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Senator Vic Fischer

Alaska State Legislature

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January 21, 1985

To: Senator Mitch Abood, Chair and
Members, Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Senator Vic Fischer

Re: Senate Bill 18 - William A. Egan Day

Senate Bill 18 designates October 18 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.

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 1959-66 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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- SUMMARY -



Official Business

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Chairman's Information:

- 1) SB 18 "An Act establishing "William A Egan Day" on October 8th of each year". (no effective date); (no fiscal note)
 - a) Introduced : Sen Vic Fischer
 - b) Co-Sponsors: Halford, Sturgulewski, Kelly, Faiks, Coghill, Josephson, Kerttula
- 2) INTENT: Establish William A Egan Day on Oct 8th of each year
- 3) COMMITTEE COMMENTS:
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - a) Sponsor
 - b) Public witnesses:
- 5) BILL ACTION:
 - a) Hold in committee?
 - b) Assign to sub committe for further review?
 - c) Move from Committee?
 - d) close public hearings?
- 6) COMMITTEE ACTION:
 - a) amendments?
 - b) CS adoption?