

HB

151

SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION:

BILL NUMBER: *CSHB 151 (Fin)*

BILL NAME: *special appropriation to DNR, division of parks,*

SPONSOR(S): *Hayes, mm Miller, Duncan* RELATED BILLS PENDING: *SB 31*

DATE INTRODUCED: *3-3-83*

REFERRALS: *Resources  
Finance*

INITIAL RESEARCH:

BILL SUMMARY COMPLETED:

SUMMARY BY LEGAL DIVISION:

SPONSOR CONTACTED FOR  
BACKUP MATERIALS:

DEPT. OF LAW SUMMARY:

AGENCY RESPONSE:

FISCAL NOTE:

OTHER INTERESTED SENATORS OR  
REPS. NOTIFIED: .

*for 4-6-83 hearing -  
✓ Hilton Wolfe, DNR  
✓ Kathy Hildry  
✓ Rep. Miller (Jm.)*

BACKGROUND RESEARCH:

SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES:

RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED PERSONS/GROUPS:

OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PRECEDENTS, REGULATIONS, LAWS:

HEARING PREPARATION:

CHAIRMAN BRIEFED:

DATE AND PLACE SET:

STAFF MEMO TO COMMITTEE:

TELECONFERENCE:

BACKGROUND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED:

PSA/PRESS RELEASE:

LIST OF WITNESSES:

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE  
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*Pete McAnell 3568*

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✓ Rep. Duncan  
✓ Rep. Hayes  
~~✓ Neal Johanssen, DNR~~*

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March 16, 1983

Senator Pelly Sabrenkoff,  
Room 125  
Capitol Bldg Pouch  
Juneau Alaska 99801

Dear Senator,

This is to support CA HB151  
appropriating money for  
Wickersham House in Juneau  
as a Historic Site. It is truly  
a unique and valuable  
home and collection and deserves  
governmental preservation  
and protection for Alaskans  
and tourists. I and friends will  
appreciate your Committee's  
endorsement of this project.

Sincerely  
Catherine F Gair

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LETTER OF INTENT

CS HB 151 (FIN)

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CSHB 151 (FIN)

SB 31 in our Committee (V. Fischer) - asked that we  
hear House version

MAKING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,  
DIVISION OF PARKS, FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSE OF  
WICKERSHAM IN JUNEAU.

ORIGINAL SPONSORS: HAYES, M.M. MILLER, DUNCAN

Schedule 3/23/83?

Sec. 1 Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the Division  
of Parks, DNR, for acquiring the House of Wickersham and the historical  
collections and artifacts in the house, and for the development of the  
acquisition as a historical site.

Is a capital project appropriation.

Judge -- early years of AK's  
history (establishment of courts  
of law + government)

(See summary of SB 31 for further background information.)

2/8 passed out of State Affairs 5 do pass, 1 no rec  
2/25 passed out of House Finance unanimous "do pass"  
2/28 passed House unanimously

Bill is based on recommendation of Task Force  
created by '81 legislature.

Action was taken following loss of another historical  
collection (Pullman). House is one of oldest structures in  
AK.

Testimony before House Finance: price is modest, conservative.  
Private appraisals are higher. State Parks budget is \$1 million  
for capital improvements throughout the  
state - therefore, this is an extra appropriation. see attached 91

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO DNR FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE HOUSE OF WICKERSHAM.

SB 31

V. FISCHER

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to DNR, Division of Parks, for the acquisition of the House of Wickersham (Juneau), and its development as a historic site. Includes annual operating costs.

Bill is based on recommendation of Task Force created by 1981 legislature.

House is certified on the National Register of Historic Places. Revised mode of operation necessary due to advancing age of present owner/curator. Task Force concluded that gross monetary return from operations is not sufficient to attract private investors. Additionally, a buyer other than the State could result in reoccurring negotiations and contracts involving the State to assure the continued operation and preservation of the House and its contents. Purchase by the State was concluded to be the most direct and controlled means of preservation.

