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SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION:

BILL NUMBER: SB 31

BILL NAME: Appropriate to DNR, division of Parks,
acquire/develop House of Wickersham, Junco

SPONSOR(S): J. Fischer

RELATED BILLS PENDING:

DATE INTRODUCED: 1-18-83

HB 151

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:

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
SUBSTITUTES DRAFTED:

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. S.B. 31
 Title Special Appropriation: House of Wickersham
 Requested by Fischer Date 1/20/83

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Natural Resources - Parks
 Program Category Affected Parks & Recreation
 ERU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Park Operations
 (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		19.2	40.8			
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		10.9	11.8			
400 COMMODITIES		2.7	2.9			
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		750.0	250.0			
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	782.8	305.5			

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
GENERAL FUND		782.8	305.5			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
FULL TIME		0.5	1.0			
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

This fiscal note is based upon the Fiscal Information section (pp. 7-8) of the Wickersham House Report (copy attached), completed in March 1982 by the Wickersham House Task Force, appointed by the Governor at the request of and with funding from the Legislature.

The total cost of acquiring the House of Wickersham and its collections and developing the house and contents as a public historic site is estimated at \$1,000.0. Acquisition could occur in the first half of FY84, with development beginning in the second half and extending into FY85. Line 100 through 400 costs would be for an on-site manager/curator position, with this position becoming active after acquisition.

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1/24/83

IV. DATE _____ PREPARED BY _____
 AGENCY Natural Resources

Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-2400
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

State eyes historic household

By BRUCE SCANDLING
Empire Staff Reporter

Proposals for state purchase of Juneau's historical House of Wickersham are gaining speed in the Alaska Legislature.

Preservation of state history is the goal, lawmakers say.

A bill earmarking \$1 million for purchase and development of the historical site passed easily through the House State Affairs Committee Monday. It is co-sponsored by 21 representatives, including Juneau Reps. Mike Miller and Jim Duncan.

An identical bill has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Vic Fischer, D-Anchorage.

"I think the Legislature is starting to look back and see where it failed before" in trying to preserve state history, Duncan said.

A state bid to save the Pollen collection in Skagway two years ago failed, and artifacts were auctioned to historians around the country, he said.

Although Miller introduced a bill to purchase that collection, the legislation faltered and the collection was lost to Outside buyers.

"We don't want that to happen again," Duncan said.

The House of Wickersham, on Seventh Street, was occupied by Judge James Wickersham and his wife from 1928 to 1939 and still contains extensive collections of Alaska memorabilia detailing the Judge's travel and work around the state.

It is owned by Seattle travel entrepreneur Bob Giersdorf of Alaska Tour and Marketing Service and managed by

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Wickersham's niece, Ruth Allman, at Seventh Street house.

Fill 'er up

Lower 48 gas prices drop but local prices staying near peak

By CHRIS JARVIS

costing \$1.20 a gallon, unless they have
wrench, rags and roll tires and things like

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Samm and Phil Godfrey Redi-Mix Sand and Gravel were ordered to pay the state \$7,500 each for violation of state construction laws after winning a state contract to upgrade Seward Highway in March, 1981. The state last October charged the firms with forcing a subcontractor on the highway project to buy all of its concrete from Phil Godfrey Redi-Mix. The state said. Samm and Phil Godfrey were also ordered to pay \$1,500 to the contractor on the highway project.

The judgment also prohibits the defendants from requiring any subcontractor they hire to purchase construction supplies from Samm or Phil Godfrey.

Despite rate hike, Chugach in 'crisis'

SEASIDE (AP) — Despite a 51 percent rate increase last year, Chugach Electric Association lost \$3.5 million last year, industry figures show. "Murphy, a member of the utility's board of directors, termed it the worst financial crisis in its history. "We don't have reasonable rate relief over time, our equity has dropped to zero and we will be in total default," said Walter Truitt, general manager of CEA. The ratio of equity to debt for Chugach dropped from 1.67 to 0.67, Truitt said. The Rural Electrification Administration requires member cooperatives to have a minimum ratio of 3.0. Chugach reported losses of \$800,000 and \$600,000 in 1980 and 1981, respectively. "Despite the large rate increase, Truitt said part of the deficit is attributable to the Alaska Public Utilities Commission's decision to phase in the boost in stages. "Due to an interim increase granted in 1981, the utility had not raised its rate since March of 1978, he said. "We're also playing catchup," Truitt said. "We spent a lot of money on maintenance and implementing the management audit ordered in 1982." The audit was ordered by the APUC as a condition of the rate increase. Consumer groups charged the utility was being misled, citing large numbers of employees, both hourly and making more than \$50,000 a year.



