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Alaska Newspaper Association

May 20, 1981

The Honorable Fred Brown, Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

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Incorporated Dec. 6, 1980

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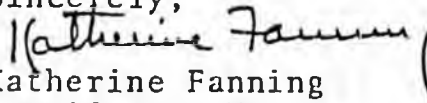
Dear Representative Brown:

The members of the Alaska Newspaper Association are extremely concerned that Senate Bill 6, creating a state-published "Alaska Administrative Journal," would be contrary to the best interest of the public. Although we understand the original intention of the bill is not to create a legal journal that would compete with Alaska's newspapers, such an administrative journal could later be expanded to become a vehicle for legal advertisements. We vigorously oppose Senate Bill 6 for the following reasons:

1. Creating and distributing a state publication to inform the public of matters they currently find in their newspapers puts the government in competition with privately-owned newspapers and would create a monopoly with which legal advertisers must deal.
2. This would extend government's activities, instead of minimizing them. The public has been shown to be opposed to ever-expanding bureaucracy.
3. The public's right to know would be limited. Only state publication subscribers would be informed. This undermines the public's right to be informed of proposed legislation, of meetings, and of opportunities to bid.
4. The proposed publication would come out only every two weeks, as opposed to daily publication in the newspapers. We provide much more timely and frequent opportunities to publish notices.
5. It is doubtful the state could gather the notices, type-set them, proofread them, provide affidavits and billing, paste-up pages, print and mail the publication for less than they're paying newspapers to provide that service--and distribute the notices to many more people.

Why should the government go to the expense of providing a service newspapers can provide better and cheaper?

Sincerely,


Katherine Fanning
President, ANA

cc: House Judiciary Committee
ANA Board of Directors

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Add a new subsection to section 1 to read:

The Alaska Administrative Journal shall not replace or supplant the existing notices required by other provisions of the Alaska statutes, including subsections (a) ~~1-7~~¹⁻⁵ of AS 44.62.175.

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS for Senate Bill No. 6 (Judiciary)
 Title An Act establishing the Alaska Administrative Journal: effective date:
 Requested by Senate Judiciary Date 3/20/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Administration
 Program Category Affected Division of General Services & Supply
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Division of General Services & Supply
 (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	40.6	157.8	173.6	191.0		
200 TRAVEL		2.5	2.8	3.1		
300 CONTRACTUAL	9.5	186.0	201.6	225.1		
400 COMMODITIES	.3	1.0	1.1	1.2		
500 EQUIPMENT	7.1	7.1	1.0	1.0		
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	57.5	354.4	383.1	421.4		

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	57.5	177.2	191.6	210.7		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						
Program Receipts		177.2	191.5	210.7		

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	5	5	5	5		
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Assume that:

1. Estimated journal subscriptions may be equal to Alaska Administrative Code subscriptions (currently 1,000).
2. Journal will require complete reprint twice each month (as opposed to Quarterly updates for the code).
3. Inflation for FY 83 and 84 @ 10%

George Elgee *JC* *RS*

IV. DATE March 24, 1981 PREPARED BY George Elgee, Director
 AGENCY Division of General Services & Supply
 PHONE 465-2250

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) Fahrenkamp
 Office of the Governor Keith Specking

4. Five new positions and associated costs for FY 82: Total - 190.9

- 1 - Program Coordinator - Range 20A
- 1 - Publication Specialist II - Range 16A
- 1 - Publication Technician - Range 12B
- 1 - Correspondence Secretary II - Range 10B
- 1 - Clerk III - Range 8B

5. FY 82 costs in addition to new positions and associated costs:
Total - 163.5

Estimate: 50 page journal (back to back) x 1,000 copies x 26 issues.

- a) Printing, typesetting to be done by Central Duplicating -
Printing & Typesetting - \$103,650
Postage (New Rate) - 44,330
 - b) Equipment Leases -
Xerox Copier; Typesetter Interface 15,500
6. Start-up costs for last quarter of FY 81 to include personal services, commodities, office space, equipment leases and purchases. No printing or postage charges during FY 81. If no funds are approved for FY 81, equipment funds must be carried to FY 82.
7. Full funding through Program Receipts is not considered feasible, primarily because the cost per subscription might be prohibitively high (1,000 subscriptions + \$354,400 = \$354.40 per subscription for FY 82. Further, the demand for subscriptions is entirely guesswork at this point, no matter what price is attached to them.