CSHB 151 (Fin) MAKING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO DNR,  
DIVISION OF PARKS, FOR ACQUISITION AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSE OF WICKERSHAM  
IN JUNEAU.

HB 151 appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the acquisition and development of the House of Wickersham in Juneau as an historic site. At the March 23 hearing on this bill, the Administration requested that final Committee action be delayed to give them a chance to explore other funding options. Committee staff, the bill's sponsor, and the Administration worked together on drafting a letter that expresses the intent of the Legislature to acquire the Wickersham collection, and House (if necessary) after negotiation with the sellers.

It is anticipated that final action will be taken on HB 151 at our April 22 hearing.

# Alaska State Legislature

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## Senate

### Committee on Resources

March 23, 1983

#### Memo

To: Bettye

From: Sandra

Subject: Hearing CSHB 151, House of Wickersham appropriation

This bill sailed through the House. The Administration is just now catching up to it apparently and presumably will be requesting at the hearing that final reporting be delayed to give them a chance to explore other options.

The bill appropriates a million \$\$ for acquisition and development of the Wickersham House as an historic park site.

#### Questions

---Has the use of private funds and donations for acquisition been ruled out?

---What portion of the \$1 million is for just acquisition of the house and collections and what portion for restoration and other "development" work?

---The fiscal note calls for \$50,000 for DNR for undisclosed purposes. What is the money for and would it an annual appropriation need for operating?

---Will a management plan for development and operation of the house be required?

# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

TO: Ginger Baim

DATE: 11/18/82

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-2421

FROM: Hilton Wolfe

SUBJECT: Wickersham House

Here is a copy of the Wickersham House bound report, which I wasn't able to drop off for you last week in Anchorage.

Since then I have been in contact with the Legislative Affairs Agency regarding preparation of a bill for acquisition and will assist them in any way possible.

This morning I gave a copy of the report to Joel Orelove, who indicates that a group of "wealthy investors," i.e., "Alaskan millionaires," may be interested in purchasing the house and collections from Giersdorf and then donating the items back to the State over a period of time which would allow tax deductions at appreciated values. Sounds like an interesting alternative if State funds are not appropriated for that purpose, although I doubt that that approach would address the need for money to perform some adaptive rehabilitation work, provide fire protection, and develop a cataloging and display system.

Let me mention again that I have enough copies of the report to supply all the legislators whenever it seems appropriate.

Best regards,

Hilton

Giersdorf's local representative:  
Kathy Hildry 586-6883  
out of town 3/10 - 3/23

→ Joel Orelove's proposal was not satisfactory to Giersdorf (owner). Orelove wanted the collections moved out of the house - the house converted to a business.

Div. Parks still reluctant if this \$1 million is to come out of the Division's total \$1 1/2 million appropriation.

## HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 25, 1983

1:32 p.m.

(Tape HFC 83-16, Side 1 #442.)

PRESENT

All Members of the Committee were in attendance except Representative Martin. (Representatives Pestinger and Flood arrived later in the meeting.) ALSO PRESENT representatives Shultz and M.M. Miller; Bob Giersdorf, Owner, Wickersham House; Hilton Wolfe, Division of Parks, Department of Natural Resources; Terry Cramer, Blue Ribbon Commission on the State Personnel Act; Marty Nusbaum, Acting Director, Alaska Marine Highway System; John Wolfe, Executive Director, Older Alaskans Commission; and Pete Kelly, Vietnam Veterans of Alaska.

HCR 14

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and brought HCR 14 up for consideration.

HCR 14 -- "Extending the life of the Regional Educational Attendance Area Budget Oversight Committee."

Chairman Adams explained HCR 14 extends the life of the REAA Budget Oversight Committee through FY 84. He stated the Committee scrutinizes the REAA's Financial Management of Educational Funds. Chairman Adams said the Resolution also provides that the Department of Education shall review the operating budget of each REAA by August of each year, and then the Oversight Committee would review the Department's findings.

