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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: NONE

2/13/79

Date: 3/14/79

Mr. President:

The Committee on HESS has had SCR 10

Recognizing International Year of the Child & encouraging Alaska to participate in local observances

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
 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:

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CHAIRMAN
DO PASS

SCR 10 "Recognizing ^{St. H. F. S. 19-50} ~~the~~ ~~year~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
child and encouraging children
to participate in local observances
By Rodley

Introduced 2-13-79

Logged . 2-14-79

Referrals none

Comm. meeting 3-14-79

action - presented by Anderson, Stangoroch, Ferguson & Fiedler

International
Year of the
Child

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10, by Senator Rodey. RESOLVED clause states: "...Alaska State Legislature acknowledges the important role of children in our society and joins with other states and nations throughout the world in recognizing 1979 as 'International Year of the Child;' and...encourages the citizens of Alaska to create and participate in local observances... which will enhance our understanding and appreciation of our children, which will stimulate improvements in our parenting skills and public services, and which will help us create a better world for our children to grow up in."

Introduced February 13 and referred to HESS.

it of underprivileged children, a universal problem. Childs and illiteracy are just a few concerns that affect every com-

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This year, the United Nations is observing the International Year of the Child. It is a time to create an awareness of the needs of children and to serve as a catalyst to implement legislation to solve these problems. The International Year of the Child also marks the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This declaration points out that the child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities, by law, to develop physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity.

International Year of the Child National Commissions

There will not be a World Conference to set up a plan of action. In lieu of such a world conference, there will be National Commissions established in many countries around the world to recommend needed reforms. Mrs. Jean Young, wife of Ambassador Andrew Young, is the Chairman of the United States National Commission. Addressing a meeting on the issues that affect children world-wide, Chairman Young



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said, "We want to be able to celebrate childhood, we want to engage in new and rewarding experiences with our children, we simply want to express our love and care for them. We want to highlight their achievements and glory in their accomplishments."

The United Nations has designated UNICEF to coordinate the activities for the International Year of the Child

United Nations Up-Date

(IYC). Dr. Aldaba-Lim, Assistant Secretary-General, is the Special Representative for IYC.

UN Decade for Women

We are now entering the fourth year of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace. A UN Preparatory Committee is planning for the World Conference in 1980. The conference, scheduled for a two-week period, will evaluate the results of the objectives of the first half of the decade and will then set up a program of action for the second half. Denmark will be the host government for this particular conference which will be held in Copenhagen in 1980.

The secondary theme of the conference is "Employment, Health and Education." Emphasis will be on elaborating action oriented plans for integrating women in the developmental process, particularly by promoting economic activities and employment opportunities on an equal footing with men, through the provision of adequate health and educational facilities.

The Preparatory Committee recommendations were submitted in a report to the UN General Assembly for approval. The Committee has recommended the appointment of a Secretary-General for the Conference from outside the UN system and from a developing country. The Conference Secretary-General will be assisted by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, headed by Mrs. Helvi Sipila, Assistant Secretary-General. The Centre is moving to Vienna this year, so it has been recommended that the Conference Secretariat remain in New York for full access to the UN organizations.

Work is progressing on a Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women to be completed at the 34th General Assembly.

In BPW, we have a ten-year commitment to advance the goals of the World Plan of Action that are in accord with BPW objectives. We were in Mexico City for IWY, in Houston for the

National Women's Conference, and now we can look ahead to the World Conference in Denmark in 1980 to accelerate these goals.

UN Day

October 24th, UN Day, commemorates, each year, the day the United Nations Charter came into being in 1945. At that time there were 51 member nations. There are now 151 member nations with the admittance of the Solomon Islands and Dominica at the beginning of the 33rd UN General Assembly Session.

During that session, the General Assembly observed the 30th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10th—Human Rights Day. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the principal authors of the Declaration, was a distinguished member of BPW.

A Conference on Science and Technology for Development will be held in Vienna next August. The objective is to strengthen the technological capacity of developing countries to enable them to apply science and technology to their own development.

A future date to remember: in 1981, the United Nations will observe the International Year for Disabled Persons. The theme will be "Full Participation."

International Week Kit Available

International Week, celebrated the third full week in February, is a time for BPW members throughout the world to identify the achievements they share and examine the problems they have in common.

During International Week members should become more fully aware of our affiliation with the International Federation and should renew their commitment to advancing The World Plan of Action during this Decade for Women.

The International Week Kit contains information that will make your club's observance of International Week an exciting BPW event. This kit is available at no cost from the Program Department.

The Candlelighting Ceremony which traces the history of the International Federation is available from the Sales/Order Department for \$35.

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Referred: Health, Educa-
tion & Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY RODEY

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Recognizing International Year of the
6 Child and encouraging Alaskans to
7 participate in local observances.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS children with all their joy, curiosity, creativity, insight, and
10 trust are a perpetual source of delight and inspiration; and

11 WHEREAS children are our most valuable resource and our hope for the
12 future; it is up to them to carry our work and dreams forward and to deter-
13 mine whether our diverse Alaskan cultures and lifestyles flourish or die; and

14 WHEREAS the third of our population in Alaska who are children are
15 substantially dependent on adults for their care and well being, and how well
16 we as adults fulfill our responsibilities to our children is one measure of
17 the greatness of this or any society; and

18 WHEREAS the United States as a whole is one of the richest and most
19 technologically advanced nations of the world, yet the high rates of infant
20 mortality, the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, and the insufficiency
21 of medical care and pre-school and after school care, indicate that the
22 quality of care for our children is sometimes wanting; and

23 WHEREAS even in Alaska, despite the levels of assistance and service
24 provided by both the public and private sector, children at times still face
25 serious obstacles to their healthy physical, emotional, and intellectual
26 development, such as poor nutrition, untreated disease, inadequate shelter,
27 and education not suited to their culture or special needs; and

28 WHEREAS as soaring rates of teenage alcoholism and drug abuse, vandalism
29 and crime, the falling educational achievement scores, and the prevalence of

1 teenage pregnancy appear to indicate our failure to provide a world for our
2 children where social responsibility, achievement, and self-respect are
3 valued and attainable goals for them; and

4 WHEREAS times are rapidly changing, and the lives of our children are
5 substantially different than our own childhoods; we must therefore learn more
6 about our children and their lives before we can provide them with meaningful
7 guidance; and

8 WHEREAS each child is unique, with his or her own personality, abili-
9 ties, and special needs, and it is up to us to see that each child receives
10 the love, personal attention and education suited to both that child's
11 special abilities and disabilities, to enable that child to become a useful
12 and productive member of society;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges the impor-
14 tant role of children in our society and joins with other states and nations
15 throughout the world in recognizing 1979 as "International Year of the
16 Child;" and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the citi-
18 zens of Alaska to create and participate in local observances of Interna-
19 tional Year of the Child which will enhance our understanding and apprecia-
20 tion of our children, which will stimulate improvements in our parenting
21 skills and public services, and which will help us create a better world for
22 our children to grow up in.