

HJR

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER: None

3/12/80

Date: April 10, 1980

Mr. President:

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS has had HJR 71  
Begich-Boggs Visitor Center

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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Bob Mulcahy

Neil Koberg

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Bob Mulcahy

CHAIRMAN

Introduced: 2/18/80  
Referred: State Affairs

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY CARNEY

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Begich Boggs Visitor  
6 Center.

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

8 WHEREAS the Portage Glacier, near Anchorage, is an outstanding natural  
9 feature; and

10 WHEREAS Portage Glacier is one of the few glaciers in the world which is  
11 located near and is easily accessible from a major population center; and

12 WHEREAS the U.S. Forest Service is planning the construction of a  
13 visitor center at the foot of the glacier; and

14 WHEREAS the Forest Service plans to use the visitor center for its  
15 various interpretive activities, including the display of a film depicting  
16 the glacier during different seasons of the year; and

17 WHEREAS the visitor center will be named after Congressman Nick Begich  
18 and House Majority Leader Hale Boggs, lost in a plane crash while in the  
19 service of Alaska and the nation; and

20 WHEREAS Congress has not yet authorized the construction of this visitor  
21 center or appropriated funds for it;

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully  
23 requests the United States Congress to authorize and appropriate funds for  
24 the construction of the Begich-Boggs Visitor Center at Portage Glacier.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
26 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
27 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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## The Juneau Marine Park

The Juneau Marine Park is a beautiful area for visitors to enjoy. It features a large ship's hull on display, which is a great attraction for many people. The park is well-maintained and offers a great view of the surrounding area. There are many people walking around the park, and it is a great place to spend a day. The park is located in Juneau, Alaska, and is a great place to visit if you are interested in marine life.

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determine their capability to handle additional waste loads. Final design and construction documents will be prepared.

The building will be situated on the lake shore on a terminal moraine (the mound of earth and stones deposited by a glacier as it begins to recede). From an observation platform constructed in the lake and reached by pedestrian bridges, visitors will have an exceptional view of icebergs and of the glacier.

During the preliminary design, KCM considered architecture, landscape, mechanical and electrical systems, and site utilities. KCM's design includes a large exhibit area, a 200-person capacity theater, and an orientation area with a refrigerated display space to contain a piece of Portage Glacier ice for visitors to see and touch.

Because the visitor center will be a very prominent site, careful consideration was given to the relationship between the physical structure and its surrounding environment. The building's exterior will be finished with a light-colored, textured and sculptural concrete. The building's design and placement were chosen so

that they blend into the physical site. Earth mounds will soften the transition from nature to manmade objects. The building's architectural design continues this harmonious feeling. Walls will be rough textured concrete, colored to be compatible with the surrounding landscape. Rounded corners will further soften the building forms.

KCM recommended that landscape plantings be of seedlings grown to cones gathered at the site and of cuttings from indigenous plants so as to blend with the stark natural landscape and to adapt to the site's poor soil and severe wind and temperature conditions. In addition, native growth was planted within a perimeter of the mound that forms the base of the building and within the

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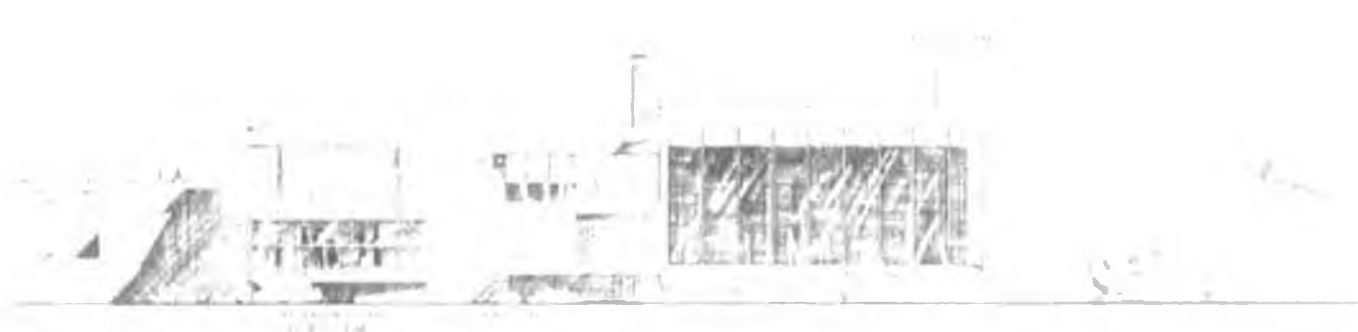


FIGURE 1. ELEVATION



FIGURE 2. ELEVATION



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