Statistics computed from a nationwide survey indicate the following:

- a) Average cost per journal is \$50 per year;
- b) Average distribution (paid versus free subscriptions);
 - 1,184 paid
 - 460 free
- c) Average length of journal is 2,412 pages per year.
- d) Over 75% of states subsidize their journal publication.

Recommend that Alaska attempt to recover 50% of total cost through Program Receipts, with the balance of 50% be funded by the General Fund.

For FY 82, this approach would put the cost per subscription at \$177.00 each, assuming 1,000 subscriptions are bought.

Impact on Central Duplicating - Will require the following new positions and equipment to typeset and print the Alaska Administrative Journal for FY 82:

Personal Services:

1	-	Duplication Machine Op. I - Range 11B	\$25,210
1	-	Clerk I - Range 6B	18,952
1	-	Typesetter Operator - Range 8B	21,151

Equipment:

1	-	Phototypesetting Machine -	32,000
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Comments: Publishing twice a month will require an extremely efficient operation in terms of obtaining all pertinent material from agencies, compiling data, preparing copy for typesetting, coordinating with typesetter and printer, and finally mailing to subscribers.

1	POSITION TITLE Clerk III	RANGE/STEP 8 B	BARG. UNIT. G.G.	LOCATION Juneau	GOV	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP No.	PCN No.	PRIORITY	FORM 12	PAGE/LINE
						LEG	

3	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
	1	2
4	PERSONAL SERVICES: SALARY 1433 mo.	17,196
5	BENEFITS	2,715
6	FICA	1,054
7	HEALTH INS.	1,800
8	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES 01	22.8
9	TRAVEL 02	
10	CONTRACTUAL 03	2.7
11	COMMODITIES 04	.2
12	EQUIPMENT 05	.7
13	OTHER	
14	TOTAL COST	26.4

JUSTIFICATION:

Necessary to implement Senate Bill #6 - "An Act Establishing the Alaska Administrative Journal."

This position will provide clerical support as necessary for the production of the Alaska Administrative Journal

Duties to include maintain files of all incoming notices of Administrative Regulations and process Journal for distribution to subscribers in addition to providing general clerical support for Administrative Regulation Staff.

	CODE	FUNDING SOURCE
15		FED RCPTS. 1002
16		GF MATCH. 1003
17		GEN. FUND 1004
18		I-A RCPTS. 1005
19		PGM RCPTS 1006
20		OTHER