Chairman Adams invited the sponsor of the bill to testify.

REPRESENTATIVE SHULTZ, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 17 AND CHAIR OF THE REAA BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, presented testimony favoring HCR 14. (See attachment #1.)

(Representatives Pestinger and Flood arrived while Representative Shultz was presenting his testimony.)

Chairman Adams stated he has signed a \$50.0 fiscal note. He asked Representative Shultz to explain how they plan to spend the money. Representative Shultz said the \$50.0 is a substantial decrease from what was requested last year (approximately \$107.0). He stated they had funds left over last year and they plan to use those to assist them in doing the Maintenance and Operation Study. He said this study would be very beneficial to the legislators, the school districts, school boards, teacher

associations, etc. He said the information he presented is a very rough draft of the budget as they perceive it at this time.

Representative Flood said his recollection is that the Oversight Committee has no legal existence. He asked if by passing this Resolution they would be increasing the legal status of the Committee. Representative Shultz said he was not sure. He said the Resolution only extends the life of the Commission until 1984.

Chairman Adams stated HJR 14 would be HELD IN COMMITTEE until Monday because several members would like additional information.

#### HB 151

The next bill to be considered was B-151.

HB 151 -- "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources, division of parks, for acquisition and development of the House of Wickersham in Juneau; and providing for an effective date."

Chairman Adams stated HB 151 would make a special appropriation of \$1 million to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks for acquisition and development of the House of Wickersham and its contents. He said the funding would also be used to develop the House of Wickersham as an historical site. He stated the appropriation request is based on the recommendation of a task force created by the Governor upon request of the Legislature in 1981. He invited Representative M.M. Miller to testify.

REPRESENTATIVE M. MILLER, JUNEAU, commented that one of the prime sponsors of the Bill is the Speaker of the House. He complimented the Speaker for his statesmanship in being the prime sponsor of the legislation. He thought that represented a recognition that the House of Wickersham is a statewide resource although it happens to be located in Juneau. Representative Miller said it is an historical resource and treasure.

Representative Miller said a few years ago they funded a special task force to look into the acquisition of the House of Wickersham. He said that action was taken following the loss of another historical collection from the State -- the Pullman Collection. He commented briefly on the State's loss of the Pullman Collection and said the Wickersham House represents to them the same sort of opportunity and the same sort of loss if they fail to assume the opportunity.

Representative Miller stated the Task Force consisted of representatives from the Division of Parks, the Division of Libraries and Museums, the Division of Tourism, the Alaska Historical Commission, the University of Alaska, Alaska Tour and

Marketing Services, and Ruth Allman, the Lecturer-Curator of the House of Wickersham. He said the "guts" of the report are in the summary pages 1 through 8. (Secretary's Note -- a copy of the report is available in the House Finance Committee Original Bill File.) Representative Miller commented further on the report and said they have before them a very defendable and appropriate amount for the purchase of the Wickersham House.

Representative Miller commented briefly on the options the Task Force considered and said they recommended that the State purchase and operate the Wickersham House because they felt it was desirable to preserve the House and its contents as a unit. He stated the Division of Parks would be the managing agency. He commented that substantial upgrading is going to be necessary.

Representative Miller said he cannot recommend too highly the opportunity before them now and the danger if they don't seize that opportunity. He said he understands that Representative Duncan will be offering an amendment to the Bill dealing with the lapse date. He commented that Speaker Hayes had indicated he has no problem with that amendment.

\* MR. BOB GIERSDORF, OWNER, HOUSE OF WICKERSHAM, commented that 24 years ago he was a member of the Legislature in the first State Legislature. He said that was when he first met Ruth Allman, the daughter of Judge Wickersham and the owner of the Wickersham House. He said Ruth Allman has, over the years, been the caretaker of Alaska's history. He said the media from around the state continue to call her for references, and when attempts have been made to write about those first years of Alaska's history, the first step is to study Judge Wickersham's first 30 years of Alaska, the establishment of courts of law and government in Alaska. He said the Judge carved a unique and substantive role throughout Alaska.

