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Senate

Committee on Resources

May 8, 1981
1:30 p.m.

Beltz Room
Room 211 - Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

HEARING:

SSSB 189 An Act relating to outdoor recreational facilities; providing for state historical, recreational, and wilderness trails, waterways, and campsice system.

SJR 37 Relating to the construction of the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project.

Governor's appointments: King Crab Marketing and Quality Control Board; Guide Licensing and Control Board, and Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Special briefing by Hudson Glimp, James Conner, and Tom Wamon of the Win-Rock International Foundation.

Hudson Glimp, stated that the purpose of their trip to Alaska was to obtain an overview of Alaska agriculture. Since Alaska is 95% dependent upon imported food goods, it needs to become self-sufficient. Alaska can become self-sufficient through research and building the necessary infrastructure. He indicated that there are deficiencies in the state's agriculture research programs.

Tom Wamon, stated Win-Rock can assist Alaska in areas such as developing seed varieties for this climate.

Jim Conner, stated that in order to support a feed gain industry

a market and a port are needed. He indicated that the seed being used at the Delta project is a 40 year old Canadian variety. Through the research of Win-Rock, Universities and Corporations, a better variety should be able to be developed.

Senator Gilman, stated that research is needed, but today the Senate Finance Committee deleted from the budget the funds for the Homer Research Center. He suggested that the Resources Committee send a letter to the Finance Committee asking them to reconsider their action.

The Chairman directed staff to draft such a letter for the Committee members signature. (attached)

Senator Fischer stated the the original bill, SB 189, related only to trails, but after hearings by the Subcommittee on Parks and Trails, the Sponsor Substitute was introduced. SSSB 189 addressed a grants program for the development of local recreation facilities. Senator Fischer recommended that the Committee adopt CSSSSB 189, which deletes the grants program.

Senator Fischer put forth the motion to move CSSSSB 189, with individual recommendations.

Senator Gilman discussed CSSJR 37. He stated that the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project was the only hydroelectric project that the Corp of Engineers had completed significant work on. To expedite the project, the proposal has been made to have the state take over funding the Corp of Engineers work on the project. The Corps has completed the necessary work which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requires for permitting. Senator Stevens discovered that specific legislation would probably be needed to set up this permitting system.

Senator Gilman stated that the Bradley Lake project was a high priority for Alaska's Congressional delegation. Senator Stevens suggested most of the language.

Senator Gilman put forth the motion to move SCSJR 37, with a "do pass" recommendation.

Senator Fahrenkamp put forth the motion to move the following appointments, with individual recommendations: Ms. Valerie J. Shepard, Board of Veterinary Examiners; Royal J. DeVaney, King Crab Marketing and Quality Control Board; Marcus Jensen, Guide Licensing and Control Board.

The Committee adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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Senate Finance Committee
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senators:

The Senate Resource Committee would like to request your reconsideration of the budget for the University of Alaska for inclusion of the operating funds for the Homer Research Center at Homer, Alaska.

The University of Alaska is considering closing the Center December 1981 due to a lack of operating funds. This would result in the loss of vital agricultural research and data necessary for the maintenance and expansion of agricultural projects in the state.

The operating budget is broken down into:

Salaries-----	\$155,011.58
Travel-----	3,368.39
Contractual services-----	29,404.20
Supplies-----	30,274.00
Total operating budget-----	\$218,058.17

Your reconsideration on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chairman

Senator Fischer, Vice Chairman

Senator Bradley

Senator Mulcahy

Senator Gilman