21 CONTINUATION
22 ADDITION

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1	POSITION TITLE Correspondence Secretary II			RANGE/STEP 10 B	BARG. UNIT. G.G.	LOCATION Juneau	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2	TYPE OF POSITION: PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP No.	PCN No.	PRIORITY	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	LEG.		
3	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			JUSTIFICATION:					
	1	2	3						
4	PERSONAL SERVICES:								
	SALARY	1613 mo.	19,356						
5	BENEFITS		3,056						
6	FICA		1,187						
7	HEALTH INS.		1,800						
8	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		25.4						
9	TRAVEL								
10	CONTRACTUAL		7.2						
11	COMMODITIES		.2						
12	EQUIPMENT		1.1						
13	OTHER								
14	TOTAL COST		33.9						
	CODE	FUNDING SOURCE							
15		FED RCPTS. 1002							
16		GF MATCH. 1003							
17		GEN. FUND 1001		17.0					
18		I-A RCPTS. 1005							
19		PGM RCPTS 1028		16.9					
20		OTHER							
21	CONTINUATION								
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1	POSITION TITLE Program Coordinator			RANGE/STEP 20 A	BARG. UNIT. G.G.	LOCATION Juneau	GOV	APPROV	DISAPP
2	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP No.	PCN No.	PRIORITY	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	LEG		
3	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT		JUSTIFICATION: Necessary to implement Senate Bill #6 - "An Act Establishing the Alaska Administrative Journal." This position will be responsible for the publication and distribution of the proposed Alaska Administrative Journal. Responsibilities to include coordination with all agencies required to publish notices in the Journal as specified in CS for Senate Bill #6 Amended.			
	1	2	3						
4	PERSONAL SERVICES- SALARY 3039 mo.		36,468						
5	BENEFITS		5,758						
6	FICA		2,004						
7	HEALTH INS.		1,800						
8	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01	46.0					
9	TRAVEL		02	2.5					
10	CONTRACTUAL		03	2.7					
11	COMMODITIES		04	.2					
12	EQUIPMENT		05	1.1					
13	OTHER								
14	TOTAL COST			52.5					
	CODE	FUNDING SOURCE							
15		FED RCPTS. 1002							
16		GF MATCH. 1003							
17		GEN. FUND 1001		26.3					
18		I-A RCPTS. 1005							
19		FGM RCPTS 1008		26.2					
20		OTHER							
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1	POSITION TITLE Publications Specialist II			RANGE/STEP 16 A	BARG. UNIT. G.G.	LOCATION Juneau	GOV	APPROV	DISAPP						
2	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP No.	PCN No.	PRIORITY	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	LEG								
3	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT		JUSTIFICATION:									
	1	2	3												
4	PERSONAL SERVICES: SALARY 2291		27,492	<p>Necessary to implement Senate Bill #6 - "An Act Establishing the Alaska Administrative Journal."</p> <p>This position will assist the Program Coordinator in publishing the Alaska Administrative Journal.</p> <p>Responsible for the collection, analysis and organization of all notices from agencies into proper format for publishing.</p>											
5	BENEFITS		4,341												
6	FICA		1,685												
7	HEALTH INS.		1,800												
8	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		35.3												
9	TRAVEL														
10	CONTRACTUAL		2.7												
11	COMMODITIES		.2												
12	EQUIPMENT		1.1												
13	OTHER														
14	TOTAL COST		39.3												
15	CODE	FUNDING SOURCE													
16		FED RCPTS. 1002													
17		GF MATCH. 1003													
18		GEN. FUND 1004		19.7											
19		I-A RCPTS. 1005													
20		PGM RCPTS 1008		19.6											
21	CONTINUATION														
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1	POSITION TITLE Publication Technician			RANGE/STEP 12 B	BARG. UNIT. G.G.	LOCATION Juneau	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAB.				
2	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP No.	PCN No.	PRIORITY	FORM 12	PAGE/LINE	LEG.					
3	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT		JUSTIFICATION:							
	1	1	2	3									
4	PERSONAL SERVICES:					<p>Necessary to implement Senate Bill #6 - "An Act Establishing the Alaska Administrative Journal."</p> <p>This position will provide technical and related support in the publishing and final distribution of the Alaska Administrative Journal.</p> <p>Duties to include review and preparation of formats; cost controls of publications; control of distribution.</p>							
	SALARY	1814 mo.	21,768										
5	BENEFITS		3,437										
6	FICA		1,334										
7	HEALTH INS.		1,800										
8	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		91	28.3									
9	TRAVEL		92										
10	CONTRACTUAL		93	7.2									
11	COMMODITIES		94	.2									
12	EQUIPMENT		95	3.1									
13	OTHER												
14	TOTAL COST			38.8									
	CODE	FUNDING SOURCE											
15		FED RCPTS. 1992											
16		GF MATCH. 1000											
17		GEN. FUND 1001		19.4									
18		I-A RCPTS. 1002											
19		PGM RCPTS 1003		19.4									
20		OTHER											
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Alaska Journal of Commerce

& Pacific Rim Reporter

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May 26, 1981

Representative Fred Brown
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Brown:

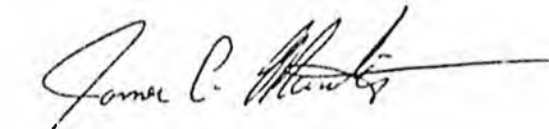
Since any of our staff will be unable to attend the scheduled public hearing on SB6, Thursday, May 28, 1981, we would appreciate the following letter being read into the record during the proceedings of the hearing.