Mr. Giersdorf said he was overwhelmed by the contents and historical importance of the Wickersham House and said he introduced legislation in the first session to try and get the State to acquire the collection. He said the situation at that time was desperate -- Ruth was in hock to the Sisters of St. Ann's Hospital to pay bills for Grace Wickersham who had been hospitalized for over 12 years. He explained that at that time he was with Alaska Airlines, and they worked out a situation to be able to lease the House from Ruth, retire the debt over a period of time, and to allow visitation to the House. He said establishing visitor access to the House was a way of keeping it available for visitors, and it allowed Ruth to achieve her objective. He said Ruth has dedicated her life to the perpetuation of the memory of the Judge and keeping the collection intact in hopes that it would be properly and adequately preserved and protected for all time for Alaskans.

Mr. Giersdorf said in 1972 when he left Alaska Airlines, the Airline was in its financial straits and commitments required for an airline business required that they give up the subsidy program of trying to maintain the Wickersham House. So, he said, his wife Lauri and he purchased the House and the collection in order to provide Ruth with a pay-out in income and to continue to preserve intact what she had started. He said that gave Ruth the opportunity to share her history with the people as long as she wished and was able.

Mr. Giersdorf said the operation has operated at a loss every year, but they felt it was their contribution, and they have been committed to Ruth's objectives and to the long term objectives towards the House and the Collection. He said Ruth will be 78 this year and the year's are catching up with reality. He said Ruth has been a great steward on behalf of all of Alaska's history, but she wants and needs the opportunity to retire.

(Tape change, HFC 83-16, side 2.)

Mr. Giersdorf said he thinks it is vital that the collection be catalogued and interpreted using the resource of Ruth Allman. At the moment she is able to spend the hours and weeks necessary to interpret the collection properly with the proper state professional people to achieve full benefit and insight of the scope and depth of the collection.

Mr. Giersdorf referred to the Governor's Task Force recommendations, and pointed out the House itself is one of the oldest structures ever built in Alaska. He said it was built before the turn of the century, and they were able to protect it by putting it on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. He stated the various appraisers that have provided their input into the report were very conservative. He commented one of the top rare book collectors on the West Coast has been trying for years to acquire the Wickersham diaries. He said there are major institutions and universities that feel those diaries are some of the outstanding items left in personal collections. He stated the dedication they have, and the reason they got involved, is to try and carry on Ruth's objectives to see this properly placed within the State and preserved.

Mr. Giersdorf said the House represents in the collections, the entire history of the State. He said those who have had a chance to see the Wickersham House probably noted the entire manner of the Judge in the way he catalogued and interpreted things, and kept records as he moved around the State in those early days.

Mr. Giersdorf said the individual and personal letters back and forth to the presidents of the United States during those years as Judge Wickersham was a delegate are mind-boggling. He said there are about 1400 photographs there, and 10% to 20% of them are unique in that they probably never heretofore have been

available to people throughout the State, and they chronicle some of the very earliest beginnings of various parts of Alaska.

Mr. Giersdorf said he believes the substantive approach of the Task Force Report and the professional nature of it, could support very well the decision before the Legislature. He said Alaska as one of the newest states is very close to its history. He said they don't have roots that date back that far and it takes a very sensitive and special focus for the State Government and Legislature to decide to preserve and protect those articles and properties that may otherwise go into oblivion forever. He commented they have seen that happen with the Pullman Collection, and that was a tragic loss to the State.

Mr. Giersdorf said he thinks there were some especially important marks and inprints left by Judge Wickersham. He said he was a special person present at a very important moment in Alaska's history because he had a penchant for recording all the significant events of the days. He said these are the earliest trail markers of Alaska's steps and milestones moving from the district and territorial days into statehood.

Mr. Giersdorf said they feel it is an opportunity, knowing that 1984 is the silver anniversary of statehood; it is also a centennial of sorts -- in 1884 the first government form in Alaska was established. He suggested nothing could be more fitting to commemorate 100 years of government in Alaska.

