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POSITION PAPER - SENATE BILL 707

Senate Bill 707 would allow the Legislature to name or change the names of geographic features in Alaska. This power currently resides with the Alaska State Geographic Names Board. In accordance with Alaska Statute Section 44.19.056 the Board is chaired by the Commissioner of Community and Regional Affairs, and consists of the Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources, Transportation and Public Facilities, Education, the curator of the state museum, the state historical librarian, the director of the division of lands, and one private sector member appointed by the Governor.

The Board generally approves a proposal for a name selection if the proposal meets the following criteria:

1. Authenticity of the name can be established.
2. The name is clearly associated with the area proposed.
3. The name is, or was, in common local usage.
4. The name can be spelled according to established system of orthography.
5. The name is pronounceable without considerable difficulty.
6. The name of a stream is applied to an unnamed lake or glacier from which the stream originates.
7. The name of a mountain is applied to an unnamed glacier which is a part of that mountain.
8. The name is relevant and most descriptive to the feature.
9. The name is not in use elsewhere in the Region.
10. The name is not frivolous
11. The name is in good taste.
12. The Board generally approves a commemorative name selection if the individual made a highly significant contribution to Alaska.

It is the policy of the Board to contact local officials to ascertain support or opposition to each name proposal.

In as much as the Alaska State Geographic Names Board considers the interest of State agencies and local citizens in the name selection process, and has within its membership the expertise to determine the authenticity of name selections, the Board is opposed to the modification of Sections 44.19.060 and 44.19.062 relating to the naming of geographic features in the State.

Senate Bill 707 would also change the name of Byers Lake in the Denali State Park to Veterans Lake. The name Byers Lake was formally established by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) in 1958. This feature is located in the Denali State Park 28 miles North of Talkeetna. Byers Creek originates

from this lake and flows to the Chulitna River. Because Byers Lake, located at 62°44'20" N, 150°06'45" meets the criteria of the Board, and the name Byers Lake was determined to be in local usage more than twenty years ago, the Alaska State Geographical Names Board is opposed to renaming this feature. The Board is also opposed to the wording of S.B. 706 for the same reasons.

The members of the Alaska State Geographical Names Board understand that the sponsor of S.B. 707 is interested in commemorating the Veterans of Alaska. The Alaska Board would like to encourage a proposal in honor of the Veterans through the appropriate channels.

Respectfully submitted by members of:

The Alaska State Geographical Names Board
& Commissioner's Office,
Community and Regional Affairs
Pouch B
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Please contact Leanne Ellis Pilcher, Executive Secretary of the Alaska State Geographical Names Board (465-4700) if you have further questions.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

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March 25, 1982

The State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Attention Senator Fischer

Dear Members of the Committee:

RE: SENATE BILL 707 AND 706

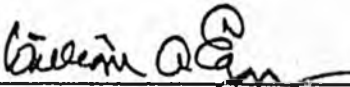
The Alaska State Geographic Names Board is opposed to SB 707 and the wording of SB 706. Senate Bill 707 would allow the Legislature to name or change the names of geographic features in Alaska, and changes the name of Byers Lake in the Denali State Park to Veterans Lake. SB 706 refers to Byers Lake as Veterans Lake.

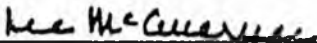
In an interview in 1958 with the late Don Sheldon, Tom Taylor of the Anchorage USGS office confirmed that the lake at 62°44'20" N, 150°06'45" was referred to as Byers Lake. Mr. Byers was an early settler, trapper and miner in the area. Mr. Taylor is an advisor to the Alaska State Geographic Names Board at the present time.

In accordance with Alaska Statute 44.19.060 the power to officially name features resides with the Alaska State Geographic Names Board. The Board considers the interest of State agencies, local citizens and legislators in the name selection process.

On behalf of the Board, we respectfully encourage a proposal to name an unnamed feature in honor of the Veterans of Alaska. The Board believes that it would be a proper gesture of respect and gratitude for our veterans to name an unnamed, prominent geographic features in their honor.

Sincerely,


The Honorable William A. Egan
Public Member, Alaska State
Geographic Names Board


The Honorable Lee McAnerney
Chairperson, Alaska State
Geographic Names Board

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ALASKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Open Competition: Design a veterans memorial to be erected at Byers Lake Rest Area, mile 147.1 on the Parks Highway as authorized by AS 44.35.030, a copy of which is inclosed. A contract for construction (Phase I only) will be awarded to the winner.

Theme: The memorial shall be multi-service, universal and a traditional representation honoring Alaskan veterans and those military personnel who have served in Alaska since 1867, including but not limited to, honoring the unique contributions made by the Eskimo Scout Battalion of the Alaska Territorial Guard.

Selection Criteria for Design:

- a. Incorporates the theme
- b. Compatible with the environment
- c. Expandable (Phase I and Phase II)
- d. Durable and Maintenance free
- e. Deters defacing
- f. Does not present a potential traffic or ground safety hazard
- g. Preference will be given to either in-state or out-of-state firms or

individuals with Alaska design experience.