Several of our staff will be in attendance at the Anchorage terminal of the state Teleconference Network to participate and answer any questions raised by the attached letter.

We would further request a complete recording of the hearing and copies of any documentation presented during the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


James C. Martin
General Manager

Alaska Journal of Commerce

& pacific rim reporter

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May 26, 1981

Representative Fred Brown
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Brown:

Since our letter of several days ago concerning Senate Bill 6, "Alaska Administrative Journal," we have been informed that the fears and warnings expressed in that letter have been written off as "misinformed."

We disagree and are moved to write this second letter to underscore our continuing and increasing concern for the havoc SB6 will wreak if it is passed.

It is our general contention that very little understanding of the ramifications of the bill is evinced among its sponsors and even less of the cost such a bill would create.

In the first letter we were concerned with the bill supplanting the current system of legal advertising notices. Apparently our concerns were summarily 'junked' because, as one of the bill's supporters said, "nothing in the bill says that."

It remains our concern that the present system would be supplanted. As you well know there is support for amending the bill to do just that. But even if the bill is put into law with no such amendments; it is our belief it will only be a matter of time before the law is later amended to supplant legal advertising. Our concerns listed in the first letter were not misinformed.

Express it any way you desire, the intent of SB6 is to supplant the current system -- both in the areas of rules and regulations and in the public notice process. Recent communications continue to confirm our original fears.

Since the panel charged with taking testimony met only the bare minimum requirements for notice, the Alaska Journal of Commerce made inquiries on its own and would like to pass the results on to you.

Chase Construction, Anchorage, office manager: "We are amply covered by the current system and would see no reason to subscribe. Such a journal would be valuable only if the present system were done away with."

Stack Steel, Anchorage, general manager Chuck Groat: "We currently are well covered by the appropriate bid lists, and see no justification for such a journal. I must admit I don't feel very positive about it (the Journal)."

Hoffman Construction, Anchorage bid supervisor: "We are happy with the present system and would not be a subscriber. If you supplant the present system with such a Journal, every other week would not be current enough; and if you are not supplanting the present system for the journal, there is no need."

Howard Gray & Assoc., Geologists & Engineers, Anchorage, office manager: "This would interfere with private enterprise and has no business being in the state sector. We would have no use for it and certainly wouldn't pay for it. The present system works and if the current system is not supplanted there is no need for such a journal. This seems a duplication of the present system and should be recognized as a 'busy work job' to add more state employes."

Associated General Contractors, Glenn Glenzer, executive director, Anchorage: "It sounds like a state version of 'Tass' to me; the next thing the state will want to do is put out a newspaper. Such a journal interferes with free enterprise. If this journal were to supplant the present system -- which works well -- it would amount to state 'blackmail,' forcing us to buy it."

Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, attorneys, Anchorage, Dennis O'Brien, office manager: "We have 14 attorneys who would not read it; they don't read the Federal Register or the Administrative Code. If this were really needed, it would have been around a long time ago. We would not subscribe, why should we pay for state information? We would definitely not use it to get new clients; that would be a violation of our ethics code."

National Electrical Contractors Assn., office manager, Anchorage: "We would have no use for it. For the past 12 years we have subscribed to the Administrative Code, largely out of habit. With the exception of putting in new sections and dusting the volumes, no one uses it."

Frontier Oilfield Services, Mr. Scott: "Wouldn't subscribe and would have no use for it."

Nabors Drilling, Nick Seminik, Anchorage: "We would have no need for such a journal and would certainly not pay a subscription price for state information."

Kodiak Oilfield Haulers, Vern McKenzie: "I might subscribe to it personally because I'm interested in that sort of thing; however the subscription price would have to be fixed and not reflective of the number of subscribers. As far as our business is concerned, such a journal would make little or no difference."

ATCO Structures, Mark Osborn, Anchorage: "I do our bids, and we aren't missing anything with the present system. There's no need for something like this (the journal), why do it?"