Regarding the proposed price, Mr. Giersdorf said it is a modest and conservative appraisal. He said they have private appraisals that are much higher, but their objective here is to place the collection, not just as a sale, but as a commitment that the steps to the restoration and preservation, and to maintaining the collection over the years, be achieved. He thought that placing the collection in the Division of State Parks was a proper and appropriate placement for the State. He commented in the State Parks budget they only have about \$1 million for capital improvements throughout the state; therefore, this would have to be above and beyond the other needs that State Parks has.

Mr. Giersdorf said the critical item now is time -- the time to move for the value of the collection and while they have the resources and the time of Ruth Allman. He commended the Legislature for considering this matter and urged their positive further deliberations.

\* MR. HILTON WOLFE, DIVISION OF PARKS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES was invited to testify at this time. Mr. Wolfe said essentially he would like to officially put forth the Department's strong support of the concept of public ownership and management of this unique historic resource. He said he was a participant of the Task Force Report and would be happy to provide any additional information relative to that. He said he

was amazed at how much material is actually there. He said although the cataloging in the report is extensive, it is far from being complete. He said there is a wealth, a treasury of historic significance up there on the hill.

\* Chairman Adams said he understands the Department supports the concept. He pointed out that in the Bill Analysis it states they "cannot urge passage of this special appropriation until we have completed a vigorous analysis of the impact", and he asked if that was correct. Mr. Wolfe said yes. He said the Governor's allocation for Parks is \$1.5 million. He said if this appropriation is to be a substitution within that amount, they haven't been able to conclude yet that that would be where their priority is. He said if the appropriation were in addition to the current funding for Parks, there would be complete support for the passage.

\* Representative Zharoff said the only concern he has with the State getting its clutches on something like this, is the public will never see it. He said he is afraid that when the State gets into the collection and catalogs everything, they will begin to hide things in nooks and crannies and it will defeat their purpose here.

\* Representative Ward said the Task Force report does say they will go through and hide some things from the public. Also, he asked where the Department would put all the artifacts while the House is being totally redone. Mr. Wolfe said there is the capacity to house the artifacts at the State Museum during that period of renovation. He said it is the intent, with very few exceptions, to keep all the documents in the House. He said there is also the awareness of the opportunity, since there is such a wealth of material there, to have some of the materials available on a rotating basis for out of town distribution to other state locations, schools, etc., so the collection could become available to Alaskans. He said there is such a wealth of material there that it would be impossible to display all of the material in the house. He stated there are only a few items which because of their fragility and so on, need to be maintained in a controlled environment. There was brief discussion.

Representative Duncan MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

Delete present section (2).

Add a new section (2) to read:

\* Sec. 2. The appropriations under this act are for capital projects and are subject to AS 37.25.010.

There BEING NO OBJECTION, the amendment WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Duncan MOVED AND ASKED UNANIMOUS CONSENT that a Finance CS for HB 151 be prepared incorporating the amendment, and that the CSHB 151 (Fin) be reported out. There BEING NO OBJECTION, it was SO ORDERED.

CSHB 151 (Finance) was reported out with a "do pass" recommendation. The following members signed the Committee report with a "do pass" recommendation: Pestinger, Bettisworth, Flood, Ward, Hurlbert, Zharoff, Duncan, Grussendorf, Lindauer and Adams.

HB 108

The next bill to be considered was HB 108.

HB 108 -- "An Act relating to the inclusion in the state exempt service of licensed physicians employed by the division of mental health and developmental disabilities; Department of Health and Social Services."

Chairman Adams explained HB 108 seeks to include psychiatrists employed by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, in the exemption class of state employees. He said that due to a drafting error last session, all physicians employed by the Department were placed in exempt services. He said this bill would correct that error and it has the support of the Department and the Alaska Public Employees Association.

