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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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HB 1

The Transportation Committee has considered HOUSE BILL NO. 1 (authorizing the ferry system to transport certain items for charitable organizations without charge), recommends it be replaced with COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1 (Transportation):

"An Act authorizing the ferry system to transport certain items without charge."

and reports it back as follows: Cato (Chairman), Herrmann, Marrou, Pignalberi and Davis recommend do pass; Shultz has no recommendation. A zero fiscal note with analysis was attached.

HB 1 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The zero fiscal note with analysis appears in House Journal Supplement No. 12.

HB 21

The Resources Committee has considered HOUSE BILL NO. 21 (relating to homesites for veterans), recommends it be replaced with COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 21 (Resources) (same title) and reports it back as follows: Shultz (Co-Chairman), Herrmann, Cato, Jenkins, Thompson, Sund and M.W. Miller recommend do pass; Pearce and Wallis have no recommendation. A fiscal note was attached.

HB 21 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The fiscal note appears in House Journal Supplement No. 12.

HB 37

The State Affairs Committee has considered HOUSE BILL NO. 37 (making a special appropriation for payment as a grant to the City of Palmer for the 50th Colony Anniversary Celebration of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; effective date), recommends adoption of Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 12

Delete: "\$80,250"

Insert: "\$48,600

and reports it back as follows: Hurley (Chairman), Navarre, Jenkins, Cato, Collins, Boucher and M.M. Miller recommend do pass as amended.

HB 37 was referred to the Finance Committee.

Backup for HB 37
SB 54

Rep. Larson
Rm. 515 / Capitol

The Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation -- 1935 - 1985

1. February 4, 1935, Executive Order No. 6957, by President Roosevelt set aside 8,000 acres of land in the Matanuska Valley from Homestead entry.
2. Funds appropriated under the federal Emergency Relief Act of 1935 would be used for financing a colonization project for the Matanuska Valley, Alaska.
3. Early February of 1935, articles of incorporation for the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation were drawn up in Washington, D.C. and rushed to the Governor of Alaska in Juneau for adoption by the 1935 Legislative Session.
4. So, was born the Matanuska Valley Colonization Project.
5. The project marked the beginning of a new era for Alaska.
6. Mr. Don L. Irwin of the Matanuska Valley Agricultural Experiment Station at Matanuska became the first General Manager of the Project.
7. 20 families for the colony were selected from the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.
8. The families arrived to a tent city in Palmer, Alaska, during mid and late May of 1935.
9. By November of 1935 most of the new families were established in newly constructed homes and outbuildings.
10. The A.R.R.C. is administered by a nine member Board of Directors.
11. The ARRC is, and functions as a lending institution for agricultural developers in the state of Alaska.
12. The ARRC represents the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, and acts as an agent for the Department of Revenue for the State of Alaska for Agricultural development loans.
13. As of today the ARRC has assets of some two million dollars and no liabilities.
14. The ARRC has a lifetime into perpetuity, but, if conditions change, or warrants, our first offer for "take-over" goes to the State of Alaska.
15. 1985 marks the 50th year of the ARRC. The ARRC is one of-- if not the only entity of it's kind--created under the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933--actively engaged in it's original mission.
16. The ARRC plans a two day anniversary celebration slated for June 8 and 9, 1985.

17. Saturday, June 8th -- Parade, City of Palmer
Parade Reception following
Banquet that evening

Sunday, June 9th -- Grand picnic -- Alaska State Fair Grounds

18. City of Palmer, Mat-Su Borough, Palmer Chamber of Commerce --
Churches -- Organizations -- All preparing something extra--
something special.

19. The "sale" of "re-coined" anniversary bingles -- used in the
Trading Post

As a medium of "exchange" for purchasing commodities.

A finder's dream -- 50 years of searching -- and, last
Spring, 1984 -- located the remains of the bingle "dies"
in a Seattle warehouse -- what a find!!

20. ARRC manager - George Crowther -- wife Betty
ARRC secretary - Marjorie Matlock -- husband Bob

The staff

21. As for myself -- Louis Odsather -- I have been associated with
the project from its infancy -- arriving on the scene from
Anchorage, Alaska in late May of 1935.

I started as an employee of the commissary, and in a short
period of time became the store's department manager for the
entire project.

I have served on the Board of Directors from February of 1949.
And hold the seniority listing amongst the Board Members.

I turned aside last October, the Presidency of the ARRC which
I had held for many years -- in order that I might fulfill my
duties as Chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration committee.

To date we have our planned agenda under control...the results
of which will be dependent upon the outcome of monies to fulfill
the programming agenda.

Our efforts are directed to those 202 families that came to,
and pioneered a new Alaska...their endeavors, their tenacity...
their sacrifices...have contributed to making Alaska great.

Let's wish them a glorious 50th....

The ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CORP.

/s/ Louis Odsather
A member of the Board

Introduced: 1/14/85
Referred: Resources and Finance

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