

HB

135

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

FURTHER: FINANCE

February 6, 1979

Date: Feb 19

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on State Affairs has had HB 135

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for an Naknek River crossing study; eff. date."

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 91135 same title
- new title
- and recommends _____
- 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:

Terry Masten

Ray Pettit IF Amendel

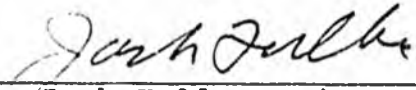
Bill P. L.

[Signature]
CHAIRMAN

Chairman's Report State Affairs

CSHB 135

The intent of the State Affairs Committee in amending Sec. 1 was to broaden the scope of the crossing study to include options other than just a bridge as the original bill specified. It was the feeling of the committee that a bridge might be feasible, but that the cost of such a project would be very high for the few people in the area. However, this would not negate the need for crossing the Maknek River from South Naknek to North Naknek. The committee intent was that all feasible methods of crossing the river be considered.



Rep. Jack Fuller, Vice Chairman

Funding Information
General Fund \$200,000
Other Funds -0-
\$200,000

Introduced: 2/6/79
Referred: State Affairs and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY ANDERSON

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 135

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

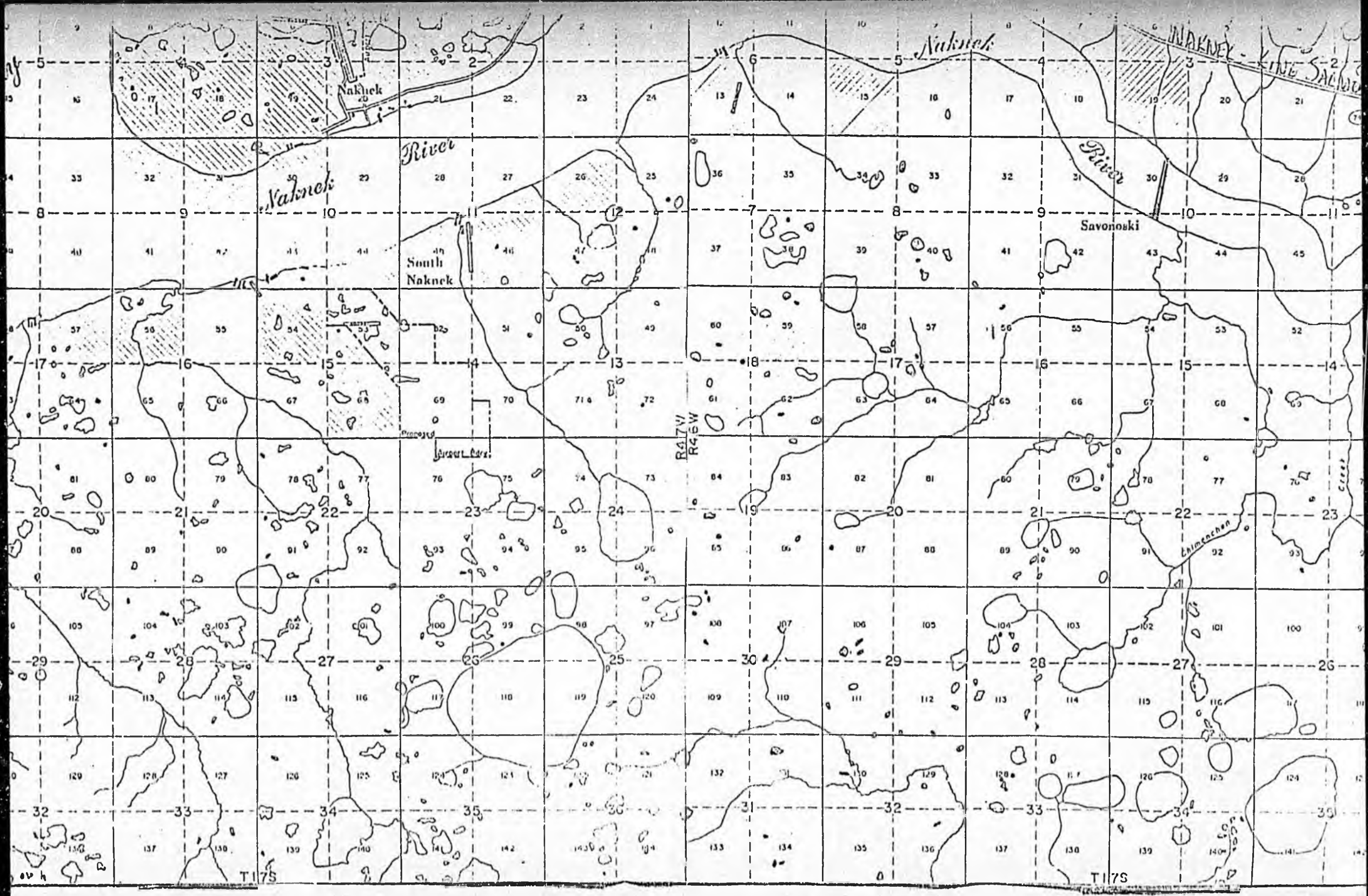
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Transportation and Public Facilities for a
8 Naknek River crossing study; and providing for an
9 effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to conduct a ^{intermodal} study of
13 ^{feasibility study of crossing} the feasibility of a bridge across] the Naknek River from South Naknek to
14 North Naknek.

