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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Resources Committee

Official Business

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 17, 1982  
1:35 p.m.

Beltz Room  
Room 211 - Capitol

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp  
Senator Fischer  
Senator Eliason  
Senator Gilman  
Senator Mulcahy  
Senator Sturgulewski

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### Hearing:

Briefing - Resource Inventory Program - Department of Natural Resources

SSSB 608 - An Act making a special appropriation to the power development fund of the Alaska Power Authority for the Susitna River hydroelectric project and other hydroelectric projects; and providing for an effective date.

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### Briefing:

Jeff Haynes, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, explained that the Department received a capital appropriation last year to search for new resources, and would present a progress report today.

Ross Shaff, State Geologist, Department of Natural Resources, stated that a cooperative arrangement had been worked out with other state and federal agencies for collecting data for the Resource Inventory Program. An initial goal is compiling the existing information, which involves a literature search of everything collected in the state on resources, and putting it into a digitized format. Surface resources being studied include archeological sites, agriculture, and forestry, in coordination with the land disposal program. The water data collection program has been developed in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey, which matches the State dollar for dollar in funding the program. Subsurface studies include geothermal potential, minerals, coal, and petroleum. Areas selected for study are those in which development is most likely to take place. The State produces maps of areas inventoried, with detailed mapping in particular locations.

SSSB 608

Senator Fischer explained that he had prepared a Committee Substitute incorporating suggestions he had received from various people, and organized the bill to group related items.

The Committee discussed the adequacy of the amounts of the various appropriations. Senator Fischer stated the bill was designed to bring the ideas before the Finance Committee. Senator Fahrenkamp suggested a letter of intent be sent with the bill explaining that more analysis needs to be done on the amounts appropriated.

Senator Eliason moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of an amendment appropriating \$200,000 for a new power distribution system in Tenakee Springs.

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Senator Gilman moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of an amendment appropriating \$35,000,000 for construction of the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project.

Senator Fischer moved the Committee Substitute for SSSB 608 as amended, with individual recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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The Honorable Vic Fischer  
Senator  
Alaska State Senate  
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Dear Senator Fischer:

Thank you for your letter of February 24 which pointed out your concerns for making gravel and materials from State lands available for vital activities in the State, such as the Alaska Railroad or oil and gas development. The Department shares your view that a 50-100 year timeframe in managing these resources is necessary.

Our Resource Inventory Capital Improvement Project is designed to accomplish the collection of data necessary to provide for long-term rock and gravel needs. This project received \$8.6 million of funding during FY 82; the Governor's budget request includes \$7.6 million for funding in FY 83. Some funding for this work is also provided in the operating budget.

You asked what legislative action would be necessary to ensure adequate gravel supplies for the future. Support of the Resource Inventory Project in the Governor's capital budget would help accomplish the objectives you seek. However, operating budget cutbacks, made by the House Finance Committee, will eliminate some of the work done by the Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey to identify sand and gravel deposits. Jeff Haynes and Ross Schaff of our Department will be briefing the Senate Resources Committee

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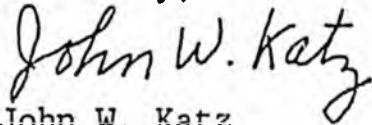
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on these issues on Wednesday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m. I am also asking Departmental staff to begin work on formulating a policy that will ensure the availability of sand and gravel resources for the immediate and distant future. I will report back to you on the results of this work.

Again, thank you for letting me know of your concerns. Please let me know if you would like further information, or if we can provide other assistance.

Sincerely,



John W. Katz  
Commissioner

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