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\$100,000

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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 295

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Labor for study of unemployment in Alaska and
8 other issues related to Alaska hire; and providing
9 for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general fund
12 to the Department of Labor for a study of the effect of the employment of
13 nonresidents on unemployment among residents of Alaska and other issues
14 related to Alaska hire.

15 * Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of the appropriation
16 made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1986.

17 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
18 10.070(c).

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Bill No. House Bill 295

Date March 26, 1985

Title "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Labor for Study of Unemployment in Alaska and other issues related to Alaska hire; and providing for an effective date."

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House Bill 295 makes an appropriation to the Department of Labor for a special study of unemployment and resident hire in Alaska.

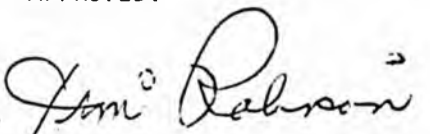
Specifically, under this appropriation measure, the Department would collect and analyze a variety of information on the impact of nonresidents on employment in Alaska. Currently, such information is not available in a form that will withstand legal scrutiny. Although the State's counsel in the pending resident hire lawsuit wove together different kinds of information to show the impact of nonresidents on employment, the Superior Court concluded that there was insufficient evidence to show that the influx of nonresident workers was a "peculiar source" of unemployment in the construction industry in Alaska against which the resident hire law was directed.

The study which this bill provides for was also recommended by a recent legal analysis prepared by Attorney Robert Goldberg. This analysis, "Legislative Remedies for Rural Unemployment," specifically recommends that the State collect a substantial body of specific, reliable data on unemployment, income, population trends, etc. and that specific legislative and/or administrative findings be made on the basis of the data.

The Department expects that the study will support the State's contention that nonresidents are a primary cause of high unemployment in Alaska, and that it will also show that the resident hire law is necessary to remedy the problem.

The Department strongly supports this proposal to fund a study of unemployment and resident hire in Alaska.

APPROVED:



Jim Robison, Commissioner
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March 21, 1985

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Attn: Mike Navarre, Chairman

Dear Mr. Navarre:

As an Alaskan of many years and a person active in the States labor movement, I would hope that you and your committee would give special attention and "fast track" through HB 294 and HB 295. All blue collar Alaskans thank you....

Sincerely,

CARPENTERS LOCAL 1281


Bill Matthews
Business Representative

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