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Alaska State Legislature House

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

FISH & GAME ISSUES

Alvin Osterback, Chairman

Pouch V, State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811
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HEARING NOTIFICATIONS

Re: Shelf life of eggs and milk

BILL	DATE INFORMED	LETTER/PHONE	INFORMED	HEARING DATE
HB 980	4/10		Special Agriculture Committee, Rep. Carney, Chairman	4/15
	4/11		Dept. of Nat. Resources - Ag. Div. Nick Carney	4/15
	4/11		Matanuska Maid Dairy - Jack Flint	4/15
	4/11		Sealand (carrier), Lou Riddle	4/15
	4/11		Rep. Brian Rogers	4/15
	?		Lee Fitt - Delta Chicken/egg farmer	4/15
	4/14	789-9500	Juneau Dairies	4/15
	4/14	586-6971	W. Lark - n. Park Grocery	4/15
	4/14	364-3414	Shop - Kite	4/15
	4/14	789-2611	Wice Cottage Foods	4/15
	4/14	789-4159	Valley Health Food Center	4/15

Alaska State Legislature



House of Representatives

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OUT OF SESSION
SR BOX 3051
WASILLA, ALASKA 99687

April 7, 1980

MEMO TO: Representative Miles and Representative Osterback

FROM: Representative Carney

RE: CS HB 416 and HB 980

CS HB 416 and HB 980 dealing with, respectively, the sale of unpasteurized milk and the shelf life of eggs and milk has been given to Representative Miles for hearing in Resources Committee. Would you be willing to move them to Representative Osterback for Committee hearing, thus allowing the bills to be heard several weeks earlier?

Pat Carney

(9)

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

3/28/80

FURTHER:

Date: _____

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 980

"An Act relating to sales of milk and eggs."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation.
- referred to the _____ Committee

**MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS**

**MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

CHAIRMAN

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

ELEVENTH Legislature SECOND Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 750

By THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE.
(for the Special Agriculture Committee)

"An Act relating to sales of milk and eggs."

Sales of milk and eggs

Introduced in the House 3/28, 19 80

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Mar. 28	Reported back with recommendation that										
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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

19	Received from Senate
	Concurred in Senate amendment thus adopting: VOTE
	Failed to concur in Senate amendment; asked Senate to recede VOTE
	Senate receded from amendment VOTE
	Senate failed to recede from amendment VOTE
	CC appointed by House
	CC appointed by Senate
	CC adopted by House VOTE
	CC adopted by Senate VOTE
	To enrolling Reported correctly enrolled Sent to Governor by Governor
	Filed with Lt. Governor
	Chapter No

HB 980

MILK INDUSTRY FOUNDATION

910 SEVENTEENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 296-4250

JOHN F. SPEER, JR.
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

April 18, 1980

Commissioner LeRech
Department of Natural Resources
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner LeRech:

The Milk Industry Foundation, the national trade association of processors of fluid milk and fluid milk products, in its normal routine of monitoring state legislation is very concerned with Alaska H.B.980 entitled "An Act Relating to Sales of Milk and Eggs".

The fear that we have with enactment of this bill would be the unavailability of fluid milk for the residents of Alaska. It seems almost impossible from a logistics standpoint of view to have milk delivered to all points of the state within 36 hours from the time of processing. Is this possible and if so, how can it be accomplished?

It appears that the legislature is concerned about the freshness of milk and eggs which seem to be the underlined purpose of H.B.980. If so, this proposal does not fit the laws and regulations of 20 of the lower 48 states which require open dating of fluid milk. The program which now exists is that of using a "Sell by" date. This date is more meaningful to the consumer since it indicates a date after which the product should not be sold. For Alaska to require a "...date that processing was completed..." would not indicate to the consumer anytime for keeping the product and therefore would be meaningless.

Lastly, the bill indicates that the product shall not be sold after 10 days from date of processing. Again, most state regulations allow the processor to establish the length of time his products should be allowed in the marketplace. Some processors' products will adhere to the 10 day mandate, while other products may be able to withstand a longer shelf life. Unfortunately, if there is some mishandling, the products would not last the 10 days as provided. Again, what has been gained from mandating 10 days? The milk processing industry has been very concerned about the quality of the products available for consumer purchase. Two weeks ago a meeting was held by technical experts of the industry here in Washington to propose an open dating program that could be adopted by every state. Details of this program are being worked out and will have to be considered by the MIF Board of Directors prior to implementation. We would hope that we could work with you and your associates to develop a meaningful program for the citizens of Alaska.

Commissioner LeRech
Dept. of Natural Resources
Juneau, Alaska 99801
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April 18, 1980

We urge you to do whatever you can to see that H.B.980 is not enacted and that a more realistic approach can be taken to achieve what we hope your goal is, i.e., making available to all Alaskans an abundant supply of fluid milk and fluid milk products. Your indication of support would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Austin T. Rhoads
Administrative Assistant

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cc: The Honorable Alvin Osterback ✓