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COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE

(7)

FURTHER: FINANCE

4/8/85

Date: 30 April 1985

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had CSSCR 10 (HESS)

Requesting the state Board of Education to request local school boards to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state.

under consideration and recommends:

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

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Co-CHAIRMAN

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February 28, 1985 - Senate Floor Session, Special Orders

SENATOR VIC FISCHF STATEMENT ON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Mr. President, one of the more preposterous situations in Alaska is that students can graduate from high school without knowing one single thing, without having taken a single course in Alaska history or Alaska government.

We have all sorts of requirements for graduation from high school. We require language, arts, social studies, math, science, health and physical education, and the like for graduation. But we don't require Alaska history or Alaska government.

Mr. President, back in 1981 I introduced a resolution requesting the State Board of Education to consider establishing a requirement that for graduation every Alaska student take a course in Alaska history and/or Alaska government. At that time, I was asked by the Department of Education not to pursue this issue, "let the Board take it up themselves." Now, four years later, the situation is effectively still the same, though there is a change: since then, the Board of Education has sponsored the development of text materials and film materials in the area of Alaska history and Alaska government. There are some very, very good textual and other learning aids currently available.

The Board did consider adding a requirement for Alaska history and Alaska government. They sat around, they talked about it, and they never reached a conclusion. At this point, Mr. President, Alaska

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history can be included under the rubric of social studies. However, social studies, which is a requirement, includes American history, world history, geography, anthropology, cultural studies, political science, and so on and so forth. But nothing directed toward Alaska.

My concern, Mr. President, is that if we are going to promote good citizenship, if we're going to have Alaskans who are knowledgeable in the affairs of our state, we ought to have Alaska history and government as a requirement.

Mr. President, I have introduced resolution SCR 10 today with the hope that the Board of Education will pursue this requirement. Thank you.

Introduced: 2/28/85
Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY V.FISCHER

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the state Board of Education

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to require the study of Alaska history

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state.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS it is in the interest of the state to ensure the best possible
11 education for its students; and

12 WHEREAS the state Board of Education currently requires high school
13 students to secure credit in language arts, social studies, mathematics,
14 science, and health and physical education for graduation; and

15 WHEREAS the state would benefit immeasurably from a citizenry well-
16 schooled in the operation of state government and the history of Alaska;
17 and

18 WHEREAS there are sufficient and adequate instructional materials
19 presently available for school districts to utilize in courses on Alaska
20 history and government; and

21 WHEREAS the future of Alaska will impose tremendous and increasing
22 responsibilities on the leaders and citizens of our state;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
24 the state Board of Education to adopt regulations requiring at least one
25 unit of credit in the study of Alaska history and government for graduation
26 from high school.



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March 7, 1985

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chair
Members, Senate HESS Committee

FROM: NEA-Alaska

RE: SCR 10

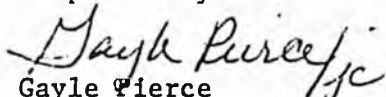
NEA-Alaska supports the concept put forth in SCR 10 regarding the teaching of Alaska history in our public schools.

Regarding one unit referenced on line 24, we would encourage you to adopt language which would allow more flexibility in determining the amount of time which should be devoted to this issue. Considering the many other needs in the area of history and social studies, we recommend a semester rather than a unit because a unit usually implies a full year's study.

Additionally we recommend that at least two weeks or an appropriate portion of time be spent on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

We also commend the sponsor and the Committee for choosing to request the State Board of Education to implement such a program rather than specifically mandate curriculum through legislation.

Respectfully submitted:


Gayle Pierce
President

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STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 10
 Title: ... Study of Alaska
History...
 Sponsor: Fischer
 Requestor: Senate HESS
 Date of Request: 3-13-85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Education
 Program Category Affected: _____
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

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 CRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

The bill has no fiscal impact on this department.

Prepared By: Steve Hole Phone: 2800
 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 3-13-85
 Approved by Commissioner: Harold Reynolds, Jr. Date: 3-13-85
 Agency: Education

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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FOURTEENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE

March 13, 1985

SCR 10

The State Board of Education would respectfully decline the request stated in this measure. The Board agrees that each school district should offer courses in Alaska History and Alaska Government. The Board, through its Model Curriculum, encourages school districts to provide Alaska History-related instruction at all grade levels, not just high school. However, the State Board is strongly committed to the notion that decisions on specific course requirements of school districts are best made by locally elected school officials.



Harold Reynolds, Jr.

Commissioner

SB 140 cont'd

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140 (HESS) was read the second time.

Senator Eliason offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 6, line 16: After "state" insert "or an officer in the regular medical service of the armed services of the United States or the United States Public Health Service while in the discharge of their official duties, or while volunteering services without pay or other remuneration to a hospital, clinic, medical office, or other medical facility in the state"

Senator Eliason moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Without objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Senator Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140 (HESS) am be held until Tuesday's calendar. Without objection, the bill will appear on the April 9 calendar in second reading.

SECOND READING OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR 10

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (state Board of Education to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state) was read the second time.

Senator Fahrenkamp moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee Substitute and new title offered on page 586. Senator Ray objected.

