

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

(11)

FURTHER:

3/27/85

Date: 4-4-85

The Committee on FINANCE has had SB 13

"An Act establishing "William A. Egan Day" on October 3 of each year."

under consideration and recommends:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the _____ Committee 4-8-85

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

Robert Adams

Pat Pausch

Paul Welch

[Signature]

[Signature]

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Robert Adams

CHAIRMAN

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 18
Title: Egan Day

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: NA
Program Category Affected: _____

Sponsor: Representative V. Fische BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____
Requestor: House Finance Committee
Date of Request: 4/8/85

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-				

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		-0-				
FEDERAL FUNDS		-0-				
OTHER		-0-				
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

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Division: House Finance Committee Date: 4/8/85

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: _____

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Senator Vic Fischer

Alaska State Legislature
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February 8, 1985

To: Members, Senate Finance Committee
From: Senator Vic Fischer
Re: Senate Bill 18 - William A. Egan Day

Senate Bill 18 designates October 13 as a holiday in honor of William A. Egan, Alaska's first Governor.

Bill Egan's life reads like Alaska's history book. Born in Valdez in 1914, he graduated from Valdez High School in 1932 and went on to serve in the Territorial House of Representatives in 1941-43 and 1947-51 and in the Territorial Senate from 1953 to 1956.

In 1941 Bill Egan drafted the Statehood Referendum Act and later served as the President of the Constitutional Convention in 1955-56. He was elected Governor of Alaska in 1959-1966 and again in 1971-74.

Bill joined the U.S. Army in 1943 and was elected Mayor of Valdez the same year he was discharged, 1946. He was honored as Alaskan of the Year in 1971 and awarded an Honorary LL.D., from the University of Alaska in 1972.

SB 18 calls for William A. Egan Day to be observed by suitable ceremonies and exercises by civic groups and the public. It does not create a state holiday, nor does it require any expenditure of public funds: something Bill Egan would have supported.

At his death last year, thousands of Alaskans from all over the state and nation joined in ceremonies honoring Bill's lifetime of service to Alaska. SB 18 is a way of assuring that Bill Egan's contribution to building the state he loved is never forgotten.

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Juneau Empire
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Gov. Egan Day bill moving

The Associated Press

Alaska would celebrate a "William Egan Day" on October 8th of each year under legislation sent to the House on Tuesday.

The measure (SB18), which sailed through four Senate committees, was approved 18-0 with little debate.

Sen. Vic Fischer, D-Anchorage, introduced the legislation, saying it would set aside a special day for the

late governor.

"Bill Egan was one of the great Alaskans," Fischer said. "He accumulated a record of public service unmatched by anyone in Alaska."

Egan was a territorial legislator in the 1940s and 1950s, drafted the statehood referendum act and later served as president of the Constitutional Convention, where Fischer was a delegate.

Egan, who died last year, was Alaska's first governor. He served in that office from 1959 through 1966 and again from 1971 to 1974.

Although it does not create a state holiday, the bill calls for William Egan Day to be observed with suitable ceremonies by civic groups and the public.

It does not call for any spending — something Fischer says Egan would have appreciated.

Anchorage Times

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Senators to decide on 'Egan Day'

Associated Press

Juneau — Legislation that would designate Oct. 18 of each year as "Bill Egan Day" in Alaska likely will come up for a floor vote Monday in the Senate.

Prime sponsor of the measure (SB18) is Sen. Vic Fischer, D-Anchorage.

In a letter explaining the bill, Fischer said Egan's life "reads like Alaska's history book."

Egan was born and raised in Valdez and went on to serve in the Territorial House and Senate in the 1940s and '50s.

"In 1941, Bill Egan drafted the Statehood Referendum Act and later served as the president of the Constitutional Convention," said Fischer, himself a convention delegate. He was elected governor of Alaska in 1959-1966 and again in 1971-74."

Egan was honored as Alaskan of the Year in 1971 and awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Alaska in 1972.


The bill calls for William Egan Day to be observed by suitable ceremonies and exercises by civic groups and the public.

"It does not create a state holiday, nor does it require any expenditure of public funds — something Bill Egan would have supported," Fischer said. "At his death last year, thousands of Alaskans from all over the state and nation joined in ceremonies honoring Bill's lifetime of service to Alaska. (The bill) is a way of assuring that Bill Egan's contribution to building the state he loved is never forgotten."

Sen. Tim Kelly, R-Anchorage and Rules Committee chairman, said the measure likely will show up on Monday's calendar.

opinion

Anchorage Daily News



Winner of Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service
1978

Gerald E. Grilly Publisher	Howard Weaver Managing Editor
Steve Lindbeck Editorial Page Editor	

Katherine Fanning, Editor and Publisher, 1971 to 1983
Lawrence Fanning, Editor and Publisher 1967 to 1971

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Remembering Bill Egan

Bill Egan Day. It has a nice ring to it — an Alaskan ring. A bill coming before the state Senate Monday calls for the creation of "Bill Egan Day" by commemorating the Oct. 8 birthday of Alaska's first governor. It would not create a state holiday, nor does it call for money to be spent on its behalf — things Alaska's much-beloved "Gov. Bill" would have poo-pooed — but it does set aside an official day for Alaskans to remember the contributions William Egan made to this state — and, before that, to this territory.

In a state full of pioneers and visionaries, it's hard to think of anyone who contributed more: When Alaska lobbied Congress for statehood, Bill Egan was there as one of three territorial representatives; when Alaska held its constitutional convention, Bill Egan was there as chairman; when Alaska became a state in 1959, it chose Bill Egan as its first governor; and when the Good Friday Earthquake wrought havoc, it was Gov. Egan who aggressively sought and got federal assistance to rebuild Southcentral's cities and businesses.

Simply put, Bill Egan had an influential hand in virtually every major decision affecting Alaska during his long political career. Time has shown his judgement was both sound and generous.

Sometimes it seems that special occasions abound on our calendars these days — holidays and celebrations commemorate countless visionary figures and legends. A day in honor of Bill Egan deserves inclusion on that calendar — not as a token, but as a very real example. SB 18, sponsored by Sen. Vic Fischer, helps us remember the example by remembering the man.

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