TERRY CRAMER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE STATE PERSONNEL ACT, testified there was a drafting error last session and physicians who were at that time included in the classified service were moved to the exempt service. She explained this created an awkward situation for the Department of Health and Social Services because there were regional health officers in the Department -- one a licensed veterinarian and another a medical doctor, and the veterinarian remained in the classified service and the physician was moved into exempt services; yet they were doing identical jobs.

Ms. Cramer explained the physicians in the Department are psychiatrists and in order to attract and retain qualified staff, they found it is necessary to provide salaries beyond the normal salary schedule. She said the Department is able to attract and retain physicians within the scope of the normal salary schedule and therefore doesn't have any problem with those employees being part of classified services.

Ms. Cramer said the Commission recommends the law be changed to go back to the old system, to put all physicians in the classified service except for those who are employed by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

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## Senate Committee on Resources

### MINUTES

April 22, 1983  
3:10 p.m.

Beltz Room  
Room 211, Capitol

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chair	Senator V. Fischer
Senator Ziegler, Vice Chair	Senator Mulcahy
Senator Eliason	Senator Sturgulewski
Senator P. Fischer	

### CALENDAR

- HJR 38      Relating to marketing and transporting Alaska's natural gas
- SJR 12      Opposing the extension of the provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1979 that effectively bans the export of Alaska North Slope Oil.
- HB 151**      An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources, division of parks, for acquisition and development of the House of Wickersham in Juneau; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 222      An Act relating to the organization of the Department of Natural Resources, substituting references in the Alaska Statutes to the department and the commissioner for references to the division of lands and the director of the division of lands.
- SB 181      An Act making supplemental appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources for land deficiency entitlements; and providing for an effective date.
- SB 233      An Act enacting the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-level Radioactive Waste Management; and providing for an effective date.

SB 168 An Act relating to the Alaska Power Authority; and providing for an effective date.

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HJR 38

Representative Cowdery, sponsor of the measure, felt the measure was needed to back the Reagan administration's efforts to establish a free market.

Harold Moles, Vice President for Alaskan Operations, Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company, felt the resolution should not be passed at the risk of delaying or harming the gas pipeline project.

Jerry McCutcheon supported passing the resolution, but felt it was not in Alaska's best interest.

Senator V. Fischer asked if the Administration had a position on the resolution. Senator Fahrenkamp said they had been invited to speak, but had expressed no interest.

Senator Fahrenkamp felt that the Budget & Audit Committee hearings scheduled to be held over the weekend might provide useful information for the committee, and so held the bill over.

SJR 12

Jim Palmer, Joint Oil & Gas Committee Aide, explained that the resolution calls for our Congressional delegation to do everything possible to remove the ban on export of Alaskan oil when the Export Administration Act is considered later this year.

Senator Sturgulewski moved to report out SJR 12 with individual recommendations. Motion passed without objection.

CSHB 151

Representative Mike Miller of Juneau, co-sponsor of the legislation, explained the necessity to acquire the Wickersham collection before it is dispersed. There was discussion of exactly how the appropriation could be used.

Senator V. Fischer moved to adopt the committee substitute, including the letter of intent, and to report the bill out with individual recommendations. Motion passed without objection.

SB 222

Sharon Barton, special assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, explained that the bill is a "housekeeping" measure and endorsed its passage.

Senator Sturgulewski moved that the bill be brought before the committee, and moved Barton's first recommended amendment. Motion passed without objection.

Barton continued to offer suggested amendments. Senator Fahrenkamp asked that the amendments be prepared in writing for the committee's consideration, and held the bill over until those could be received and until the statute revisor's opinion could be asked.

#### SB 181

Rav Mann, Property Management Officer for the Municipality of Anchorage, gave a history of the Municipality's efforts to obtain its land entitlement.

There was discussion of whether the Municipality would take a \$5 million settlement as provided in statutes, or if it would continue to approach the legislature for additional funds or land.