15 * Sec. 2. The unobligated and unexpended portion of this appropriation
16 lapses into the general fund on June 30, 1980.

17 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.
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Steven Angasan
Village Administrator
Box 302
South Naknek, Alaska 99670

Honorable Nels A. Anderson Jr.
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Nels:

As you know, one of the biggest issues in the Bristol Bay Borough area is a Naknek River Bridge, connecting South Naknek with Naknek/ King Salmon.

Several weeks ago the South Naknek Village Council sent out a resolution to various officials calling for a bridge. I hope you received your copy.

Please inform me as to what the villagers of South Naknek and the area can do to enhance their chances of ever seeing a bridge. It sure would be appreciated, and since you've probably heard every argument possible that doesn't support a bridge, I figured you could help very much.

Congratulations on your victory!

Respectfully,

Steven Angasan
Steven Angasan

STUART H. BOWDOIN
BOROUGH MANAGER



TELEPHONE
(907) 268-4224

Bristol Bay Borough

Box 189 • NAKNEK, ALASKA 99633

March 17, 1977

Representative Nels Anderson, Jr.
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Anderson;

The Bristol Bay Borough requests your assistance in the form of legislation supporting a very important project.

As you are well aware, there is a serious transportation problem within the Borough- that of separation of South Naknek from the remainder of the Borough. The lack of a land transportation system to South Naknek creates both economic problems and many personal concerns regarding safety. Of highest concern at this time is the twice daily flights necessary to bring 31 South Naknek students across the Naknek river to attend classes.

The Borough wishes therefore to construct a bridge across the Naknek River at Savonoski Crossing- approximately six miles from the river mouth. This bridge would meet a variety of needs; the more important ones being; the capability of moving school children to the Naknek facility in a manner of increased safety; allow ready access to and from the six canneries located in South Naknek; increased the economic viability of South Naknek and the Borough; allow residents of South Naknek more immediate access to goods and services; and enable the Borough to more readily meet the various needs of the people.

The Bristol Bay Borough requests your introduction and support of legislation calling for an appropriation of \$6,000,000 to be utilized in construction of a bridge across the Naknek River at Savaonoski Crossing.

Enclosed, please find a general location map of the project.

Thank you for your time and efforts in behalf of the Bristol Bay Borough.

Sincerely,

A. G. ERICKSON
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures:

STUART H. BOWDOIN
BOROUGH MANAGER



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Box 189 • NAKNEK, ALASKA 99633

February 24, 1977

Representative Martin Severson
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Martin:

It is apparent that the only way we will be able to get a bridge across the Naknek River is by legislative action.

