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Senator Vic Fischer

Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V • Juneau, Alaska 99811 • (907) 465-4954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Linn Asper, Attorney
LAA Drafting

FROM: Senator Vic Fischer *VFC*

DATE: June 7, 1983

SUBJ: Bartlett & Gruening Bills

Please finalize the bill for "Bob Bartlett Day" using the attached language changes.

Also, please change the title of the "Ernest Gruening Day" bill to the following wording:

"An Act establishing 'Ernest H. Gruening Day' on February 6 of each year."

If you have any questions, please give Ginger Baim in the office a call.

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NS - pls send to drafting + request
in final - ask that wording
Bill be rewritten (in final)
as per Vic's title change
on this one.

GB
6/6
8 p.m.

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5-31-83
VF-OK!
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Please
confirm
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style
BY W. FISCHER

STATEHOOD WAS JUST THE BEGINNING. THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE , THE ERADICATION OF TV AND EAR DISEASE, THE POVERTY OF ALASKA'S NATIVE POPULATION, THE HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THE VULNERABILITY OF ALASKA'S DEFENSES WERE THE NEW BATTLES TO BE FOUGHT. FROM: E.L. BOB BARTLETT'S STATUE DEDICATION

~~IN PUBLIC OFFICE FOR 12 YEARS.~~ ON TEN DIFFERENT OCCASIONS THEY REELECTED HIM WITH AS MUCH AS 81 PERCENT OF THE VOTE,

referring to B. Bartlett

↘ RARE INDEED IS A MAN OR WOMAN WHO IS CALLED FRIEND BY ALL, AND WHO PASSED THIS WAY: WHO SERVICE IS NOT SELF-SERVING; WHOSE DEDICATION SEEKS NO PERSONAL GLORY.

A GOOD MAN, A NICE MAN, CAN FINISH FIRST AND BOB BARTLETT DID JUST THAT.

QUOTES FROM WARREN D. MAGNUSSON, U.S. SENATOR FROM WASHINGTON.

DURING HIS 14 YEARS ON THE U.S. HOUSE, MORE THAN 200 OF HIS BILLS BECAME LAW, A RECORD STILL UNCHALLENGED. AMONG THE BILLS HE PASSED WERE: THE ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH ACT, THE ALASKA HOUSING ACT, THE ALASKA PUBLIC WORKS ACT, CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS IN ANCHORAGE AND FAIRBANKS, CONSTRUCTION OF THE GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE IN FAIRBANKS, CONSTRUCTION OF THE EKLUTNA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT, SNETISHAM PROJECT, ENTRANCE OF PULP MILLS IN ALASKA, SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR ALASKA, CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND MANY NAVAL NAVIGATION PROJECTS,

MASSIVE EARTH-QUAKE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS AND ~~AND~~/MANY OTHERS.

WHEN ANYONE ASKED A CERTAIN VETERAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPS.
HOW ALASKA ACHIEVED STATEHOOD, THAT MAN ALWAYS REPLIED, ~~BOB~~/
"I CAN TELL YOU IN TWO WORDS, BOB BARTLETT." THAT MAN WAS
LATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE , SAM RAYBURN OF TEXAS.

DIED DEC. 11 1968

QUOTE FROM BOB BARTLETT:

"I LOVE ALASKA. MY ATTACHMENT FOR IT, MY CONCERN FOR IT, IS SO
DEEPLY IMBEDDED THAT IT IS A VERY ~~PART~~ PART OF ME. THERE I HAVE
GROWN, STUDIED, MARRIED, AND WORKED. I HAVE TOILED IN HER BEAUTIFUL,
NATURAL SETTING AS A GOLD MINER. I HAVE ~~LA~~ LEARNED THE LIFE OF
HER TOWNS AS A REPORTER. I HAVE MET HER PEOPLE AS AN APPOINTED
ADMINISTRATOR/ AND AGAIN AS DELEGATE AND SENATOR. AS YEARS PILE
UPON YEARS, THERE IS A GREATER PERSONAL INSISTENCE IN DRAWING UPON
~~MEMORIES~~/ MEMORY'S TREASURE TROVE. "

~~1944~~
Ran for congress + Elected 1944

1947, introduced ALASKA STATEHOOD
Bill.

~~1947~~ 1949 - Sponsored adoption
of AK. Public Works acts,
making 70M. federal matching
funds available to communities.

