21 year age for drinking
Jail for drunk driving
Mandatory detoxification places
Strict enforcement of illegal sales laws

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This is not legislative language -- just my suggestions, which your staff can render into legalese. Afflerbach

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Permit no tax-deduction for any promotional or advertising expenses of any kind by bars, liquor stores.

Add questions relating to alcohol consumption and driving to licensure examination, with mandatory ~~passing~~ performance to get any driver's license or permit.

Require that any program addressing alcohol use/abuse in any form include public information/education as one part of the program.

Delete alcohol expenses as a tax-deductible lobbying expense.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Establish a long-term residential treatment program in the state, with fees on the basis of ability to pay. Could be either private (preferred) or state-operated (likely to become bogged down in politics).

Add alcoholism as a legitimate and covered medical expense under Medicaid.

Encourage community centers, recreation programs & facilities through long-term, low interest loans and/or outright grants, to provide alternatives to drinking.

By resolution and example, make alcohol intoxication socially unapproved.

* Section 3 Local Option

Require ABC board to reject license application if rejected by local government, and act upon only those approved by local government. This for both new applications and renewals.

Continue local option to vote "dry."

* Section 4 Enforcement

Serving liquor to an intoxicated person should be covered by the same rules as serving a minor -- both bartender and bar owner should be penalized.

Liquor should be sold on premises only -- no telephone ordering for home delivery or taxicab delivery.

Completely remove intoxication as a defense in excusing any antisocial act before the law -- no "temporary insanity by reason of alcoholic intoxication."

Phase out transfer of licenses between business entities over a period of years, so licenses revert to the state with sale of premises, with reapplication necessary.

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A Labor & Management Occupational Alcohol Program has the information and education elements built in with the main ingredient of early identification Through job deterioration and getting an individual aware of his/her drinking problem and willing to do something about it at an early state. Training of supervisors, community leaders, etc.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alaska needs a statewide detoxification center and a local halfway house program with trained local counselors in each community.

* Section 3 Local Option

Program and more money won't help unless you have local people directly involved. Community partifipation is one of the keys.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Being drunk in public is wrong and should not be socially acceptable. Change the laws to show disapproval of this behavior. Then the drunks could be picked up and given help.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education —— school + media presentations and discussions covering ALCOHOL as ONE of MANY, THE MOST SERIOUS, DRUG PROBLEM — dangerous to health, to pregnancy, to genetic future, to marital happiness — get alcoholic legislators and judges into treatment

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment —— encourage + fund Church-related alcohol- + treatment programs, because they work — despite "separation of C + S" —— (AA is NOT the only way, and fails for some) ——

* Section 3 Local Option Save airplanes of those delivering alcohol to underage; encourage community-government to sell + control alcohol purchase to village. Revenue-sharing + local expenditures on locally-determined programs + give any program at least 2 years to get started before (destructive) "review" —

* Section 4 Enforcement Require jail — no "suspension on conditions" for DWI-OMVI — may allow "work release" — but enforced license suspension

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Ads on T.V. & radio regularly during the rush hour traffic. Mandatory courses at all levels of education! Be sure the citizens know what alcoholism is so they can recognize it - possibly in themselves if they are just starting to drink.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment Govt employees could have health benefits to pay for treatment & family counseling. This could be imposed on all Alaskan employees. There is a great need for a good detoxification & treatment center/hospital in Alaska. State taxes on alcoholic beverages (& all industries or services which are spin-offs from them) should be high & put into such a treatment center or centers.

* Section 3 Local Option

It could be the local option to be completely dry allow only 2/3 beer &/or wine, or have the alcohol served during further limited hours - other than what the State law is.

* Section 4 Enforcement If the person is involved in any illegal activity while intoxicated, there should be an immediate suspension of the Ak. drivers license and the person would be put under a court order to attend AA and/or counseling therapy for AA's & their spouses and/or families.

Change hours of Bars, liquor stores & alcohol availability (such as on airlines).