It would be greatly appreciated if you will introduce legislation appropriating funds for this purpose.

For your guidance, use and consideration I took the liberty of drafting the requested legislation. A copy is attached.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Stuart H. Bowdoin
Borough Manager

SHB:bmg

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
SOUTH NAKNEK VILLAGE COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH NAKNEK.

WHEREAS, there is no bridge crossing the Naknek River connecting South Naknek to Naknek/ King Salmon.

WHEREAS, the lack of this bridge does create a hardship on local residents.

WHEREAS, the lack of a permanent crossing does restrict proper economic and human development of the area.

WHEREAS, the STATE OF ALASKA has surplus bridges.

WHEREAS, there are suitable locations along the Naknek River for a bridge.

WHEREAS, school children, who presently fly across the Naknek River to go to school, would have safety enhanced with a bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Naknek Village Council does request the State of Alaska to take immediate action and construct a bridge across the Naknek River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to:
Governor Jay S. Hammond
State Senator George H. Hohman
State Representative, District 16
Commissioner of Highways Hesden D. Scongal

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Ron Zimin (President) of the Village Council of South Naknek, do hereby certify that the South Naknek Village Council is composed of 5 (five) members, of whom 5 (Five) were present at a regular meeting held this 1st day of February, 1977; and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 5 (Five) members

Ron Zimin
President
South Naknek Village Council

ATTEST:

Stanley M. Beard
Secretary/Treasurer

TO: [] Jessie Dodson
Special Assistant
Office of the Governor

DATE : January 25, 1977

FROM: H. D. Scougal
Commissioner
Department of Highways

00-2506
SUBJECT: S-0576(3) (B4899)
Knik River Bridge

Following is a synopsis of the request of Bristol Bay Borough to have the Knik River Bridge transferred to Naknek and I trust that this will put this proposed project to bed forever.

1. Crossing suggested is upstream on the Naknek River near Savonoski.
2. The new bridge, 24' wide, 1,850 lineal feet, which is required at this crossing, would cost at least \$6 million.

Whether or not it would be economically feasible to move this bridge is a large question in my mind for the very reason that it has probably experienced extreme metal fatigue as it was shaken up pretty badly by the 1964 earthquake. Repairs were made at that time and additional temporary repairs were completed in 1972. A new bridge was designed and constructed parallel to the alignment of the old bridge and the old river bridge was to be removed and the ownership of the bridge to be transferred to the utilities utilizing the bridge for their facilities. This is a commitment that we are now honoring at this time. There are four utilities with facilities placed on the bridge: (1) Alaska Power Administration with 110 KVA transmission line, (2) RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., with a 16 pair open wire facility, (3) the Matanuska Electric Association, Inc., with a single 7.2 KV facility, and (4) the Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc., with a 6/22 cable facility. These utilities were in place and operating prior to July 1, 1960. As a result of the new Knik River Bridge construction the approach to the bridge was modified, which required the Matanuska Electric Telephone Association to relocate and adjust some of its utilities. This relocation and adjustment is not a subject of this memorandum.

So, rather than waste anybody's time any further, there has not been instituted, nor do we recommend at this time, the State of Alaska paying for the removal and realignment of these utilities for the movement of this bridge, for the dismantling and relocation of the Knik River Bridge to a location near Naknek, or any other location for that matter. It has been pointed out by stress analyses that reconstruction of this bridge at another location would only result in probably an H10 loading factor as opposed as a design criteria today of an H120. I trust that this resolves the question. If you so desire, I will be more than happy to direct this letter to the Bristol Bay Borough.

February 7, 1977

Mr. Stuart H. Bowdoin
Manager
Bristol Bay Borough
P. O. Box 189
Naknek, Alaska 99633

Dear Stu:

The following information is for your use, and I would appreciate you relaying it to the members of the Bristol Bay Borough Assembly.