~~1959~~ Congress

Jan. 1959 - Eventually
Passed - his bill.

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- Elected in Senate
 - Economic expert
 - Chairman Merchantmarine
 - experts on Alaskan fisheries
 - 1966 ~~re~~ reelected
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- infant mortality rate,

Child

Bob Bartlett -

FATHER OF ALASKA STATEHOOD.

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FROM:

A Man to REMEMBER

|| He was reporter FBKs, "Newsminer"
Editor of NEWSMINOR
Commentator aka Pol. scenes.

FBKB thg 11 1922

U of W, U of AK, Journalist

1904 -

~~FBK~~

1932 - aide, Washington

Secretary of ALASKA - Franklin Roosevelt

1939



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Drafting
FROM: Senator Vic Fischer *VF*
DATE: May 26, 1983
SUBJ: Drafting Request

Please draft two separate bills, reflecting my sponsorship, designating the birthdays of E.L. "Bob" Bartlett and Ernest Gruening as holidays, modeled after the Martin Luther King Day statute (attached).

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Section 1 AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 44.12 _____ ERNEST GRUENING DAY. February 6 is designated Ernest H. Gruening Day to honor doctor, editor, and statesman, Ernest H. Gruening for his lifetime of service to the territory and state of Alaska and the Nation. Best known as the father of Alaska Statehood, Ernest Gruening fought to protect and wisely use Alaska's abundant natural resources and bring Alaska into full partnership with the United States while winning national acclaim as an ardent fighter for the rights of the individual and for his efforts toward strengthening world peace. Ernest Gruening Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.

Please feel free to contact me, or Ginger Blaim of my staff, if you have any questions.

Thanks.

E.L. "Bob" Bartlett

(1904-1964)

"Architect of Statehood" is ^{the legend} ~~inscribed~~ on Bob Bartlett's statue in the National Capitol. Miner, newspaperman, Secretary of Alaska, Delegate to Congress, United States Senator, Bartlett worked tirelessly fourteen years for Alaska Statehood, ~~his enduring moment~~...Bob's political strength at home, and in the Congress, was his basic decency, his human compassion, his personal modesty. Never defeated in ^{seven} territorial and state election bids, he truly was Alaska's most beloved political figure.

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

6/9/83

FURTHER:

Date: 1-17-83

Mr. President:

The Committee on State Affairs has had SB 311
Establishing 'Ernest H. Gruening Day' on February 6 of each year.

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 311 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:

Tim Kelly

Bill Kay

W. Fischer

CHAIRMAN

AN ACT

Designating January 15 of each year as "Martin Luther King Day".

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Sec. 44.12.045. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY. January 15 is designated Martin Luther King Day to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his tireless efforts and devotion in the advancement of justice, equality and human dignity of all people. Martin Luther King Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

SB 311

Senate Committee on State Affairs

Vic Fischer, Chair • Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-4954

COMMITTEE REPORT

January 17, 1983
3:00pm

Butrovich room
Capitol Building

Members Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm

SB 353 Presidential primary

Lieutenant Governor Stephen McAlpine reviewed this and other bills repealing the presidential primary election. He outlined a number of reasons why the primary election should be repealed. He gave reasons why section 2 of the bill should be deleted. The Lieutenant Governor suggested that one of those reasons was the possibility of section 2 inviting a law suit.

Senator Vic Fischer asked what would happen to the remaining funds that had been appropriated to hold the election.

Lt. Governor Stephen McAlpine said they would probably lapse into the general fund.

Senator Ray stated that he supports the idea of a presidential primary, but that some voters must change their party affiliation which makes the election undesirable.

Lieutenant Governor McAlpine related some of the problems concerning ballot secrecy and the election. He said that many voters will forfeit their ballot secrecy because their party will have only one candidate.

Senator Vic Fischer expressed his concern that the state is giving the public the right to vote in the primary and then taking away that right.

Senator Ray moved that a new section be added to lapse any unexpended moneys to the general fund.

Senator Vic Fischer said that without any objection the new section would replace section 2 of the original bill.

Senator Tim Kelly related his disappointment that Alaska will not have a primary.

The bill was moved out of committee as amended.

SB 341 Statutory references to the time zone

Mirt Charney, Director of the Legislative Affairs Agency, reviewed the bill. He said SB 341 was a housecleaning bill bringing the statutes up to date by replacing Pacific with Alaska standard time zone.

