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## THE LEGISLATURE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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DATE: February 24, 1983

TO: Rep. Al Adams, Chairman  
House Finance Committee

FROM: Rep. Bob Bettisworth, Chairman *PAB*  
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

RE: HB 198: "An Act relating to membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and to records of the legislative audit division; and providing for an effective date."

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the House Finance Committee for taking the time to hear HB 198.

In an effort to effectuate the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee's responsibilities, I respectfully urge the Committee's approval of this bill.

This legislation is a direct result of the transitional problems the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee faced earlier this year, due to organizational problems in the other body. Two years hence, however, this same problem occurred due to organizational problems in the House.

The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, being a permanent interim committee, with certain statutory mandates to uphold, will be greatly enhanced by this legislation. It will insure continuity in carrying out the Committee's responsibilities. By adopting this proposed amendment, there will be a definite date when the new Legislative Budget and Audit Committee members take on their respective responsibilities, resulting in the Committee's continuous operation.

The intent of incorporating the confidentiality language on lines 24 and 25, is to do just that. Audit records and reports are confidential until approved by the Committee. This amendment will provide a statutory mandate to uphold this recognized procedure.

Again, I respectfully urge the House Finance Committee's approval of H.B. 198.

SENATOR  
ARLISS STURGULEWSKI

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# Alaska State Legislature



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MEMORANDUM

February 22, 1983

TO: Representative Bob Bettisworth, Chairman  
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

FROM: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski *AS*  
Senate District F, Seat A

RE: HB 198 "An Act relating to membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and to records of the legislative audit division; and providing for an effective date."

I appreciate the fact that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee has taken action to change the duration of the committee and to confine the committee members terms of office to the duration of the legislature in which they had been appointed. The present statute has created some difficulties. I recall that in 1981, the House did not organize until February 2 and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee was not appointed on the House side until February 6. It was not until February 13 that a Committee meeting could be held and a new chair, in that instance myself, could be elected. You can well imagine that there was considerable confusion as to space allocations and Committee responsibilities during this in between time.

A similar circumstance arose during the current session. Although the statute is clear and there has been an Attorney General's opinion regarding the ongoing role of the Committee until such time as the reappointment or appointment of the committee members successors take place, considerable confusion has resulted from the current practice as set forth by statute. I strongly support the submission of your legislation. I think it will make future transition times much clearer. The one negative factor, of course, is in the event of delays in organizing that there would not be a chairman and a committee in place to conduct special needed business. However, since the legislature would be in session, alternative methods of solving emergency situations are certainly available.

I would like to bring to your attention another matter which has some bearing on the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. It has to do

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with the allocation of legislative space. Apparently through the years there have been various non-binding intent statements placed in the budget document that appear to give some authority to the Budget and Audit Committee and/or the Finance Committees to make space allocations. I did not feel that was appropriate and the Committee did not take any action to implement these non-binding intent statements. I do feel, in addition, that there is a major unresolved area between the Legislative Council and the Rules Committee as to space allocations that needs clarification. I am enclosing for your review a copy of a memo that speaks to this issue. I am also making a copy of this memo available to the Special Committee on Legislative Reform since I think this area of possible overlap and confusion is one they may wish to address.

Please contact me further if I can give you more information regarding the issue raised in HB 198.

Enclosure

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## Representative Randy Phillips

### MEMORANDUM

HOUSE DISTRICT 15

TO: Senator Vic Fischer  
Chairman, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Randy Phillips *REP*

DATE: March 15, 1983

RE: House Bill 198 am, "A. Act relating to membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, the Alaska Legislative Council and to records of the legislative audit division."

I understand that the Senate State Affairs Committee will be hearing the above-captioned bill this coming Thursday at 3:00 p.m. I will be unable to attend the committee meeting, as the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee (which I serve on) meets at this same time, but as the sponsor of the amendment to add the Legislative Council to the original bill, I wanted your committee to know my reasons for the amendment.

The original bill addressed itself only to the membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and records of the legislative audit division. My amendment, which I offered on the House floor and which was adopted, added "the Legislative Council" to the title and the present Section 1 in HB 198 am. Section 1 provides that members of these committees (Legislative Budget and Audit and Legislative Council) serve for the duration of the legislature during which they are appointed. This would mean that a term for this Legislature, had the bill be in effect, would run from the date of appointment to the end of this Legislature. The language is an attempt to avoid problems that have appeared in the past when new members of the Council were not appointed and the old returning Council members proceeded on the assumption that they were still the Council. It is my feeling that with the term of membership clearly spelled out in statute, we will avoid misunderstandings and problems that have arisen in the past.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 198

Title Relating to the membership of LB&A, and records of legis. audit  
Requested by House Finance Committee Date 2/23/83 div.

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Legislative Affairs Agency

Program Category Affected Legislature

BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected LB&A Cmtee, Legis Audit Division

(Note: "More than one budget component is affected, separate line-items and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPEND IS (Thousands of Dollars)

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

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME		0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY		0	0	0	0	0

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

The legislation has no fiscal impact.

IV. DATE 2/23/83

PREPARED BY Rep. Al Adams

AGENCY House Finance Committee

Original: Legislative Finance

PHONE 465-3706

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

33-001 (Rev. 12/82)

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SENATOR VIC FISCHER, CHAIRMAN

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March 17, 1983  
3:00pm

Butrovich Room  
Capitol Bldg.

## Members Present

Senator Vic Fischer, Chair  
Senator Bill Ray, Vice-Chair  
Senator Pat Rodey  
Senator Tim Kelly  
Senator Arliss Sturgulewski

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### HJR 25--Time Zone Change

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Senator Fischer stated that this bill was similar to SJR 17, which the committee had previously considered. It would move the Alaska and Pacific time zones to the Yukon time zone and move the Bering time zone to the Alaska time zone. Senator Fischer also stated that he had sent a questionnaire to all senators asking them their preference for time zone consolidation. Out of nine responses, eight senators favored putting the entire state on Yukon time and one favored putting the entire state on Alaska time.

Senator Fischer proposed a committee substitute which asks the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to put the entire state on Yukon Standard time and to rename that time zone "Alaska Standard Time."

Senator Sturgulewski asked how the people of western Alaska would view such a change. Senator Fischer responded that some would like it and some would not; however he had spoken with both senators from that region and that they had concurred with the committee substitute.

The committee discussed the effects of a time change on school children, farmers and sportsmen.

Senator Rodey moved and asked unanimous consent to adopt the committee substitute and to move the bill from committee with a do pass recommendation. There was no objection.

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### SB 155--Truth in campaign advertising

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Senator Rodey, prime sponsor, spoke in favor of the bill. He stated that upon reflection he had reservations about making the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) into a quasi-judicial body.

Brooke Miles, APOC staff, stated that the commission had not formulated a position on the bill. She conveyed several concerns expressed to her by Theda Pittman, executive director, of the APOC. These included a reservation about creating a quasi-judicial responsibility for the commission and a concern that the commission would be flooded with complaints during the last days of an election.

Senator Fischer appointed Senator Rodey as a subcommittee of one to meet with the commission and to develop improvements to the bill.

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The committee briefly discussed the substance of the bill. All were familiar with its substance and spoke in favor of it.

Senator Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill move from committee with a do pass recommendation. There was no objection.

Senator Fischer adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.