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COMMITTEE REPORT
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FURTHER:

Date: 4/7/53

Mr. President:

The Committee on EDUCATION has had 10

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for SB 123 same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CHAIRMAN

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Dear Senator Ray and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Juneau Elder Abuse Task Force in support of the HESS Committee Substitute for SB 122. The Task Force is composed of representatives of agencies in Juneau which serve older persons.

As you may be aware, the Task Force has taken a continuing interest in this legislation. We were pleased that most of our suggestions for revision of the original SB 122 were adopted by the Health, Education and Social Services Committee. We feel that the legislation before you addresses adequately many of the problems of elder abuse in our state.

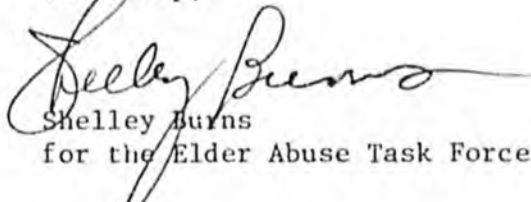
It has never been the intent of our task force to deny any older person the right to choose their own life style. On page 6, line 14, the new definition of "neglect," which we proposed, was adopted precisely to protect freedom of choice regarding life style and the right to privacy of elderly persons.

The intent of this legislation is to protect those people who are in need of protection because of physical or mental disability associated with advancing age.

The older people of our state are generally a strong and independent group. But those of us who are most likely to see elder abuse know that there are still many older Alaskans who need the type of protection this bill mandates in order to live out their lives in dignity.

I would ask you once again to vote in support of this legislation.

Sincerely,



Shelley Burns
for the Elder Abuse Task Force