

SR 24

Committee Log Book - 1980

Tape Number XXIX

SENATE C/RA // Chrmn Sturgulewski

Side Number 1 & 2

Committee

Dates 5/13/80 to ----

PRESENT: All members (Rodey late)
Senators Rodey, Stimson, Mulcahy, & Kelly

Bill Numbers Discussed

CSHB 932	SB 546	NEW RES.							
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Date & Time	Tape Meter Number	Bill	Significant Information (Witness, Action)
5/13/80 1:30	005	CSHB 932	Chrmn Sturgulewski/ cancelled hearing CSHB 932
	048	RES	" "/ introduces new resolution 'White House Conference on Families
	079		Sen. Kelly objects
	085		Sen. Mulcahy has no objection to committee introduction, but might not favor concept.
	089		Sen. Stimson supports introduction
	097		Chrmn Sturgulewski will have introduced by the Committee by request.
	120	SB 546	Chrmn Sturgulewski
	156		Lee Sharp, City/Borough Attorney of Juneau "CS"
	250		Dennis Dooley, DOT-PF / few Adminis. concerns
			Jim Rhodes, AA to Rep. Malone // formula outline
	540		Sen. Kelly asks Rep. Malone's position.
	632		Sen. Rodey
	636		Margo Waring, AA to Chrmn. Sturgulewski
	729		Chrmn Sturgulewski/ impact on areas forming reg'l government?
	748		Sen. Kelly / Various questions
	812		Jim Rhodes
	850		Sen. Rodey moved to pass w/ individ. rec. Chrmn. Sturgulewski to pass/ Sen. Kelly objects

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take!*



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature


Senate

Committee on
Community & Regional Affairs

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

May 12, 1980

TO: Senator Bob Mulcahy
Vice-Chairman
Senator Tim Kelly
Senator Pat Rodey
Senator Terry Stimson

FROM:  Arliss Sturgulewski
Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting, Capitol Building, Butrovich Room

Tuesday, May 13, 1980 - 1:30 p.m.

SB 546 - State aid for local capital projects/ Establishing Capital
Foundation Fund

CSHB 932 - An act creating the office of rural development, and the
Rural Development Council; and providing for an effective date.

Senate Resolution for introduction - Relating to participation by the
state in the White House Conference on Families.

League of Women Voters of Alaska

May 8, 1980

Honorable Jay S. Hammond
Governor
State of Alaska
Pouch A,
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Hammond:

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports continued State participation in the White House Conference on Families.

The League worked closely with state and local community organizers throughout the entire process from planning community hearings to acting as recorders and facilitators. You are to be commended for carrying out the process in such an open manner. The entire process of choosing delegates was well done.

The League is appalled that you would consider abandoning the White House Conference on the Family and negating the grass root effort and commitment of Alaskans that went into choosing delegates and identifying issues impacting families in Alaska today.

The citizens of this state participated in the local hearings and state conference in good faith that they and Alaska's ideas would become part of the national dialogue on families. It is your responsibility to support this citizen/state effort and continue with the state participation in the conference.

The family is the most important basic unit in our society, and one which is strongly impacted by the more traditional political issues of economics. To consider withdrawing Alaska from dialogue on the family simply because more traditional issues are already consuming your time and energy is untenable. Non-participation is not the answer to controversy.

The League of Women Voters of Alaska urges you to keep faith with the citizens of Alaska who support the ideals of this conference and wish to continue the State's participation in the White House Conference on Families.

Sincerely,

Jean Stassel
Jean Stassel ^{uh}
President
LWV

Susan R. Clark
1109 C Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Governor Jay Hammond
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99811..

9 May 1980

Dear Governor Hammond,

I am disappointed and perplexed that you have proposed Alaska's withdrawal from the national White House Conference on Families. I am concerned that delegates to the State Conference and alternates to the National Conference were not informed of this serious proposal by a letter from you, and many may still be unaware if their local newspapers or media did not pick up on the story.