Herbert Ross, attorney, Anchorage: "I don't see how you could justify the subscription price. If I need that sort of information, I go to the law library and look it up; this is just another way to spend money. The only attorneys who would use it are those in various state departments who would be inputting to it also."

The four major points we draw from the above comments are that SB6 would be:

- a) just another waste of money;
- b) very little interest in subscribing;
- c) the present system works fine; and,
- d) if the present system were supplanted, it would reach less people and would amount to "state blackmail."

We continue to be amazed with the effort -- or lack of it -- that went into researching the cost of such a journal. The financing estimates are patently absurd and incredibly naive of what it really costs to publish such a journal.

Everything we said in our first letter concerning subscriptions and costs (i.e., if the subscription price is too low, it won't cover costs; and if set high enough to cover costs, it would defeat the purpose of reaching large numbers of citizens) remains true.

Naive is not the right word. Deliberately -- culpably -- naive is much more appropriate. There was no effort to ascertain a real cost. You, Rep. Brown, confirmed this when you told us the Finance Committee effort to assess costs was geared to making the bill 'passable,' rather than an honest assessment of costs. Your exact words were: "disregard those cost estimates, they're tainted."


We already know of one individual who intends to privately initiate such a 'journal' for publishing rules and regulations, among other things; just as SB6 proposes. And we also know the legislators supporting SB6 are aware of this individual's efforts.

Our question is this: given the strong conviction that the present system is good and adequate; and, furthermore, given the pending rules and regulations journal by a private firm -- where is the justification or need for an Alaskan Administrative Journal?

Aside from a purely pork barrel/patronage effort to create a few juicy state jobs for friends, padding the already bloated state employment rolls; we see no justification.

We eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,



James C. Martin
General Manager

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Alaska State Legislature

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BETTYE FAHRENKAMP
ALASKA STATE SENATOR

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Senate

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Fred Brown
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp *Bettye*

RE: Background Information on:
SB 6, "Establishing the Alaska Administrative
Journal; and providing for an effective
date."

DATE: April 7, 1981

Purpose

The purpose of this legislation is to place in one publication all the information required to be made public by state agencies. The publication would be available on a subscription basis and would provide a service to the people of the state without increasing the drain on public coffers. The bill, as now written, has the support of the lieutenant governor's office and the Attorney General's office.

The bill would increase the political openness in the state. Alaska is too large to continue the word-of-mouth network of communication that exists when there is no single place in which to gather all notifications.

The bill is intended to emphasize the policy stated in AS 44.62.312. "It is the policy of the state that

- (1) The governmental units mentioned in 310(a) of this chapter exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business;
- (2) It is the intent of the law that actions of those units be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly;
- (3) The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them;

(4) The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know;

(5) The people's right to remain informed shall be protected so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

Analysis

Section 1. New section added to article 3, AS . 2:

Sec. 44.62.175. ADMINISTRATIVE JOURNAL (a) The journal shall be published every two weeks and will include notices of action, text of regulations, state agency meetings, bid invitations, requests for proposals, and executive and administrative orders.

(b) Any notice required under (a) will be sent to the lieutenant governor and to any person requesting a copy for the purposes of publication, unless the regulation has not been drafted, in which case it must be sent at the same time it is submitted to the Department of Law.

(c) The Lieutenant Governor may discontinue publication of the journal if the requirements for the journal are met by a private publication.

(d) The Lieutenant Governor may discontinue publication of the journal if the requirements for the journal are met by a private publication.

(e) No regulation, amendment to a regulation or order of repeal, except emergency regulations or repeals, will take effect unless notice is published in the journal.

(f) A person may not maintain a legal action based on publication, or lack of publication, in the journal.

(g) The Alaska Administrative Journal is referred to as "journal" in this section.

Section 2. AS 44.62.300 is amended:

Sec. 44.62.300. COURT REVIEW. Failure to publish a notice of proposed action in the journal is not grounds for action for declaratory relief in the superior court.

Section 3. Publication shall begin no later the 120 days after the effective date of the bill.

Section 4. The Act takes place immediately.