Albany	50	34	rn	Lubbock	54	34	clr
Birmingham	21	18	edy	Memphis	48	45	rn
Bliss	43	40	01 rn	Miami	70	55	edy
Boston	29	23	02 clr	Milwaukee	29	26	edy
Brownsville	79	66	edy	Mpls St Paul	21	19	edy
Buffalo	28	12	.02 edy	Nashville	48	41	rn
Burlington	23	14	.03 clr	New Orleans	81	46	01 rn
Casper	11	31	edy	New York	35	25	clr
Charleston S.C.	54	36	rn	Norfolk	44	30	edy
Charleston W.V.	31	18	edy	North Platte	45	28	edy
Charlotte N.C.	48	25	rn	Oklahoma City	44	34	edy
Cheyenne	36	28	edy	Omaha	32	18	edy
Chicago	33	27	edy	Orlando	66	36	edy
Cincinnati	36	28	edy	Philadelphia	36	20	edy
Cleveland	25	17	edy	Phoenix	66	50	edy
Columbia S.C.	51	22	rn	Pittsburgh	28	18	edy

Fronts: Cold		Warm		Occluded		Stationary			
Portland, Me.	31	19	.16	clr	Shreveport	81	53	.07	rn
Portland, Ore.	46	39	.57	rn	Sioux Falls	20	15	edy	
Providence	30	22	clr	St. Louis	39	33	edy		
Raleigh	45	19	rn	St. Pete-Tampa	50	38	edy		
Rapid City	44	19	edy	St. Paul	24	04	edy		
Reno	51	36	edy	Spokane	35	33	.18	edy	
Richmond	44	22	edy	Syracuse	25	10	.01	edy	
Salt Lake	44	35	.18	edy	Topeka	38	23	edy	
San Antonio	66	56	edy	Tucson	66	40	.01	edy	
San Diego	66	54	.13	clr	Tulsa	45	40	edy	
San Francisco	54	52	.03	edy	Washington	41	24	edy	
Seattle	45	40	.25	rn	Wichita	72	27	edy	

Historic...

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Wickersham's niece, Ruth Allman. A state-appointed task force, formed when Miller introduced a bill two years ago, has studied options for the Wickersham house and recommended state purchase. It is the only way to ensure Wickersham's collection stays in the state,

according to the task force. In testimony before the State Affairs Committee Monday, Giersdorf said the state could buy the house for just under \$500,000. Nearly that much will also be spent on restoration and maintenance of the house and cataloging the collection. Giersdorf purchased the Wickersham house in the mid-'70s from Alaska Airlines, which had bought the site from Wickersham's wife.

A year ago, the structure was appraised at \$200,000. The collection inside has been valued at about \$250,000 by state historians. If the bill is passed, the state Division of Parks would take over ownership of the house in July. Under the proposal, tours currently led by Allman would continue, and Giersdorf recommended she continue to live in the house as curator and caretaker.

Mill...

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before being sold, he said. Schnabel said despite the fact the company owes \$6 million he's optimistic a buyer will be found for the mill. "If the market improves, it will sell," he said. Schnabel has listed the property with a Seattle broker. He doesn't expect an Alaskan firm will be interested or able to buy the mill, he said. ARC has already approached some Native corporations, in-

cluding the Sealaska Corp., but found little interest in buying the company, he said. The mill employed about 35 people when it operated last year, he said, but cut back to 20 employees in the fall. The staff was further reduced to eight in December, and all that's left on the payroll is a small office staff, he said. For several years the fickle timber market has meant the Schnabel mill has operated only sporadically. In 1977 the company closed its doors, but was compelled by the state of Alaska and the Haines City-Borough to give the

Haines economy a boost by reopening. The state offered a favorable timber contract for up to 25 years and ARC invested in the plant to keep it operating. The municipality created a 1 percent sales tax to raise nearly \$100,000 to help SLC pay legal costs of fighting court challenges of its state timber contract. That contract can be included in any sale of the mill, Schnabel said, and should enhance the mill's value and chances of being sold. The contract can't be separated from operation of the mill, he said.

Gas...

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petition affects gas prices in the Lower 48 but not in Juneau. "Let's say 105 million gallons were sold there (in Seattle) last year and only 95 million gallons are sold this year," the "competition for the available market" is greater, driving prices down, Howard said. In Juneau, however, there has been little decline in gas use, he said. "There are ample supplies of gasoline but people (in the Lower 48) aren't buying as much," he said. About the only way for Juneau to benefit from lower gas prices, Howard said, would be a recession, which he

Gas prices outside are declining because of poor economic conditions there, he said. "You'd almost have to declare a recession to have the demands drop," and therefore prices, he said. Although Howard said wholesale prices have been dropping rapidly, dealers in Juneau say they have not a great decline in prices in more than a year. In fact, Hall said Ray's Chevron had to raise prices by about 4 cents during July because of increased wholesale prices. Because Juneau residents don't have the luxury of driving to communities where gasoline might be less expensive, the prices will stay at whatever, "the market can bear," Howard said.

"You can't drive to Ketchikan or Seattle to take advantage of lower prices," he said, noting that people will often drive some distance just to take advantage of lower pump prices while increasing competition. "What it (gas prices) says is that they (dealers in Juneau) don't have that terrible competition" of the Lower 48. "If people want to know why things are as they are, they should call Chevron in Concord, Calif.," Emig said. The Empire was unable to contact any Standard Oil officials in California who were familiar enough with the Alaska market to comment. Attempts to contact the Alaska marketing manager for Union Oil were