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SENATE BILL No. _____

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LINE: _____

Page 1, lines 10 & 12

delete the word "neighbors"

Page 1, lines 11 & 13

delete the parenthesis around the word "neighbours"

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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Inviting the Yukon Territory Legisla-
6 tive Assembly and the Council of
7 Northwest Territories to meet with
8 the Alaska State Legislature.

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

10 WHEREAS the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories are neighbors
11 (neighbours) of the State of Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS the physical, cultural, and political climates of these neighbors
13 (neighbours) are similar to those of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS we share common problems of remote federal governing of our
15 affairs; and

16 WHEREAS we face similar obstacles in the development of our resources;
17 and

18 WHEREAS we share common problems and opportunities in transportation
19 systems, including the proposed extension of rail service between Alaska and
20 British Columbia and the proposed Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline; and

21 WHEREAS existing transportation systems interconnect Alaska, the Yukon
22 Territory, and the Northwest Territories; and

23 WHEREAS several fish and game species migrate across the border between
24 Alaska and the Yukon Territory, resulting in difficult management issues,
25 especially for salmon and caribou; and

26 [WHEREAS the United States and Canadian governments are currently nego-
27 tiating a treaty concerning the Porcupine caribou herd that would impact
28 local management of game in Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories;
29 and]



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January 6, 1982

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing further to our telephone conversation of this date regarding an exchange of meetings between the representatives of the Alaska State Legislature and of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

As I explained, in Canada all parliamentarians belong to an organization called the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. This association is broken down into jurisdictional branches. Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, therefore, are also members of the Yukon Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Through this organization we endeavour, each year, to arrange meetings with other Canadian branches to discuss matters of mutual concern. In southern Canada it is common for provincial branches to meet annually with representatives of those states which border on their provinces. I should think a similar arrangement between Alaska and Yukon would be quite beneficial.

At the annual meetings of the Yukon Branch of the CPA I have made a practice of raising the question of an interparliamentary visitation between ourselves and representatives of the Alaskan Senate and the House of Representatives. Members of our Branch have agreed that this would be desirable and have urged the executive of the Branch to pursue such visitations.

During the past few years we have communicated with your predecessor, with the President of the Senate and with Representative Randy Phillips but have, as yet, been unable to make satisfactory arrangements.

In our conversation today you indicated that you would welcome a specific proposal from us. The other Vice-President of our

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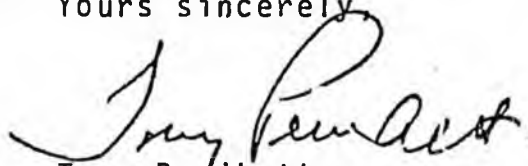
Branch, Hon. Chris Pearson, has been consulted and we would suggest that a delegation from our Assembly visit Juneau sometime during the period of March 8 to March 13. We recognize that you would wish to consult your colleagues on this matter and will await an invitation in which you specify the dates on which we might be able to visit you.

We certainly would wish to return your hospitality and would hope to have you visit our jurisdiction sometime later in 1982 or, perhaps, in early 1983.

I should mention that our general practice is to invite delegations of five to eight from other jurisdictions and, in turn, to send delegations of about five when we are travelling elsewhere. This makes it possible to hold small informal meetings which are often quite informative.

Thank you for your interest in fostering better relations between our two Legislatures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Perikett".

Tony Perikett
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Commonwealth Parliamentary
Association