Discussion

The bill will identify those items of public interest which the public has difficulty obtaining from one source. The intent of the bill, aside from aiding the public, is for the cost of the journal to be offset as much as possible while retaining public access through a reasonable price. This could be a difficulty during the first period of publication and until such time as the journal is widely recognized as an information source.

Alaska Register

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A part of Don Smith's Management Services

April 13, 1981

APR 20 1981

Dear Fred,

My purpose in writing is to let you know my views on CSSB 6 (am Jud.). This bill would require the publication of an Alaska Administrative Journal.

I have been working for the past two years attempting to establish a similar report. My goal was to report on all items of a public nature generated by State Government. We have written or talked to all state agencies and asked to be copied on all public notice matters. Most agencies have been cooperative, however, we are not receiving all material. This has been our major stumbling block.

In general, I support the motives behind the bill. There needs to be a central clearing house for public notice items like proposed regulations, public meeting notice and the like.

I am concerned however that the language regarding publication of the information is oriented towards a state publication. I would like to see the language promote private publications and in the event that no one chooses to enter the field that then the state would produce it's own journal. I definitely plan to publish my reports. I'm simply waiting now for legislation to pass that would mandate the central clearinghouse.

My final concern should CSSB 6 pass is what will I have to do to convince the Commissioner of Administration that my publication is meeting the requirements set forth in AS 44.62.175 (d) of the bill. I would hate to be at the mercy of a commissioner who didn't like the way we designed our reports or the method we used in laying the documents out.

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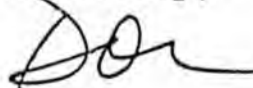
For example, I plan to offer four separate reports each week:

1. THE ALASKA REGISTER. In the Alaska Register you would be kept up to date on new rules and regulations being proposed by the State of Alaska, notice of public meetings, emergency regulations, public notice, requests for proposals, plus much more.
2. THE ALASKA UP/DATE. In the Alaska Up/Date you would receive information on major developments occurring in Alaska. These would range from d2 implementation, oil activities, hydro development, Timber, fisheries, tourism, gas pipeline, petrochemical development, real estate, to name just a few.
3. JUNEAU REVIEW. In Juneau Review you would be kept up to date on significant activities of the Governor, the Legislature (not only during the session - but year round) including information on key legislation and interim committee activities plus highlights on major activities of the various state agencies.
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Sincerely,



Don Smith

Terry Gardiner

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April 22, 1981

Mr. Don Smith
Alaska Register
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Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter of April 13, in regard to CSSB 6 (am Jud.). The bill is currently in the House Judiciary Committee, but has not yet had a hearing. I understand there has been some degree of interest expressed to that committee in regard to the bill, but I don't know in what regard.

I have forwarded your letter to Rep. Fred Brown, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, for reference by the committee members and staff. I have also asked that the committee contact you if and when a hearing is scheduled on the bill.

Thanks for making me aware of the bill and its potential impact.

Sincerely,

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A part of Don Smith's Management Services

April 13, 1981

Dear Terry,

My purpose in writing is to let you know my views on CSSB 6 (am Jud.). This bill would require the publication of an Alaska Administrative Journal.

I have been working for the past two years attempting to establish a similar report. My goal was to report on all items of a public nature generated by State Government. We have written or talked to all state agencies and asked to be copied on all public notice matters. Most agencies have been cooperative, however, we are not receiving all material. This has been our major stumbling block.

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I am concerned however that the language regarding publication of the information is oriented towards a state publication. I would like to see the language promote private publications and in the event that no one chooses to enter the field that then the state would produce it's own journal. I definitely plan to publish my reports. I'm simply waiting now for legislation to pass that would mandate the central clearinghouse.

My final concern should CSSB 6 pass is what will I have to do to convince the Commissioner of Administration that my publication is meeting the requirements set forth in AS 44.62.175 (d) of the bill. I would hate to be at the mercy of a commissioner who didn't like the way we designed our reports or the method we used in laying the documents out.

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re: CSSB 6 am (jud)

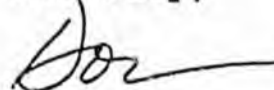
For example, I plan to offer four separate reports each week:

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