

HCR

52

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date referred: 4/8/88

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 4-22-88

The Finance Committee has considered HCR 52

Relating to state economic indices and reports.

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with _____ the same title
- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact same as previous fiscal note published 4-8-88
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Commerce & Econ. Dev.
Title: Regarding economic indices and BRAU: Division of Business Development
reports
Sponsor: House Joint Comm. on Econ. Recovery Components: _____
Requester: House Labor and Comm. Committee

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OTHER						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Funds would go to ISER to provide the economic information outlined in the resolution.

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Approved by Commissioner: J. Anthony Smith, Commissioner Date: 4/5/88
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ALASKA ECONOMIC INDEX BUDGET

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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC RECOVERY

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5

Relating to state economic indices and

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reports.

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

8 WHEREAS promoting the economic well-being of Alaska citizens is a
9 responsibility of the Alaska State Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS the state's economy is subject to periodic cycles of economic
11 growth and contraction; and

12 WHEREAS the current economic contraction has continued for a long time
13 and is harming the economic well-being of many Alaskans; and

14 WHEREAS state spending and saving decisions have a major effect on
15 both the short-term and long-term growth or contraction of the state's
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS accurate and complete information on the condition of and
18 outlook for the state's economy is critical to legislative spending and
19 saving decisions; and

20 WHEREAS needed economic information and analysis are not now available
21 on a timely basis;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the Governor to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
24 to arrange for the University of Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic
25 Research to

26 (1) prepare quarterly economic indices for the state and an
27 annual report on the condition of and outlook for the state's economy; and

28 (2) gather and analyze on a continuing basis the data needed to
29 produce the indices and reports; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
2 quests the Governor to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Development to distribute to the Alaska State Legislature and to the public
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5 Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic Research under the first resolve
6 of this resolution.

STATE OF ALASKA
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: HCR 52
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INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Al Adams, Chairman
House Finance Committee

FROM: Lee Gorsuch, Director
Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER)

DATE: April 19, 1988

RE: Description of Products Generated by the Alaska
Economic Index Project Referenced in House Concurrent
Resolution 52 (HCR 52) and the Corresponding Fiscal
Note Originally in the Department of Commerce Budget

Questions

A number of questions have been raised concerning the work to be performed under the Alaska Economic Index Resolution (HCR 52) and the subsequent fiscal note originally attached to the Department of Commerce budget. The purpose of this memo is to address these following questions:

What will the products of this project be, and what will be their value?

How will these activities differ from activities and reports that are currently produced by state and federal government agencies?

What is the rationale for the Department of Commerce's coordination of the project while utilizing the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) to conduct the analyses?

Introduction

Most Alaskans are keeping an anxious eye on the state's economy these days. We all wonder what's going on, if things will get worse, and when they will get better. Experience has taught us that change can happen fast in Alaska's economy, and we know our personal and business futures are directly affected by economic changes.



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in the production of useful products and in the identification of additional meaningful economic information regularly collected by state government which is not currently used in economic evaluations. It will also be responsible for the distribution of reports.

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Attachment A is a budget for the portion of the work which ISER will do as indicated in the Department of Commerce fiscal note. The fiscal note is \$150,000 and the budget is \$200,000, because of the contribution of \$50,000 from business sources in support of the household survey.

Product Description

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Unfortunately, much of the available information on our economy is published, at best, a few times a year, and most often it reports what happened last year or even the year before. Some commonly used federal statistics on Alaska can be inaccurate or misleading because they fail to take into account conditions specific to the state. In the case of income data compiled from federal tax records, years may pass between the time the information is collected and when it is used.

Another problem is that cutbacks in spending in recent years have reduced the amount and frequency of state and federal statistics. And for some aspects of the economy, few statistics have ever been collected.

When information is reported, it is often hard to tell what it means for the coming months and how it fits into the overall economic picture. A few agencies and private organizations do some economic analysis and forecasting, but such work is limited and infrequent.

The objective of this project is to develop vital current economic information not available elsewhere; to provide a professional, objective interpretation of this information; and to monitor, interpret, analyze, and disseminate secondary economic information. The project can be divided into 4 activities, as follows, each of which is discussed in turn below:

1. Semi-Annual Statewide Household Survey
2. Quarterly Report of Economic Indicators
3. Annual Performance Report
4. Annual Economic Projection

Organizational Structure

The Department of Commerce will have the lead state agency role in the coordination with ISER in this project. Commerce will oversee and direct state participation in the activities of ISER in designing the household survey and the quarterly indices and in the preparation of the Annual Performance Report and Projection. Commerce will have the lead role in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of the business data which is gathered as a part of its business development function. Commerce will coordinate the interests of other state agencies



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Additional questions will be chosen for each survey based upon current and anticipated economic and demographic concerns and issues. For example the most widely used measure of price inflation in Alaska--and one that is frequently incorporated in labor agreements, lease contracts, and other documents--is the Anchorage Consumer Price Index.

The BLS has said repeatedly that the sample size for the Anchorage index is so small that it can be subject to considerable error. ISER has, in the past, shown substantial inaccuracies and shortcomings in the Anchorage index. And from now on, the Anchorage CPI will be issued only twice a year, rather than every other month.