Jane Anqvik, Municipality of Anchorage Assembly Member, felt it was not in Anchorage's best interest to accept a full cash settlement at this time if that would preclude any efforts to seek amendments to the entitlement provisions.

Bill was held over.

#### SB 233

Stan Hungerford, Air & Solid Waste Management Section, Department of Environmental Conservation, and T.R. Strong, Head of the Radiation Control Section for the State of Washington, spoke in support of SB 233 and explained how it would be beneficial to Alaska to become a member of the Northwest Interstate Compact.

Senator Mulcahy moved to report out the bill with individual recommendations. The motion passed without objection.

#### SB 168

Sterling Gallagher, Vice President of John Naveen & Co., supported SB 168, and the first three proposed amendments.

Commissioner Dick Lvon, Department of Commerce & Economic Development, supported the bill and the amendments and urged early passage of the measure.

There was discussion of the fourth amendment offered by Senator V. Fischer, who said he preferred not to move his amendment.

Dave Hutchens, Alaska Rural Electrical Cooperative Association, supported the bill and the three amendments.

Senator Mulcahy moved the amendments. Senator V. Fischer asked that the question be divided. On the question, each amendment passed without objection.

Senator Mulcahy moved that the Resources committee substitute for SB 168, including the three amendments, be reported out with individual recommendations. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

April 11, 1983

DRAFT LETTER OF INTENT

CS FOR HB 151

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*add  
sentence  
re acquisition  
of House  
of Wickersham*

*Senate Resources*

April 8, 1983

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January 15, 1984

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or another appropriate  
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April 8, 1983

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*Singer W. Fischer*

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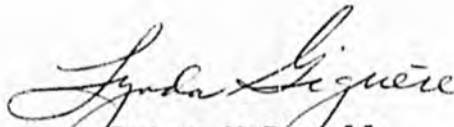
April 7, 1983

The Honorable Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

The enclosed supercedes yesterday's draft letter of intent concerning CS for HB 151, the special appropriation for acquisition of the House of Wickersham. This draft letter of intent has been discussed and agreed to by Mr. Robert Giersdorf and Rep. Mike Miller of Juneau. We would ask if you would consider including it in the record as a letter of intent from the Senate Resources Committee concerning this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
for Peter McDowell  
Director

Enclosure

cc w/encl:      The Honorable Vic Fischer  
                  The Honorable Mike Miller (Juneau)  
                  The Honorable Esther Wunnicke  
                  The Honorable Joe Hayes

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## Senate

### Committee on Resources

TO: Pete McDowell, Director  
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

RE: HB 151, House of Wickersham

DATE: April 10, 1981

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Please find attached a revised Resources Committee Letter of Intent for HB 151. This revised letter contains language inadvertently deleted from the previous draft.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

*cc Vic Fischer  
Kathy Hildry  
Mike Miller  
Joe Hays  
Wunnicka*

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## Senate Committee on Resources

April 11, 1983

Peter McDowell, Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Pouch AM  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Peter:

Please find attached a Resources Committee letter of intent on HB 151, the special appropriation for acquisition of the House of Wickstram.

This letter is a revised product of discussions with you and the bill's sponsor on the Senate side. It clarifies the issues presented in earlier drafts while still including all the major points.

The Senate Resources Committee will consider this letter of intent when HB 151 is again before the committee. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bettye".

Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Chairman

Encl: Letter of intent.

cc: Senator Vic Fischer  
Representative Mike Miller  
Esther Funnicke, Commissioner  
Representative Joe Hayes

BF:gm

April 13, 1983

SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Governor's Mansion Rehabilitation (Jun-019)

Planning is underway for extensive rehabilitation and restoration of the Governor's Mansion, which will be executed in two phases later this year.

Phase I rehabilitation will include overhaul of heating, ventilating, plumbing and electrical systems, and long-awaited installation of fire detection and suppression systems and intrusion alarms. This work will greatly extend the useful life of this 1912 building, and will provide much-needed protection against catastrophic loss.