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education *(Funds taken from ineffective programs.)*

That all bars be closed at midnight.
That a half-hour movie be produced for all students in school showing dramatically what happens to a person drinking alcohol and the terrible things he may do under its influence.
That bars conspicuously supply coffee and snacks.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

That all alcoholics be checked for low blood sugar.
That they be taught how good nutrition will help them to avoid drinking alcohol.
That "experts" not be shuttled to the bush and elsewhere except to teach a resident to handle things.

* Section 3 Local Option

That bars be closed at midnight.
That alcoholics receive no welfare money, but credits for buying food only.

* Section 4 Enforcement

That those drunk in public be jailed or given public service work such as cleaning littered areas, and paid with food credits only.
That first offense drunken drivers lose their driving licenses. Second offense a jail term.
That age limit be raised to 21.

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Whereas the only person able to help an alcoholic is the alcoholic himself;

whereas any treatment administered to an alcoholic without him really wanting that treatment will be temporary, until he wants a drink again;

Whereas if a man wants a drink, he should be entitled to buy a drink through legal outlets; and if he wants to get drunk it is his right provided he not break any laws;

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Whereas any public money spent on education, enforcement, treatment will increase state public program and spending;

Therefore be it enacted by the State of Alaska, that the State not get further involved in this Act and cancel all further hearings.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

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Provide a short unit for teachers on alcoholism. All information - effect of alcohol in the body, Ways alcohol abuse influence home life. Provide children with this problem which is affecting many. This problem is real. Provide suggestions on how teachers can help them develop right attitudes. Workshop type with puppetry or a team would be very effective in village situation.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Village Counsellors who were once alcoholic would be helpful. Or someone who is capable of being trained in this area.

If possible, jobs that offer leadership may sway a person away from alcohol. They would have the sense of responsibility - example basketball coaching, swimming instructor, etc.

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Enforce strict laws. No bootlegging, etc. Heavy punishment ministered thru. proper authority would be effective. Accidents would be prevented.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education- Atitudes need to be changed, it would be helpful if legislative committees holding hearings in the small towns around the state not go out and get drunk after the hearing!! This happened in early Dec. in Nome. Example is important and of course it is much more than legislators, people in important and influential positions need to be aware that they are encouraging a person to drink by drinking in public; a lot of people drink because "so and so" drinks.
Of equal importance is providing alternatives, ie: adequate recreational facilities and programs (community schools have a great program in Nome, but they had some of their funding cut by the Governor). Education is important, but I think you'll get more mileage from alternatives & atitudes.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment - Mandatory treatment for repeat offenders is a must. Prevention is the key, making alcohol difficult or expensive to obtain will keep many people from drinking or at least from drinking as often or as much. The industry should be taxed to the extent necessary to finance an treatment and rehabilitaion program. When it is known that persons having difficulty with alcohol cause problems and they still choose to drink, the tax they pay to get alcohol should pay for the problems caused. Carrying this a step further, I believe that no one should be permitted to be drunk outside of a limited number of places, ie: every dispenser of alcoholic beverages could be required to have sleep off type facilities with police inforcement all paid for by liquor taxes or the dispencer. A person can only get alcohol,&drink at the sight of dispensing; they can not leave that sight until the enforcement officer has determined through chemical or coordination tests that the person is not under the influence. In other words, let those who must drink, drink; but they don't have to impose upon the public and non-drinking family members.

* Section 3 Local Option The training of local people to run alcoholism programs is mandatory. Cultural differences in Western Alaska make most people ineffective for 2 to 3 years. But those local people must be people that are looked up to and respected, certainly not people with alcohol problems themselves. And of course these people must realize that their job is not necessarily a 40 hour a week job.

* Section 4 Enforcement - there has got to be more teeth in drunk driving laws. We have had several instantences where a person has killed someone while driving drunk and he has been observed driving while drunk a few months after being given a brief or suspended sentence for the first occurance. Public drunkeness is an infringement on the freedom of all the rest of the public; sleep off or treatment centers should be available to law enforcement people to place people that are drunk (determined by some chemical or coordination test by the officer with needing a court appearance).

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education
It should be made unlawful for any person(s), firm(s), corporation(s) or flying service(s) to sell, give in exchange, give or deliver any intoxicating liquor or beverage within the City Limits of the City of Any Bush Villiages.