Jury: Chaired by the Commissioner, Department of Military Affairs (The Adjutant General) with a veteran of each of the Armed Services.

General Rules:

- a. Submittals will consist of concepts of both Phase I and Phase II including necessary site preparation.

b. Phase I will cost less than \$190,000, stand by itself, and will fully incorporate the theme.

c. Phase II will cost less than \$300,000 and will expand upon Phase I as funding becomes available in future years.

d. Some or all of the site preparation, labor and equipment will be provided by others. Site preparation by others will consist of clearing up to two acres and relocating no more than 1500 cubic yards of cut and/or fill.

e. The memorial will be within the boundary illustrated on the attached site plan at inclosure 2 and a description of the site at inclosure 3.

f. Submittals will include at least a scaled, spatial-relationship plot plan, area elevation(s), detailed cost estimate and a narrative design concept accompanied by a maximum 24" x 36" graphic illustration. Models are optional.

g. Submittals will identify all participating firms and/or individuals.

h. Military history information is available at:

Office of History, Alaskan Air Command
Bldg 2-900, Room 328
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506
Phone: (907) 752-4763

i. Questions must be received in writing no later than 30 Dec 81 by:

The Committee to Build a Memorial to Alaska Veterans
610 MacKay Bldg., 338 Denali St.
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: (907) 243-0656

and will be answered by 14 Jan 82.

j. A predesign conference will be conducted 14 Jan 82 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room, 6th Floor MacKay Bldg., 338 Denali St., Anchorage, AK.

k. Submittals must be received by the committee not later than 12:00 noon on 15 Mar 82.

l. All submitters will be notified of the time, date and place for announcement of the winner.

m. Submittals received are insured against loss, damage or destruction by the State of Alaska. Submittals will be retained by the committee for display for six months and then can be reclaimed by the submitter. Submittals not claimed by 31 Dec 82 will be disposed of.

n. An oral briefing may be required of the applicants. A two weeks notice will be provided.

Incl

1. AS 44.35.030
2. Site plan
3. Site Description
4. Military History
5. Bibliography

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9 April 1982

Honorable Vic Fischer
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

This letter is in reference to our phone conversation Wednesday evening, 7 April 1982. As discussed, I would like to give you a report on the progress of selecting an Alaska Veteran's Memorial.

In accordance with Senate Bill 133, I convened a selection committee. The qualifications of committee members are excellent and are available to you at Inclosure I. The Committee performed in a thorough manner and formulated a request for proposals of design. They worked closely with representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Parks Division. As a result, five proposals were received for committee review and selection. The committee set up a written ballot process which narrowed the proposals down to a remaining two. A written closed ballot was then taken to determine which one of the two final proposals would be selected. The committee was unanimous on its first round of voting for a first choice selection. First choice selection is a design submitted by the Team of EDAW, Peratrovich, and Nottingham. A photograph of the winning proposal is attached. Second choice is a proposal by Hammond and Associates.

I am obligated to tell you that the committee's second choice was artistically professional, however, it portrayed five military figures representing a coast guardsman, an army soldier, a native scout, an army engineer and a navy pilot. The committee felt strongly that this representation would raise unnecessary questions about the other branches of service not represented, regardless of their contributions to military service in Alaska. The second choice proposal did recognize contributions of Alaskans to America's military history. The committee's first choice meets with the criteria established by Senate Bill 133, gives added emphasis to the Alaska Territorial Guard with a solid granite statue of an Alaskan Scout and provides for expansion ability that the State Legislature might determine in the future. The first choice selection does provide ample space for recognition plaques.

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Honorable Vic Fischer

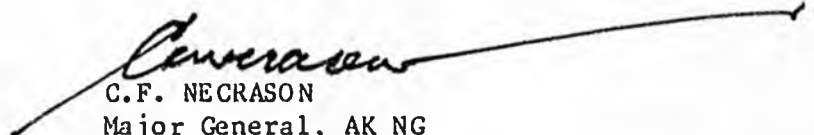
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Needless to say, the committee's work is not done. Further work is needed to determine exactly what is appropriate for plaque inscriptions, size, conformity, and written content. Milestones have been set for these details as well as contract agreements.

In regard to site selection, the committee researched, visited the site and made a unanimous selection. As to the name of the lake, Byers Lake, we will retain the name due to citizen interest and already established, well recognized usage. The committee feels that this point is not detrimental to recognition of our Alaska Memorial.

In conclusion, progress to date stays within the appropriated fund limitation. The first choice selection will stand as a completed total project that could easily be expanded into a second phase of increased park development. I should mention that this was not true of the other proposals reviewed by the committee. We have indicated to the team of EDAW, Peratrovich and Nottingham that their proposal was the committee's first choice and that we would proceed to contract negotiation. I hope that this letter satisfies any concerns your committee may have. I would appreciate any comments you may have within the next 10 days. Seasonal construction requirements demand that we move ahead promptly if we are to use Air Force construction teams for site preparation work and complete the project this year.