The question being: "Shall the Health, Education and Social Services Committee Substitute be adopted?" On voice vote, CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (HESS) (state Board of Education to request local school boards to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state) was adopted.

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (HESS) was read the second time.

SCR 10 cont'd

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (HESS) was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (HESS) (state Board of Education to request local school boards to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state) pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CS SCR 10 HESS

Yeas:	13	Bennett, Coghill, DeVries, Eliason, Fahrenkamp, Fischer Paul, Fischer Vic, Halford, Josephson, Kelly, Kerttula, Ray, Sturgulewski
Nays:	0	
Excused:	4	Abood, Rodey, Zharoff, Ziegler
Absent:	3	Faiks, Ferguson, Sackett

and so, CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (HESS) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

CITATIONS

In Memoriam Magnhild Lee
by Representatives Hurley, Sund and Taylor
Senators Ziegler, Kerttula, Eliason and
Vic Fischer

In Memoriam Glynn David Evans, Jr.
by Representatives Hanley, Pearce, Rieger and Boucher
Senators Rodey, Faiks, Sturgulewski and Abood

Senator Halford moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation calendar be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 273

Senator Kelly, Vice-Chairman, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee referral on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273 (RES) (extralateral rights of federal lode mining claims; efd) be waived. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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3 April 1985

Senator Vic Fischer
Alaska State Legislature
Panel V (NS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer,

We are in favor of Resolution #116: Requesting the State Board of Education to require the study of Alaska History and Government in the schools of the State.

We feel it is important that all Legislators follow up on this Resolution and cause it to become reality.

Sincerely,

The Anchorage Free Committee
Sub Committee on Education
Co-Chair
Margaret Green
Joann Gallagher

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: MAGARET GREEN
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RE: SCR 10-ALASKA HISTORY/GOVERNMENT

WE ARE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR VIC FISCHERS SCR 10, REQUESTING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRE ALASKAN HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT IN SCHOOLS. LEGISLATORS-PLEASE FOLLOW UP AND CAUSE THIS TO BECOME A REALITY. SIGNED, FREE COMMITTEE; CO-CHAIR JOANNE GALLAGER AND MARGARET GREEN

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: MICKY SEXTON
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RE: SB 163

I OBJECT TO SB 163. IT'S ATTEMPT TO RECRIMILIE MARIJUANA IS ANOTHER FORM OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PEOPLE. I THOUGHT THIS WAS AMERICA, LAND OF THE FREE, NOT RUSSIA.



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Respectfully submitted:

Gayle Pierce
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President

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Senator Vic Fischer,

Requesting the state Board of Education to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state,

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (state Board of Education to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state) and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (HESS),

"Requesting the state Board of Education to request local school boards to require the study of Alaska history and government in the schools of the state."

with a majority do pass. The report was signed by Senator Fahrenkamp, Chairman and concurred in by Senators Sturgulewski, DeVries and Paul Fischer. Senator Josephson signed "no recommendation".

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SCR 10

Summary of Alaska History Course Offerings, March 1985

	Require Ak. History	Offer Ak. History Course as an Elective	Are there Adequate Materials?	GENERAL MATERIALS	1ST ON HISTORY
Adak <small>cannot contact phone</small>					
Alaska Gateway	yes	yes	no	yes	
Aleutian Region	yes		no	no	
Anchorage	no	yes	no	yes	
Annette Island	no	no	yes	yes	
Bering Strait	no	yes	no	no	
Bristol Bay	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Chatham <small>phone protected</small>					
Chugach	yes		no	no	
Copper River	yes		yes	no	
Cordova	no	no	no	no	
Craig	yes		yes/no	yes	
Delta/Greely	no	yes	no	yes	•
Dillingham	yes		no	yes	•
Fairbanks	no	yes	no	yes	
Galena	yes		yes	no	
Haines	no	yes	yes	yes	
Koonah	no	no	no	yes	
Hydaburg	yes	no	no	yes	
Iditarod	no	yes	no	no	
Juneau	no	yes	no	no	
Kake <small>phone protected</small>					
Kenai Peninsula	no	no	no	no	
Ketchikan					

	Require Ak. History		offer Ak. History Course as an elective			Are there adequate materials?		USEFUL MATERIALS		151 Alaska History	Alaska's Heritage Ak. Historical Commission	Eyes Forward / Learning Link				
Valdez	no		yes			no		yes				•				
Wrangell	no		yes			yes		yes	•							
Yakutat	yes		no			no		no								
Yukon Flats	no		yes			yes		yes								
Yukon/Koyukuk	yes		no			no		yes			•					

District _____

Contact _____

Date _____

Background: A bill has been introduced in the legislation to require one unit of Alaska history and government for high school graduation. The Department is compiling information on which districts already have such a course either mandated or as an elective offering, in order to respond to legislative inquiries.

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| 1. Do you <u>require</u> Alaska History for graduation? | YES | NO |
| Do you offer a one semester course as an elective? | YES | NO |

Comments

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| 2. Do you feel there are adequate materials to teach Alaska History? | YES | NO |
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| 3. Can you name any materials you have found useful? | YES | NO |
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