Speaking for Juneau's involvement, a large spectrum of people gave oral or written testimony or support to the local hearings. Some spent a great deal of time and thought on their presentation with the idea that their contributions would matter. They did. Juneau came up with a position paper which contained both "liberal" and "conservative" concerns, and the three elected delegates were bound by that paper in their actions at the State Conference.


Although some groups would claim that only their families are legitimate ones, I do not feel that most Alaskans believe that families, the basic nurturing unit of our society, can be stereotyped. In fact, nationwide figures show that an employed father, a housewife mother, and children (any number) is only 15% of our nation's families. In Alaska where there is a higher than average incidence of employed women, this percentage is even lower.

Nor do I feel that the scare issues of ERA, abortion and gay rights are a significant part of the Conference outcome. None were targeted as major issue areas by any panel, and the latter two were mentioned only by the first panel and in a conservative context. The ERA is simply a fact of Alaskan life and law since our own state ERA was passed eight years ago. The conference was at times frustrating to people of all persuasions, but it was on the whole a democratic process, and the concluding document is a democratic document. It cannot fail, therefore, to contain things with which we may not all agree, but to censor or alter it in any way now would cause even more distrust of government.

Special attention was given at the Conference to the needs and concerns of our native peoples. Rosita Worl and Mary Jane Fate were excellent and informative keynote speakers there. Alaska's Native and rural people have unique family concerns which will not be heard at the national level if we are to withdraw.

Please reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely yours,


Susan R. Clark, alternate delegate to
the National Conference

P.O. Box 249

Douglas, Alaska 99824

May 13, 1980

Governor Jay Hammond
Members of the Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

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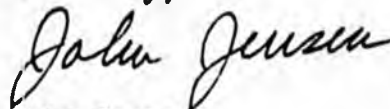
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1. You as lawmakers know that your decisions have an impact on the living patterns and institutions of society. Legislation at all levels--federal, state, and municipal--cannot fail to have impact on families.. In a sense it is not possible to "do nothing," because the consequences of governmental policy reach deeply into society already. The only issue is whether we will face problems squarely.

2. The document prepared by Alaskans comprises the opinions of a wide spectrum of people, containing both liberal and conservative viewpoints. The delegates selected also are representative of nearly all viewpoints and should effectively represent the diversity of opinions within our state.

I hope you will sustain the confidence of people in our state's democratic processes and support our participation in the upcoming conference.

Sincerely,



John Jensen

Assemblyman/City and Borough of Juneau

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION



OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

177 Behrends Avenue
Juneau, Alaska 99801
May 10, 1980

Governor Jay Hammond
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Hammond,

The Juneau Douglas Branch of the American Association of University Women met today and discussed your recent letter relating to the White House Conference on Families. The members voted unanimously to support Alaska's participation in the National Conference.

Our membership feels that Alaska's unique concerns will not be heard by the nation, if we are not present. Whatever action is taken at the National Conference, Alaska must be there to lend its voice to the proceedings.

Sincerely,

Barbara Potter

Barbara Potter
President A.A.U.W.

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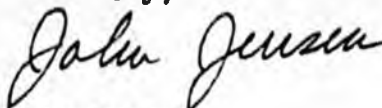
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John Jensen

Assemblyman/City and Borough of Juneau

May 18, 1988

Dear Governor Hammond

The Juneau Unitarian Fellowship participated in the White House Conference on Families by submitting testimony at the local hearing in Juneau.

We unanimously agreed at our meeting this morning that Alaska should participate in the National Conference.

Sincerely

Cealy Cunningham
Co Chairperson

Box 458

Douglas Ak 99824

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Alaska Home Economics Association and the Future Homemakers of America have supported the National White House Conference on Families for the past year in our programs, and

Whereas this program has aroused deep issues as well as needs throughout our country, and

Since the Alaska Home Economics Association is a force for families,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Home Economics Association will support the State of Alaska's continued participation in the White House Conference on Families to insure the Alaska perspective will be communicated.

Marjorie Schmiege
President Alaska
Home Economics Assn.
Adviser Future
Homemakers of America
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