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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 7, 1983

Mr. Arthur H. Snowden, II
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Dear Mr. Snowden:

Thank you for your recent correspondence of mobilized informational endeavors relative to HJR 36, "Relating to the confirmation of justices and judges by the Legislature.

As you are aware, the maximum ethical validity of the measure was discussed with consummate procedural proficiency on Wednesday, March 30th, and passed out of Committee. I am certain that on the House floor it will be subject to studies of perceptive logistical structure and strategic philosophical rationale. Certainly qualitative relevant approximations may be forthcoming in order to reduce any perceived corrective anticipatory disparity in the orchestrated hierarchical integrity of the system.

Your fears of lengthy delays, as a functional administrative tactician, would not be of significant import, I would hope, through progressive humanistic accommodation and adapted management performance. It would be expected that accredited responsive studies would imply that tabulated definitive placement would render little harm to that tabulated definitive placement would render little harm to proficient concurrent stabilization now apparent in the system.

The resolution's sponsor seemed to believe that our courts' systematized multilateral uniqueness seems to fail in comprehensive informational responsiveness to the electorate. In particular, he expressed the idea that the qualified deliberative selectivity process indulged in by Judicial Council members is negatively responsive to the public, since they avoid the elective mode, in their positions.

As to your lack of opportunity for input, your staff--namely Ms. Karla Forsythe or Mr. Rick Barrier--have established a standing, weekly telephone call to the Committee staff in order to ascertain the topics regularly scheduled for the ensuing week. I have no knowledge as to how or why you were not informed.

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Thank you for involving yourself in the legislative process.

Yours very truly,



Representative Charlie Bassell
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 1983

TO: Representative Charles Bussell, Chairman
House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Representative Jerry Ward *JW*

SUBJ: House Joint Resolution No. 36

Under our present system, the Governor appoints supreme court justices and superior court judges from lists prepared by the Alaska Bar Association and the Judicial Council. Since neither the Alaska Bar Association nor the Judicial Council are elected by the general public, there is a danger that this will be perceived as a self-serving process. By extending the function of legislative confirmation to these positions, this resolution brings the general public back into the process, allowing for public hearings and the expression of public will.

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NG. 36
 Title Relating to the confirmation of justices and judges by the legislature.
 Requested by House Judiciary Committee Date 3/25/83

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected Legislative Affairs Agency
 Program Category Affected General Government
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Session
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		-0-				
200 TRAVEL		-0-				
300 CONTRACTUAL		-0-				
400 COMMODITIES		-0-				
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		-0-				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		-0-				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS None

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

It is estimated that no additional fiscal impact will result from this resolution.

IV. DATE 03-25-83

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AGENCY Legislative Affairs Agency

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