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SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date received 4/12/84

Bill Number SJR 45 Title Assignment to Alaska of the rapid deployment  
of light infantry div.

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER:

4/12/84

Date 4/17/84

Mr. President

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS considered SJR 45

assignment to Alaska of the rapid deployment light infantry division.

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 SJR 45 (SA)
- new title
- same title and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT"  NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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Chairman

do pass  
Chairman recommendation

# Alaska State Legislature

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Senate

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the Legislature

FROM: Senator Jan Faiks  
Chair-Senate Rules Committee

DATE: April 11, 1984

SUBJECT: 10,000 man light infantry unit

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Thank you.

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# Ted Stevens

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 13, 1984

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### MEETING HELD ON LIGHT INFANTRY LOCATION

Following a meeting with Secretary of the Army John Marsh and other top Army officials, Senator Ted Stevens announced that Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks appears to be the base with the greatest potential among the Alaska locations under consideration by the Army as a site for the 17th Light Division. Senator Stevens also said that competition is fierce between the eight sites the Army is considering around the country as bases for the 10,000-man division.

The 17th Light Division is designed as a quick response unit, which can be deployed rapidly to crisis points around the world. Three Alaska Army installations- Fort Richardson, Fort Greely and Fort Wainwright- are among the sites under consideration for the Division.

"In terms of proximity," Senator Stevens said, "there's no question that Alaska has the advantage. It's closer to Europe, the Far East and Siberia than any other site under scrutiny. And in terms of sites within Alaska Fort Wainwright is the base that gives Alaska the most appeal."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold hearings in Fairbanks and Anchorage next week to gather information on the impact of basing a portion of the 17th Light Infantry Division in Alaska. The information will be included in a draft Environmental Impact Statement, scheduled for completion May 15.

The Fairbanks hearing will be at 7 p.m. on April 18 at the Fairbanks North Star Borough library. It will be run by Colonel Saling of the Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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The hearing in Anchorage is scheduled for April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Cove Room of West High School. Major Crosby, also of the Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will run the Anchorage hearing.

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### SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR LIGHT DIVISION

In an effort to enlist statewide support for the location of a Light Infantry Division in Alaska, Senator Ted Stevens today contacted officials throughout the state, including Governor Bill Sheffield, members of the Alaska legislature, several mayors and Chambers of Commerce.

Of the eight sites the Army is considering around the country for the 10,000-man division, three are in Alaska. They are: Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely and Fort Richardson.

The proposed division, which will be created in fiscal year 1985, will be significantly smaller than most Army divisions, which range in size from 14,000 to 18,000 soldiers. The Light Division would be capable of rapid deployment to critical sites around the world.

"Estimates are that this new, trimmed-down division could be moved in one-half to one-third the time now required to move troops," Senator Stevens said today. "Alaska is a perfect location for a portion of this division because it is closer than any other site to Siberia, the Far East and the European Continent."

On Wednesday, the Army narrowed its field of possible locations for basing the division to eight. In addition to the three Alaskan sites, the Army is considering Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Ord, California and Fort Drum, New York. The Army also says the light outfit may be divided between two or more locations.

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"There is going to be some fierce competition from each of these bases to become the new home of this Light Division," Stevens said. "The Governor of New York has already issued a 100-page analysis arguing for location of the Division in Fort Drum, N.Y.

"If Alaska is to benefit from the economic shot-in-the-arm that this Division will bring, we've got to work hard for it. That's why I'm urging Alaska officials to contact members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Department of Defense and the Army. We should impress upon them that Alaska is the best basing site both for its strategic location and because the division would be so welcome there."

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