

SB

182

February 24, 1977

The Honorable John L. Rader
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18 of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 24.30.060(b) and the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am transmitting a bill which would expand the authority of general law municipalities in imposing taxes on liquor.

This bill has been requested by the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Alcoholism to give incorporated communities greater flexibility in using a sales tax to generate revenues needed to pay some of the costs created by the use of alcohol. Section 1 would amend AS 04.15.070(a) by removing its present prohibition against putting a tax on intoxicating liquor when other commodities are not taxed. Section 2 would amend AS 29.53.415(a) to authorize the taxing of a single class of commodity, and expressly permit a higher rate on intoxicating liquor. It also permits the setting of various rates within the ceiling on different classes of commodities.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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JUNEAU 99811

March 11, 1977

Senator Mike Coletta, Chairman
Special Committee on Alcoholism
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V, State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Senate Bill 182

Dear Senator Coletta:

In our final draft of this measure for the Governor's Office, we inadvertently failed to make a change in the title, necessitated by a late alteration in the body of the bill. We, therefore, would request your committee to make the following amendment:

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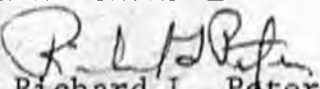
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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CITY of BETHEL

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March 28, 1978

Representative Joe Orsin
Chairman, Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Senate Bill No. 182, and House Bill No. 232, "AN ACT
RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SALES TAX.

Dear Representative Orsin:

At the regular Bethel City Council Meeting of March 13, 1978, the Council passed Resolution No. 227, endorsing Senate Bill No. 182, and House Bill No. 232, "AN ACT RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SALES TAX." and encourages the State Legislature to pass and approve this legislation.

Although the City of Bethel has voted not to have the sale of intoxicating liquor under the local option this proposed legislation would give a municipality another option in administering the necessary problems of alcohol. Since there exists such a variation in the size of communities in Alaska ranging from under 25, to a population of over 50,000, it seems quite difficult for the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to regulate each individual community. It is because of the varied sizes of communities in Alaska and the vast area in Alaska I believe that any legislation giving more local or regional control to the people that must inevitably live with the problems is the direction that the State must look at.

Going back to the two bills by giving a community the option to levy a higher sales tax on intoxicating liquor this could give each Community a revenue source that could eliminate many of the increased problems that arise from any community that does sell intoxicating liquor such as increased activity at the alcohol treatment centers, increased traffic problems, and increase social problems at home.

Sincerely,

Lyman Hoffman
City Manager

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"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA ENDORSING THE GOVERNORS REQUEST FOR AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SALES TAX." IN THE FORM OF SENATE BILL NO. 182 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 232.

WHEREAS, these bills would enable a municipality to levey a sales tax at a higher rate on the sale of intoxicating liquor, and

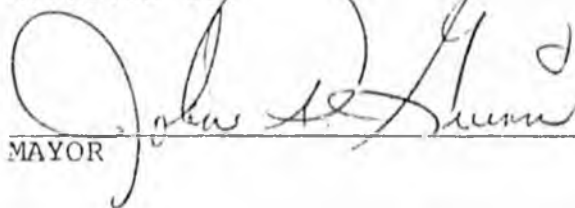
WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has been dry since 1973, and has experienced numerous problems because of "bootleggers", and

WHEREAS, these bills would give the option to a municipality to provide regulations governing the barter, sale and possession of alcohol and the orderly conduct of business of selling intoxicating liquor.

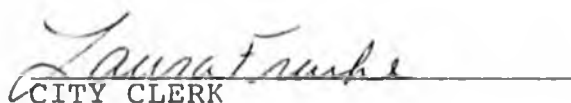
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City of Bethel, Alaska endorses Senate Bill No. 182, and House Bill No. 232, "An Act Relating to Municipal Sales Taxes", and encourages the State Legislature to pass and approve this legislation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA THIS 27 DAY OF March, 1978.

APPROVED BY:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK