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POB TO: SEN FISCHER, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ,
SENATORS BENNETT AND DANKWORTH; CO-CHAIRMAN SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE: SB 68

SEC. 1, WHAT IS THE INTENT/

AS THE REVENUE INCREASES THE LAW CURRENTLY WOULD REQUIRE A LARGER AMOUNT
NEXT YEAR

DOES THIS LOCK US INTO A COMMITMENT OF 1.8? \

PH. Moore 0011

January 12, 1981

President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill appropriating \$1.8 billion to the permanent fund.

I believe that it is appropriate that Alaska set aside this portion of its oil wealth so that its earnings can provide an increased income stream for the benefit of all Alaskans. The Legislature determined that dividends should be worth a minimal \$50 each. This contribution will provide sufficient earnings to meet that commitment without having to borrow from the general fund. Should we not make such provision, our legal case may be weakened.

In addition to providing increased dividends for distribution to our citizens, these earnings can also help sustain the cost of government services after our oil reserves diminish. By retaining the value of this finite resource and spending only its earnings we can make certain that Alaskans can benefit from this resource in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

S/SSH

Jay S. Hammond
Governor