Phase II restoration will involve work on interior finish surfaces—floors, walls and ceilings—impacted in previous non-historical remodelings or cut into by the major work of Phase I. Phase II will also include restoration through selection of historically appropriate surface finishes, colors, and movable furnishings.

The general restoration philosophy being followed in the project is that all "public" or "guest" spaces accessible to visitors will be restored and furnished with attention to historical accuracy. Private living spaces and serving spaces, not visitor-

accessible, will be rehabilitated to present-day standards of comfort and function as the desirable objective.

Phase I work is being administered by the Division of General Design and Construction, Southeast Region, DOT/PF, with detailed planning by the consultant team of Vernon Akins and Associates, Mechanical Engineers; Ben Haight, Electrical Engineer, and Linn A. Forrest Architects, A.I.A.

Phase II planning and general project coordination are being administered through the Governor's Office by Phyllis Bradner, with Linn A. Forrest Architects responsible for architectural planning.

Because the Governor's Mansion is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, work in both phases is being coordinated and reviewed for conformance to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects. Historical Architect Robert A. Mitchell, AIA, is representing OHA on the planning committee and providing interpretation of the Secretary's Standards.

Wickersham (continued)

the restoration of the structure and for its maintenance and use as a tourist attraction in Juneau. These plans are in the beginning stages, and *Heritage* readers will be kept informed as they develop.

By owning and maintaining this historic structure, the state will be able to provide residents and visitors to southeastern Alaska the chance to view the home of one of our early political leaders.

Reviews (continued)

The review process in the Department of Natural Resources will change in the near future. The majority of our review material had come through the office of the DNR review coordinator, who gathered the comments of all the Divisions within DNR. That position was abolished along with the demise of the Division of Research and Development. It remains to be seen if the Department will reinstate that function in another office, or if it will institute a new system of reviews. We will keep *Heritage* readers up-to-date with these and any other changes.



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## House of Wickersham

*Heritage* readers will be pleased to learn that funds were appropriated during the recent legislative session for the purchase of the House of Wickersham in Juneau and all its furnishings.

The House of Wickersham was constructed in 1899 by Frank Hammond, owner of the Sheep Creek Mining Company, and is built on the original placer claims that extend to Gold Creek. During this period it was one of the largest and most conspicuous houses in Juneau. After his mining company failed, Hammond leased and then sold the house to John F. Malony. Malony sold the house in 1912 to the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company. Bartlett Thane, Emile Gastonguay and other company officials resided in the house until it was purchased by Judge James Wickersham. Wickersham had taken up residence in Juneau in 1916 and purchased this home in 1928.



House of Wickersham, Juneau

Wickersham made several alterations to the structure, including adding a basement and adding book shelves throughout the first floor rooms. Some modernization of the heating, lighting and plumbing systems have been carried out over the years, but the building remains virtually unaltered.

Wickersham lived in the house from 1928 to 1930, served a two-year term as Delegate to Congress, and then returned to his residence in Juneau, where he lived until his death in 1939.

The house is currently owned by Robert Giersdorf and is maintained and operated by Ruth Allman, niece of Judge Wickersham. In recognition of its significance, the structure was placed on the

National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

In addition to acquiring the structure, the state will also acquire the contents of the house, which includes furnishings, artifacts and manuscripts relating to Wickersham's career. The Alaska Division of Parks, in conjunction with other state agencies such as the State Museum and the State Library, has begun discussions concerning the proper curatorial control and preservation of these items.

An architectural study has been completed on the structure by Historical Architect Bob Mitchell. The Division of Parks has begun formulating plans for

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As we go to press, word has been received that Governor Sheffield has approved \$650,000 of the \$1.1 million legislative appropriation. This money will cover the purchase of this structure (including its historical artifacts and books), and provide \$150,000 of the estimated \$350,000 necessary for restoration and access for the handicapped. No funds for planning, interpretation or staffing were approved.

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WICKERSHAM HOUSE REPORT

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to  
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Governor

By  
Wickersham House Task Force  
March 1982  
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