

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## HOUSE

FURTHER:

3/31/81

(11)

Date: May 14, 1981

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had HCR 8

"Relating to the preservation of the House of Wickersham."

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 HCR 8 (SA)  same title  
 new title
- and recommends do pass
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

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CHAIRMAN

Original Sponsor: State Affairs  
Committee

Offered: 3/31/81  
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 (State Affairs)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the preservation of the  
6 House of Wickersham.

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

8 WHEREAS a significant portion of Alaska's documented and written history  
9 during the years 1900 through 1938 is recorded only in the diaries, papers,  
10 and manuscripts of Alaska's pioneer judge, James Wickersham; and

11 WHEREAS the House of Wickersham, located in Juneau and built on the  
12 site of the New Boston gold mining claim, is itself of major historical  
13 significance as one of the first large homes built in Alaska after the  
14 purchase from Russia, and as a fine example of Victorian architecture; and

15 WHEREAS the House of Wickersham has been certified for inclusion on the  
16 National Register of Historic Places, and its private collection of historic  
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18 cance to scholars of early twentieth century Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the histories of Nome, the Aleutian Islands, Fairbanks, Eagle,  
20 Anchorage, Mt. McKinley, Valdez, Skagway, Wrangell, Sitka, Ketchikan, and  
21 Juneau are preserved and represented in these early documents, making the  
22 Wickersham collection of major statewide importance; and

23 WHEREAS in years past many private historic collections have been sold  
24 or removed from Alaska; and

25 WHEREAS it seems appropriate that the Wickersham collection and its  
26 repository should be recognized and preserved for the benefit of all Alaskans  
27 now and in centuries to come;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is  
29 respectfully requested to establish a task force to develop a plan for the

1 continued operation and preservation of the House of Wickersham; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor appoint the directors of the division  
3 of parks of the Department of Natural Resources, the division of libraries  
4 and museums of the Department of Education, and the division of tourism of  
5 the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and other officers of  
6 state government concerned with the history of the state to serve on the  
7 task force; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor invite the appropriate federal  
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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. 5 HCR 8 (SA)  
 Title Preservation of the House of Wickersham  
 Requested by House Finance Date 5/8/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Natural Resources - Parks  
 Program Category Affected NRMEC - Parks & Recreation  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Park Operations - Parks Administration  
 (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 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		3.0				
200 TRAVEL		9.4				
300 CONTRACTUAL		5.0- <del>1</del>				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		17.4- <del>1</del>				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	17.4- <del>1</del>				
FEDERAL FUNDS					
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)					

POSITIONS

FULL TIME					
PART TIME					
TEMPORARY		1			

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)  
 The costs identified above would be used by the task force to develop a plan for the continued operation and preservation of the House of Wickersham. Tasks to be accomplish would include the following: (1) prepare the work plan; (2) evaluate the academic and research significance of the collection; (3) inventory and appraise the value of the documents, artifacts, and real estate; (4) identify the acquisition and operating program alternatives with cost estimates; (5) identify a recommended program with cost analysis.

Travel costs would be for two or three meetings of the task force, composed of the Directors of Parks, Tourism, and Libraries and Museums, the Executive Director of the Alaska Historical Commission, and certain members of the University of Alaska professorial staff; contractual costs would be for the inventory and appraisal of the collection and real estate; the project employee would serve as staff.

IV. DATE 5/11/81 PREPARED BY Hilton Wolfe  
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Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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