Education: Need more material for teaching such as films and educated or experienced teachers to give classes to young people so they wouldn't be mislead.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment
We need a qualified Local counselor in all bush Villiages, not a person who comes in one day a month from larger towns or that counselor unable to speak the Native Language. Need a place for local counselor to train.
Need more recreational activities where everyone could meet with alot of recreational programs.

* Section 3 Local Option: Limits won't stop the people from drinking as we do not know who can consume How much liquor. So we need a holding facility to protect each other from freezing or hurting some one else that well be sorry for.
Build more Holding Facilities for more communities.

* Section 4 Enforcement: We have ask for a larger holding facility for our community, but there is alot of red tape saying we need a qualified majestate and State trooper. We also ask that the state train or provide a majestrate for 3 villiages AMBLER-SHUNGNAK and KOBUK AND set up a Holding Facility in SHUNGNAK with a State trooper and majestrate But still too much red tape. We are in need of a larger and suitable holding facility in each community.

Thank you very much
Reginald Cleveland

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Do-not dispense Alcohol to a DRUNKS - which is a common practice here AT the Local BAR
Start your Edgucations with The BAR owners and BARTENDERS - E
OUR Local Package STORE has good managment and no complaint there

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

In Galena there are plenty of other things to do beside get DRUNK
I admire the men who can DRINK in the Proper and orderly manner -
I don't because I was a failure at drinking

* Section 3 Local Option

Poorly dispensed booze under poor management with LITTLE OR NO Regard for Law - OR HEALTH And welfare of the Person DRINKING - OR the SAFTY of other People within the Premises a man was stabbed & Killed 4TH of December 1977 while minor in the BAR - and other junk going on

* Section 4 Enforcement

No use to ARREST Any one UNLESS you ARE going to MAKE THEM SUFFER the consequences of being drunk And disturbing the Public DAYS in JAIL UNDER HARD LABOR - Keep Adding DAYS And HARD LABOR - not coffee break LABOR -
This will TAKE The FUN out of some of the DRUNKS - you can only cure some of them only some helps - the only other cure is a good undertaker Andrew Hawkins

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

A curriculum on alcohol education should be part of a health curriculum and be a state-wide effort. Curriculum development should be under the State Department of Education.

Travel funds for resource people to conduct community education conferences throughout the regions would help people understand alcoholism. Existing alcoholism staff could be used if travel funds were to be allocated.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

The Copper River Region needs a Half-way House.

* Section 3 Local Option

Get community people together to get their ideas on what plans they would like to see in alcoholism programs.
Start AA groups in each village.

* Section 4 Enforcement

If each village had an AA group, the judge or magistrate could refer clients to the program. Transportation should be provided to clients if they don't have a program or an AA group in their community.

The Copper River Basin is always over-looked. The existing state-funded program is under-funded. We need treatment facilities.

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Alcoholism Counselor

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

PROVIDE LEGISLATION FOR SCHOOLS ON K-12 - COLLEGE, UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS ON THE PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOLISM. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR BUSH COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN TOO LONG NEGLECTED - LACK OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

PROVIDE LEGISLATION TO SPECIAL TRAIN LAWENFORCEMENT PEOPLE ON THE PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOLISM. PROBATION - REHABILITATION - COUNSELING - WORK RELEASE. IF CHILDREN SUFFER; physically, MENTALLY, SOCIALLY, AND IN DETERIORATING SCHOOL WORK - STIFF JAIL SENTENCING & FINE (LIKE DRUNK DRIVING LAWS). POSSIBLE LOSS OF CHILDREN due TO NEGLECT. INSTITUTIONALIZE OFFENDERS - CONFISCATE PROPERTY.

* Section 3 Local Option

RADIO, TV, NEWSPAPERS, NEWSLETTERS, public SPEAKERS MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES TO PUT EXTREME PRESSURE ON THE OFFENDER who HAS HAD TOO MANY OPTIONS IN AVOIDING RESPONSIBILITY TO his FAMILY, SOCIETY & TO HIMSELF. SPECIAL POLICE TRAINING, MANDATORY WORK PROGRAMS. PEER PATROLS.