The crossing of the Naknek River at Sevinoeki would require a bridge 24 feet wide of 1,850 lineal feet, and would cost at least \$6.0 million. The possibility of moving the Kinik River Bridge to this site has not been investigated in regards to its economic feasibility. It is not available, and additionally there is a great concern that this bridge experienced extreme metal fatigue during the 1964 earthquake. Repairs were made at that time and additional temporary repairs were completed in 1972. However, a new bridge was designed and constructed parallel to the alignment of the old bridge. The old river bridge was to be removed and the ownership of the bridge to be transferred to the utilities utilizing the bridge for their facilities. This commitment we are now honoring at this time. There are four utilities with facilities placed on the bridge; (1) Alaska Power Administration with 110 KV transmission lines, (2) RCA Alaska Communications Inc. with a 16 pair open wire facility, (3) Matanuska Electric Association Inc. with a single 7.2 KV facility, and (4) Matanuska Telephone Association Inc. with a 6/22 cable facility. These utilities were in place and operating prior to July 1, 1960. As a result of the new Kinik River Bridge construction, the approach to the bridge was modified, which required the Matanuska Electric Telephone Association to relocate and adjust some of its utilities.

Mr. Stuart H. Bowtoin
February 7, 1977

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At this time, it does not seem to be recommended that the State of Alaska pay for the removal and realignment of these utilities for the movement of this bridge, so that it may be dismantled and relocated at a different location. It has been pointed out by stress analyses that reconstruction of this bridge in another location would only result in a probable H-10 loading factor as opposed to today's design criteria of an H-20.

I hope that this answers all of your questions regarding the placement of this particular bridge in your area. It appears the only possibility for a bridge across the Nahnek River at Sevinoski would be the construction of a new bridge.

Sincerely,

Jessie Dodson
Special Assistant
to the Governor

cc: The Honorable Martin Severson

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IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Highways, for the construction of a bridge across the Naknek River at Savonoski; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. The sum of \$6,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Highways for construction of a bridge across the Naknek River at Savonoski.

* Section 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH 2 JUNEAU 99811
TELEX 45 378

March 2, 1978

The Honorable George Hohman
Alaska State Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Hohman:


This is in response to your request for information on the status of a proposed crossing of the Naknek River between Naknek and South Naknek.

At this time we have insufficient information on which to base an estimate of cost for such a facility. A structure reasonably close to the two communities would likely be around 4,000 feet in length. By the same token, a location further upstream would entail construction of possibly 15 miles of roadway to connect to a shorter bridge. Previous cost estimates have ranged from about \$11,000,000 to as much as \$22,000,000, depending on the scope of project.

In order to arrive at a more precise figure, it might be in order to suggest funding for a reconnaissance study to determine possible locations and costs. Such a study could possibly be conducted for about \$200,000, although I would like to explore the matter further before naming a specific figure.

Please let me know your wishes in this matter.

Sincerely,


Donald Harris
Commissioner

cc: Deputy Commissioner Scougal

Dear Martin'

Greetings from the hometown again. We are having snow this morning and if it keeps up we could have a blizzard.

I read where Swanson has introduced HB 28, concerning the parents of students who are on correspondence paying the district X number of dollars.

The thinking behind this is to force pupils into the public school. Now many parents are taking them out because the schools are too bad and it would be a real infringement upon liberty to force them with this financial squeeze. Let the schools shape up and people will not be taking their kids out of them. The other concern I have concerning this is that it is only a little step from the Swanson bill to saying that people that put their children in Private schools will have to pay the district so much money. In our school district it would be well over \$3000.00 if I understand it right.

I am asking you to oppose this with all your might Martin, as I see it as a real infingement on liberty. The schools need to be accountable to the public and this is one good way to make them, when they loose enrolment they loose money. When they provide a good school they will have no problem with these people leaving and teaching their kids correspondance.

I hope all goes well with you down their.