Senator Bill Ray made a motion to move the bill out of committee with individual recommendations.

The bill was moved out of committee.

SB 310, SB 311 establishing Bob Bartlett and Earnest Gruening Day

Senator Vic Fischer gave a brief statement on these bills.

Senator Sturgulewski moved to delete sentence 2 and 3 from SB 311.

The 3rd sentence was also deleted from SB 310.

Committee substitutes for these two bills were moved out of committee with individual recommendations.

SCR 32 World Food Day

Senator Vic Fischer gave a brief statement on this resolution.

Senator Tim Kelly made a motion to include "be encouraged to" between state and participate on pg. 2, line 1.

A committee substitute was adopted making the changes above.

Senator Pat Rodey made a motion to move the resolution out of committee.

The resolution was moved out of committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05

BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

January 16, 1984

The Honorable Victor Fischer
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

I support the passage of SB 310-establishing Bob Bartlett Day on April 20 of each year and SB 311-establishing Ernest H. Gruening Day on February 6 of each year.

These two Alaskans were instrumental in Alaska's pursuit of statehood and I would be pleased to sign legislation setting aside a day to honor Bob Bartlett and Ernest Gruening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

Bill Sheffield
Governor

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VF from ST

Ernest Gruening day is up on the floor on thursday.
The Senate State Affairs Committee substitute deletes the
"H." from his name, and deletes some of the flowery language
present in the original bill.

There is no fiscal impact as this would not create a
state holiday.

The Governor endorsed this legislation.

Every member of the committee signed the bill "do pass."

Introduced: 6/9/83
Referred: State Affairs

1 IN THE SENATE

BY V.FISCHER

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SENATE BILL NO. 311

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SENATE BILL NO. 311 by Senator Vic Fischer, entitled:

"An Act establishing 'Ernest H. Gruening Day' on February 6 of each year."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 311 (establishing 'Ernest H. Gruening Day' on February 6 of each year) and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 311 (SA)

and do pass. The report was signed by Senator Vic Fischer, Chairman and concurred in by Senators Kelly Sturgulewski, Rodey and Ray.

SENATE BILL NO. 311 was referred to the Rules Committee.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate State Affairs Committee
FROM: Senate State Affairs Committee Staff
RE: SB 311 Ernest H. Gruening Day
DATE: January 17, 1983

This legislation would establish February 6th each year as 'Earnest H. Gruening Day.' This legislation does not create a state holiday.

There is no fiscal impact.

Enclosed as back-up is a letter of endorsement from the Governor.

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1/17/84

I appreciate your invitation to comment on S.B. 310 and S.B. 311. Unable to appear personally before your Committee today, I offer the following:

It is appropriate that those two men, Bob Bartlett and Ernest Gruening, be honored at the same time and in the same way by the Alaska Legislature .

They were political contemporaries for 29 years during a period of incredible change for Alaska, change which they shaped and influenced in great measure.

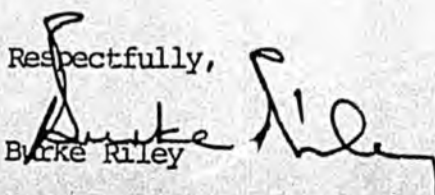
They were strikingly different men - in background, in personality, in style, and in their effect on people. That they coincided in time, in chance combination, sharing similar goals for Alaska yet differing profoundly while working together, was a modern phenomenon.

In history's perspective they complemented each other; yet neither may have fancied that conclusion. Their differences would have seemed irreconcilable in lesser men. To the credit of each neither went public with those differences, each aware that Statehood's cause would suffer were that to happen. Indeed, Statehood's formidable foes sought, and would have liked nothing better than, to divide them and the unity they represented.

Each was his own man, individual and independent, and each in his own way made an incalculable contribution to Statehood's attainment. They operated so differently that today, with time's passage, it would be difficult to say that Statehood could have been achieved when it was but for the impact of each on Alaska and the Nation. Sam Rayburn spoke indirectly to that; but he spoke from his own experience in his own context - and in that context he was correct. In fairness, however, he hadn't observed so intimately the full range of the years' long effort that led to Statehood.

This body will honor itself in honoring those two men in the way proposed in the bills under consideration.

Respectfully,


Burke Riley