Sincerely,


C.F. NECRASON
Major General, AK NG
The Adjutant General

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MEMORIAL TO ALASKAN VETERANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Alaska National
Guard

MAJOR GENERAL C.F. NECRASON

Established residence in Alaska in 1958. Holds a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy, is a graduate of the Air War College. Served as Commander of the Alaskan Air Command 1958-61. Is the recipient of the Legion of Merit with two clusters, the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with four clusters, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation with three clusters, and various campaign and theater ribbons from the United Nations, Korea, Phillipines, Pacific, African and American theaters. Prior to present appointment was employed by Bechtel, Inc. Appointed to present position Dec 2, 1974.

2. U.S. Army

MR. RODNEY FINKLE

LTC U.S. Army, 27 1/2 yrs active duty. Architectural, Industrial and Interior Designer, Pratt Institute, NYC. Vice Chairman and Commissioner for Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission. Chairman for Arts Selection. Jury for Anchorage Sports Arena, Project 80. 12 yrs experience as an Army Engineer Officer in Civil Engineering construction.

3. Navy

MR. WILFRED L. PAINTER

BS Degree Civil Engineering, Princeton University, Princeton N.J. 4 yrs Active Duty U.S. Air Force, 1 tour in Viet Nam. Facilities Construction, Andrews AFB, Washington D.C., 1 1/2 yrs as Representative to National Capitol Planning Commission, Developed Presidential access route from the Capitol Building to Andrews AFB, Project Officer for Andrews Master Plan. Worked in Civil Construction Industry in Hawaii, Washington and in Alaska since 1974. Currently LT in Civil Engineer Corps, Navy Reserve, Command of a Seabee Detachment in Anchorage. Registered Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering, State of Alaska. Hold member grade in American Society of Civil Engineer. Hold membership in Society of American Military Engineer. Work for large construction company in Anchorage. Manager for Anchorage and South Central Alaska. Constructed 2 Calais buildings. Constructed 5th & I Otigan Office Building. Worked on Federal Building.

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MEMORIAL TO ALSAKAN VETERANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (cont'd)

4. Army National
Guard

JOHN H. CLOE

BA Degree in History Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA. 10 Years Active Duty, U.S. Army. 2 tours as an Infantry Officer in Viet Nam, one as an Infantry Company Commander and Advisor to the Army of Viet Nam. LTC AK ARNG National Guard. Command Historian for Alaska Air Command. Only trained Military Historian in Alaska. Belongs to Alaska Historical Society and Cook Inlet Historical Society.

5. Air National
Guard

MR. JON D. VERLINDA

BA Civil Engineer, North Dakota State University Fargo, N.D. 5 years Active Duty U.S. Air Force, worked in Base Civil Engineer Office and Chief, Base Engineering Operations. Worked for Corps of Engineer of Alaska. Kulis Air National Guard Base Civil Engineer. Secretary, Anchorage Post Society of American Military Engineers.

6. Coast Guard

MR. RAYMOND H. SPOLTMAN

30 years in Coast Guard. 3rd assignment as a Commanding Officer. Currently Commander of Marine Safety Office in Anchorage. Professional Marine Surveyor.

7. Air Force

MR. JAMES D. DUNN

Retired Air Force Colonel. Former Base Commander, Elmendorf AFB. Currently employed by Municipality of Anchorage, Director of Transportation.

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Original sponsor: Bradley

Funding Information

General Fund	\$300,000
Other Funds	-0-
	<u>\$300,000</u>

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 705 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Military Affairs for construction of the Alaskan
8 Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake in Denali State
9 Park; and providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the Department of Military Affairs for construction of phase II of the Alaskan
13 Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake in Denali State Park that was initially
14 funded by an appropriation in ch. 31, SLA 1981.

15 * Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this Act is for a capital project and
16 is subject to AS 37.25.020.

17 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
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Original sponsor: Bradley

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 704 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to memorials for servicemen; and to
7 the Alaska Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake in
8 Denali State Park; and providing for an effective
9 date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. ALASKA SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIAL AT BYERS LAKE. (a) The
12 wayside area, including facilities, along Alaska Route 3 in Denali State Park
13 at milepost A147.5 north of Anchorage shall be referred to as the Alaska
14 Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake.

15 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide for the construc-
16 tion of a permanent park ranger and caretaker facility at the site described
17 in (a) of this section and employ a caretaker to provide tourist information,
18 security, and maintenance at the Alaska Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake.

19 (c) The Department of Natural Resources shall consult with the Depart-
20 ment of Military Affairs in the design of the permanent park ranger and
21 caretaker facility described in (b) of this section.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 41.20.020(12) is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 (12) provide for the construction and maintenance of facili-
24 ties in state parks and recreation areas to serve as memorials for
25 servicemen as prescribed by law.

26 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.

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