

HOUSE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date referred: 4/18/86

(waived from trsp 4/18)

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 5-2-86

The FINANCE Committee has considered SB 461

"An Act relating to naming the Robert J. Mitchell Expressway."

and recommends:

- do pass
- do not pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- no recommendation
- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  same title
- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  new title

and recommends \_\_\_\_\_

further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- and attaches:
- letter of intent
  - first fiscal note
  - new fiscal note
  - zero fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Robert H. Adams

John ...

Mike ...

Jim ...

Bruce J. ...

Pat ...

Rich ...

Steve ...

John ...

John ...

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Robert H. Adams  
Chairman

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FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date : 5/2/86

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No. : HB664/SB461  
 Title : An Act Relating to Naming the  
 Robert J. Mitchell Expressway  
 Sponsor : Rep. Frank, Et Al  
 Requestor : Rep. Frank  
 Date of Request : 5/1/86

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected : DOT&PF  
 BRU : Design and Construction  
 Components : \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS		6.0				
TOTAL OPERATING		6.0				

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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**FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND		4.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS		2.0				
OTHER						
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**ANALYSIS :** Attach a separate page if necessary

Sufficient signs will be added to adequately mark the roadway,  
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Prepared by : Rep. Al Adams Phone : 465-3706  
 Division : House Finance Committee Date : 5/2/86

Approved by Commissioner : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency : \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepared by : Warren S. Sparks Phone : 465-3900  
 Division : DOT&PF Date : 5/1/86

Approved by Commissioner : R. J. Krupp by Warren Sparks Date : 5-1-86  
 Agency : DOT&PF

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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Transportation Committee

Sen. John B. Jacko, Chairman  
Sen. Paul Fischer, Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Mitch Akseel  
Sen. Jan Parks  
Sen. Joe Josephson



Donch V.  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

April 5, 1986

TO: All Committee Members

FROM: Committee Staff

RE: SB 461, An Act relating to the naming of the Robert J. Mitchell  
Expressway

SB 461 proposes to name a section of the South Fairbanks Expressway between the Parks Highway and Airport Road interchange to the Richardson Highway after Robert J. Mitchell.

Sect. 1 of the bill lays out background information about Mr. Mitchell explaining why the naming is appropriate.

On March 27 a public hearing was held in Fairbanks to gather comments regarding the naming. Of the twenty people testifying, 16 were in favor of naming the road the Robert J. Mitchell Expressway. Enclosed in your packets is the written testimony from the public hearing.



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seen in a bar drinking and moving from his residence without notifying his parole officer. He said the last point was not true.

Still another inmate in for selling marijuana said he has refused to go before the parole board and will instead serve his full three years rather than play games with a parole hearing.

"I had Rev. Lyons say that I'm an insult to come up for parole," one inmate said.

"This is my first adult offense," one man testified, but the board dwelled on

## Robert Mitchell rite Wednesday

A memorial service for Robert J. Mitchell, president of Tip Top Chevrolet and one of the founders of Ghemm Co., will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 915 Second Ave.

The service will be conducted jointly by the church and the Pioneers of Alaska.

Mitchell, 61, died Saturday while vacationing in Palm Desert, Calif.

He was born in Fairbanks Nov. 2, 1918, to Eliza and Charles Mitchell and had lived here all his life.

Mitchell attended grade school and high school in Fairbanks, graduating in 1936. He was active in basketball and played with "Sticky" Griffins Wolverines in the same league as John Butrovich, Joe Franch, Bill Stroecker, Jack Wilbur and the Ringstad brothers.

After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II in Alaska, Canada and Montana, he formed Mitchell Truck and Tractor Inc. with Clyde Geraghty.

He married Mary Maureen Ludvigson on Jan. 29, 1945. Their three children, Gregory, Charles, Mitchell, Janelle Lois Weaver and Judith Louise Jaspersen live in Fairbanks.

The Mitchells' grandchildren are Joana and Douglas Weaver, Peggy Jaspersen, Roberta Mitchell and Gregory Mitchell III.

Mitchell Truck and Tractor was one of the early trucking companies hauling over the Richardson Highway from Valdez.

It built such innovative equipment as a booster engine and drive train for climbing hills that was installed under the hull of a 30-foot semi-trailer.

In 1952 Mitchell formed Ghemm Co. with Geraghty, Carl Hellinger, Carl Erickson and Harvey Martin Jr.

Ghemm began in earth work and equipment rental and expanded over the years to perform general contract work throughout Alaska. In a joint effort with a Seattle company, Ghemm built the Yukon River Bridge.

In 1957 Mitchell founded Tip Top Chevrolet along with other longtime Fairbanks residents. He was also a partner in Metro Company and Tri-

thought the board should have professional members and several said yes.

Inmates also said they would like to have halfway houses to help them re-integrate into society.

"We have a lot of people in here for three and four years because they got drunk or left their areas of residence without the parole board's permission. It costs the state \$26,000 a year to keep a man in here over a drunk. It's pretty serious," one inmate said.



ROBERT MITCHELL

Corapans and was president of New State Lands Inc.

He was instrumental in developing several subdivisions and the industrial area south of Fairbanks.

Mitchell, as he was known to his friends, was dedicated to leading young people and instilling in them the value of hard work and a positive approach to life.

The family asks that memorials be given to the Alaska Special Olympics, 1024 Kellum St., or to the United Methodist Church.

Honorary pallbearers are Peter Eagan, Randy Frank, Steve Frank, Mike Geraghty, Steve Geraghty, Robbie Gunther, Bill Gordon, Harvey Martin III, Gary Norrgard, Gary Wilken, Carl Erickson, Con Frank, Clyde Geraghty, Harvey Martin Jr., Bob Bellisworth, Jack Cook, Jim Dieringer, Dan Eagan, Bob Gunther, Bud Meyeres, Francis O'Connor, Ralph Paden, Mark Ringstad, Jack Wilbur, Clyde Hovik, Gene Rogge, Gene Miller, Harry Porter, Cliff Burglin, Wally Burnett, Tom Miklatsch and Leo Scholtfeldt.

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**ATTENTION**  
All Members of the  
**CULINARY UNION LOCAL 879**  
**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

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