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COMMITTEE REPORT

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FURTHER: FINANCE

Date _____

Mr. President

The Committee on FINANCE considered 1/1

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

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for SA 2000-01
- new title
- same title and recommends _____
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT" NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

John G. Thompson

Chairman

Chairman recommendation

— SCHEDULE —

TO: Senator Ray

FROM: Paula d. Scavera

DATE: March 1, 1984

RE: SB 471

This bill is for the new Court House in Anchorage.

Section 1 adds leasing authority to existing law which gives the court system authority over construction of court facilities.

Section 2 specifically permits construction of an expanded court facility in Anchorage.

Section 3 already passed the Senate in SE 377, repealing the termination date of the courts authority over its own facilities.

Section 4 is an immediate effective date.

FACT SHEET - ANCHORAGE COURTHOUSE EXPANSION

I. Why Expansion is Needed.

A. Present facility is overcrowded:

- The court offices and related justice agencies listed below have been forced to relocate outside of the existing Court complex. These offices and agencies will be relocated into the expanded Anchorage Courthouse.

<u>Office/Agency</u>	<u>Square Feet Occupied</u>	<u>Annual Rental Cost</u>
Administrative Office	7,440	\$ 125,280
Technical Operations	2,045	50,304
Storage in Old PIP Bldg.	4,000	-0-
Attorney General/District Attorney	31,345	789,894
Public Defender	7,035	171,372
Judicial Council	1,340	35,376
Adult Corrections - Presentence Unit	1,710	46,170
Youth Corrections	4,200	65,520
	59,115	\$1,283,916

- Existing Court facility has only 1 courtroom/chambers available, which is currently being used by pro tem and visiting judges. Remodeling of this building has been completed and no additional courtroom or chambers can be built.
- Clerk's Office is crowded to the point of inefficiency; other ancillary offices, jury assembly room, and other spaces have reached their maximum utilization.
- The existing situation in which agencies and offices are separated from the Court facility are inefficient in terms of communication and access. This creates additional operating costs to these offices.

B. Projections for Future Growth and Space Demands:

- The population in Anchorage has grown from 178,000 in 1975 to 230,000 in 1983, an increase of 30%.
- From 1975 to FY 83, superior court filings increased from 6,646 to 9,960, a 50% increase.

- From 1975 to FY 83 district court filings (non-traffic) increased from 12,726 to 16,464, a 30% increase and total filings increased from 45,590 to 65,272, a 43% increase.
- The Institute of Social and Economic Research projects Anchorage population increasing from 230,000 in 1983 to 362,000 by the year 2005, an increase of 57%.
- It is anticipated that superior and district court caseloads will increase approximately, if not more than, this amount over that time period.
- In addition to increases in population, the Court system caseloads are impacted by new legislation such as domestic violence, increased penalties for drugs or DWI's, etc.

II. Development of Anchorage Court Complex.

- 1964 to 1973: the Court System occupied the old court building, approximately 64,000 square feet.
- November 1973 to present: the Court System occupied the old building and the Boney Memorial Court Building, which added 158,000 square feet for a total of 222,000 square feet in the Court Complex.
- In 1982 the Court System received an appropriation of \$9,969,000 for planning and design, land acquisition, and remodeling of existing space.
- In the following year the Court System purchased the land across "I" Street from the Court complex, selected an architect to design the new building, and completed the programming for the new building.
- This programming determined that the space requirements for the year 2005 would amount to approximately an additional 270,000 square feet.
- By 1988 (earliest year that building could be built and occupied) the Court System will need approximately 170,000 to 180,000 additional square feet, leaving approximately 100,000 square feet for other State uses.
- The projected growth from 1988 to the year 2005 will require the expansion of the Court into the full capacity of the building.

III. Costs:

- The cost estimates for construction of the Courthouse expansion were provided by John McCool, Project Architect.
- Construction cost of the Court offices, courtroom, and related spaces will be approximately \$185 per square foot. For 270,000 square feet this cost equals approximately \$49,495,000.
- Approximately 117,500 square feet of parking area will be built at an estimated cost of \$85 per square foot for an additional \$9,987,000.
- The total estimated construction cost is approximately \$59,482,000.
- Architectural and other administrative costs are already budgeted in the 1982 appropriation.

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