

SCR

48

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

2/19/80

Date: 3-17-80

Mr. President:

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had SCR 48

continuation of the satellite television project

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

Collette Pajoss

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

NO REC

Introduced 2-19-80
Logged 2-19-80
Referral Finance
Comm. Meeting 3-17-80

SCR 48 "Relating to the Smith Act of 1950
By the House of Representatives
Committee of Refuse the satellite television
project."

Called Jim Smith for F/N - 2/13/80
He said that if Transp. is the one not let
go with Helms in Transp. She will have
him find out and send me 2-17-80 2:30 PM
F/N - no impact stated to him



Alaska State Legislature
Senate

JUNEAU, ALASKA

TO: Senator Hackney
FROM: Senator Ferguson *JKF*
SUBJ: SCR 48, Continuation of the Satellite Television Project
DATE: March 14, 1980

I would first of all like to thank you for scheduling hearings on SCR 48, and to apologize for not being able to be present. Prior commitments in Kotzebue have necessitated delaying my return to Juneau until Tuesday evening.

SCR 48 was introduced at the request of the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission in an effort to further their endeavours to reach an agreement with the Department of the Air Force to provide satellite television coverage to their Alaska Division. Additionally if this agreement is reached the Air Force would share with the State of Alaska Transponder #9. This would enable us to have two transponders for use in providing live television coverage to the urban and rural areas of the state.

Mr. Porcaro of the Broadcasting Commission asked our assistance in showing support for his efforts in securing this agreement and in response we introduced this resolution.

It is my understanding that negotiations are continuing on this agreement and that passage of the resolution would be helpful in showing support on behalf of the state legislature.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I will be glad to answer any questions upon my return to Juneau.

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SCR 48

Title Continuation of the Satellite Television Project

Requested by Senator Hackney

Date 3/17/80

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Transportation & Public Facilities

Program Category Affected Planning & Research

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected _____

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

It does not appear that implementation of the intent of Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 48 would have any appreciable financial impact on the existing costs.

The State and the Air Force are currently leasing satellite transponders to provide television services to their respective audiences. Some duplication of effort exists when the Air Force system carries programs which are also carried by the State system. These are generally commercial network programs carried by urban broadcast stations. If an agreement can be negotiated with the Air Force whereby certain programs of theirs can be made available to Alaska broadcasters, more time would be available on the State system for intra-State television delivery.

Because the State has leased full-time satellite television service and because of the tape delay center, from which most intra-State programs originate and which is manned during normal TV viewing hours, increasing the amount of intra-State programming would have little or no effect on the cost of this service.

IV. DATE 3/17/80

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