* Section 4 Enforcement

NEW LAWS - HOLD JUDICIARY PEOPLE who HAVE BEEN TOO EASY ON ALCOHOL OFFENDERS. THERE HAS TO BE REALISTIC RESPONSIBILITY - 90% OF ALL PROBLEMS is ALCOHOL RELATED. TOO COSTLY!

* SECTION 5 FUNDING:

PLACE REALISTIC LICENSE FEE FOR ALL DISPENSING - RETAIL OUTLETS. THEY PROVIDE THE PRODUCT OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROBLEM THE AVERAGE A MONTHLY GROSS INCOME OF $100,000 EACH

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

That income tax deductions be allowed for contributions to alcoholism programs similar to those being allowed for contributions to political candidates. Further, that community programs be increased to encourage alternate activities and that a system of State grants be established for communities desiring to enlarge or present facilities create new facilities for such activities. Further, that the number of bars and liquor stores be limited within an area and that liquor stores and bars be prohibited from advertising and/or unable to receive tax deductions for such advertising. Finally, that the state ~~shall~~ control the price of alcoholic beverages.

Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking Treatment

That community programs be increased to encourage alternate activities .... (same as above sentence)

That a system of forced treatment be established that really is not forced but a choice be given between ~~treatment~~ or incarceration to the convicted alcoholic offender. That the system of ~~treatment~~ be carried out by professionals and lay volunteers, trained by professionals, who will keep close track of the alcoholic according to a rehabilitation plan established by the drinker and the lay volunteer.

That grants to communities be established to begin such programs.

That the state * Section 3 Local Option

Provide funds for communities who will set up a system of direct help to the alcoholic or problem drinker, ie.. those communities that will institute a program of direct help similar to a Big Brother Program, wherein lay volunteers or paid volunteers (perhaps the latter best for consistency) will engage with and encourage alternate activities to the problem drinker.

* Section 4 Enforcement

That the state would check with local community programs to see whether grants were being implemented as written; That items mentioned in Sections 1, 2 and 3 be enacted into law. Further, that unemployment compensation monies be given as credits for various items (food, rent, util. etc.) rather than cash. Finally, that the age of legal drinking be either raised to 21 or eliminated entirely.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

THIS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PARENTS.

TO ATTEMPT TO EDUCATE ON ALCOHOLISM OR PREVENT ALCOHOLISM IS SIMILAR TO PREVENTION & EDUCATION ON VD....

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

MOST TREATMENT PROGRAMS ARE A LESSON IN FUTILITY.

THE ONLY TREATMENT IS DETOXIFICATION WITH THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL REALIZE THAT THEY NEED TO SEEK HELP.

ACTUALLY, PUBLIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS ARE A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS MONEY....

* Section 3 Local Option

TURN ALL PROGRAMS OVER TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

LOCALLY, PROGRAMS ARE RUN BY INCOMPETENT...

THEY ARE BUILDING EMPIRES OF INCOMPETENTS.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ARREST AND GIVE A MINIMUM OF 30 days... it is the only treatment that has ever worked.

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Any city or suburb voting out Alcohol should have state police help to keep it from coming in. Natives cities voting prohibition should have plane & passenger inspections to see ~~it does~~ alcohol isn't bootlegged in, just like bomb checks!

* Section 4 Enforcement

Alcohol should pay its own bill. Why should people who never drinks alcoholic beverages pay for crimes and treatment caused by alcohol?

Most suggestions read in your brochure were only ways to avoid the real solution.— Outlaw Liquor, and enforce the law.

We have outlawed Laetrile, saccaharin, and other drugs with possible disease arresting powers and not mentally disturbing.

Achol cannot be proved good for human consumption in anyway.

It causes 85% of car accidents, a large part of child abuse, fights, divorces, loss of work, loss of money, injures the physical and mental health of the consumer, uses grains that could better be used to feed the hungry or run our cars. How can alcohol be sanctioned and not laetrile or sacaharin?

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Reduce number of bars in rural areas.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

* Section 4 Enforcement

Pass laws to close bars & liquor stores at 2:00 A.M. open week days 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 12:00 Noon.
Anyone seeking & entering establishments arrest and do not turn loose as in some cases.
Habitual drunks should be barred from all Public bars.