We had a school board meeting in South Naknek the other day and the subject of Bridge came up again. Martin I don't know what it would cost but can you get us a real study on this. The state spends moneey for a lot less feaseble projects than this I know. For-instance the highway out of Gordova to 50 mile has cost many many millions and it goes no where and even if and when it is finished it only goes to Cordova which is a community of 1500 people that has a ferry and good port and excellent air service. As I see it the bridge to South Naknek and conecting points in the future is a far wiser investment. Please do what you can. You well know all the problems it would solve for the Borough and School Board. If there is anything that needs to be done on this end please let me know and I will do my best to take care of it. I know you are busy but while your there please give this a good go.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. H.B. 135
 Title Naknek River Crossing Study
 Requested by Anderson Date 2/6/79

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected DOT/PF
 Program Category Affected Design & Construction
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Highway Design and Construction

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL				200,000		
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND				200,000		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Project would be by consultant contract. Although this bill specifies a study of the feasibility of a bridge from South Naknek to North Naknek, the study should evaluate all viable alternates by studying various routes, addressing environmental considerations, defining navigational and traffic requirements, determining right-of-way needs involving Native land selections and other takings, locating suitable materials sources, estimating costs for the various alternates and determining a means of funding the project.

IV. DATE 2/13/79 PREPARED BY Harry J. Keller (FO)
 AGENCY DOT/PF Highway P&C
 PHONE 584-1121 Ext 231
 Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)



Official Business

Rep. Mike Miller, Chairman
HB 135

Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

February 16, 1979

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members, House State Affairs

FROM: Representative Nels A. Anderson *NAA/aa*

SUBJECT: Cost of flying students from South Naknek to
North Naknek for school *HB 135*

In talking with Stuart Bowdoin, the Bristol Bay Borough Manager, and the Secretary for the Superintendent of the Borough School District the cost of the contract for transporting these students is \$180.00 a day or \$32,400.00 a school year.

SOUTH NAKNEK VILLAGE COUNCIL
Post Office Box 6
South Naknek, Alaska 99670

Wels A. Anderson
Representative
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Wels:

I am writing regarding a bridge crossing the Naknek River, which would unite the Bristol Bay Borough. As you know South Naknek, Naknek and King Salmon presently make up the Bristol Bay Borough, but South Naknek is separated from the Borough by the Naknek River.

The separation has created hardships on the residents of South Naknek, and the village as a whole. As you know fishing is the main source of income in the immediate area due to the lack of employment. With a bridge residents in South Naknek would be able to seek employment on the North side. Presently the only way to cross is by plane or boat during the summer and fall. The travel expenses presently makes employment on the North side for a local infeasible.

The village economy is restricted, with a bridge more money would flow within the village. Due to the lack of a bridge, the local businesses must fly their goods into town, creating a further hardship on local consumers with the higher prices.

A bridge would encourage more small businesses locally, as now there is a limited market. Many would like to start businesses, but would not make enough to^{be}worth while with the current market.

Then there is the daily flying of the school children from South Naknek to Naknek. As you are a resident of an area that utilizes air transportation you are aware of the risks involved with flying. Granted busing children is also hazardous, but the risks would be greatly reduced I'm sure.

The state I understand picks up the tab on the flying contract, for how many years? These moneys could be put towards a bridge. Jay, in a letter, said that a Highway Department estimate would require a bridge 1850 feet long, crossing at Savonosky and would cost at least \$6.0 million. Six million last year, but delaying it will just raise the price of the project.

Having served on the Bristol Bay Borough Assembly, I realize there was not enough input on the subject from the Borough. I don't understand why they on the North side would oppose unifying the borough as it would be beneficial for long range planning and development for the Borough.

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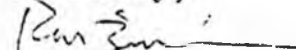
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Nels A. Anderson
Representative

I understand that this is the time of the year that legislation is proposed and submitted. What would you need to get legislation submitted to have monies set aside for a bridge? Our main concerns are the economic welfare of the village, safer transportation of the school children, and also the future.

We are sending copies of this letter to Ose and Osterback in an attempt to gain support on this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Zimin
President
SOUTH KAKHAK VILLAGE COUNCIL

cc: files
members

RZ:ds

add 3/14/73

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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