Over the years, businesses, agencies, and individuals have repeatedly asked us for better, more complete, and more current information on living costs. On the basis of the Alaska Consumer Survey, ISER will generate useful and current information on price inflation in Anchorage.

All of the information collected in the survey will become part of the Economic Information Database of ISER and available to public and private analysts. This information does not duplicate any other data collected by survey or other means. In particular, it differs from the Current Population Survey of the U.S. Department of Labor in its coverage of the state, its depth of questions, its response time, and the fact that its content is determined by the needs of Alaska rather than of the federal government.

The survey results will be reported in the January and July quarterly reports of Economic Indicators. They are timed to coincide with the start of the new year and the middle of the high "season" for the economy.

The cost of conducting the surveys is estimated to be approximately \$136,000 annually, of which \$86,000 would come from the state grant. The remaining \$50,000 would come from private Alaska business contributions.

ISER has conducted two household surveys for state agencies in the past year similar to this survey. As a result of these surveys we have identified and refined the most productive questions to ask, have trained staff in the administration of surveys and analysis of results, and have developed computer programs for efficient analysis of the results. In addition,



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these surveys have already resulted in a baseline of useful information about households for identifying changes and trends over time.

2. Quarterly report of economic indicators. Four times during the year, ISER will prepare a short report on the economy for dissemination by the Department of Commerce. In this report ISER will integrate the survey information with other quarterly and monthly data to produce an overall picture of the current status and trends in Alaska's economy and key industries.

Each report will contain a standard core of statistical information and a supporting interpretive discussion of the current state of health of the economy, trends in the direction of economic change, and leading indicators of future changes in the economy. Some of this information will be presented in the form of INDEXES to facilitate identification of trends and highlight the most important components of change. For example, the Employment Index (see Attachment B) would be adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations by industry, thereby providing a clear, concise picture of the direction and pattern of economic change in Alaska. Each report will also contain a section reporting and interpreting either the results of the most recent household survey (January, July), information on prospects for the year in the state basic industries (April), or information on important components of support industries (September). A partial prototype of this index and report is included as Attachment B to this memo.

The raw material for these quarterly indices will come from four sources--the household survey; data currently collected and distributed by federal, state, and local government agencies; data collected by the Department of Commerce as part of its business development activities; and data collected by ISER as part of its ongoing project-specific economic analyses. The primary emphasis in the Alaska indices report will be on the presentation and interpretation of information in a useful and consistent fashion. Thus, although some of the raw data is available from other sources, this report will bring together in one short, concise document an interpretation and evaluation of the salient data necessary for an understanding of the current state and future growth of the economy. The secondary emphasis in the report will be to present and interpret information which is not available elsewhere which shows where the economy is headed.



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ISER currently maintains on computer and regularly updates and revises an extensive database of monthly and quarterly economic and demographic information collected from public and private sources. In addition, we have developed a large number of computer programs to facilitate the presentation and interpretation of this information. This database and analytic capability have proved to be extremely valuable in monitoring and understanding the current Alaska recession. We will build on this existing capability in the development of the quarterly report.

3. The Annual Performance Report. At the beginning of the calendar year, we will produce the Annual Performance Report for publication by the Department of Commerce. This document will be similar in scope to the Annual Performance Report published intermittently during the past 10 years either by the Office of Management and Budget or the Department of Commerce. It will provide a description of each sector of the economy, analyze the performance of each sector over the past year and longer where appropriate, and provide a detailed statistical abstract consisting of tables of annual economic and demographic information covering the state since the time of statehood. This is designed to be a reference document for private and public analysts alike which will put the current status of the economy into historical perspective.

The data for this report will come primarily from the existing annual economic database maintained on computer by ISER. It will be augmented by data collected by the Department of Commerce in conjunction with their basic industry economic development activities. The ISER database and its supporting computer software has been used to produce a prototype Report periodically in the past in the form of an extensive tabular description of the structure of the economy. This will form the basis for the Annual Performance Report.

4. Annual Economic Projection. At the beginning of the calendar year, ISER will produce a set of projections for the economy for the next 5 years, with special emphasis on the next 2 years. These projections will be contingent upon different sets of assumptions for variables identified to be most indeterminate. The primary focus of the projections will be those sectors of the economy most likely to be of interest to public policy makers during the following year.



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The projections will use the analytical tools currently available at ISER in conjunction with industry specific micro information collected by the Department of Commerce. ISER has produced economic projections for many years for various purposes and will continue to do so. However, these projections are always contingent upon assumptions specific to a particular client's needs or are designed for a special purpose. In general, they are not appropriate for the purpose of setting the stage for deliberations concerning economic recovery, economic development, and fiscal policy. The Department of Labor has begun to publish an annual projection of the economy and also publishes a population projection. Currently there is no connection between the two, and the economic projection is limited to a one-year forecast of employment. These forecasts are valuable but do not fill the need for a comprehensive forecast of the economy to serve as a resource and tool for public policy analysis.

Attachment A: Budget

Attachment B: Prototype Index

Attachment C: Indicators Used to Monitor Short-term Fluctuations

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The following is a prototype of a brief monthly newsletter we tentatively plan to issue, summarizing information from our various economic indicators. Figures 1 and 2 show information that will be included and updated monthly.

Employment figures are probably the best single measure of economic health in Alaska. Figure 1 (in two parts) is our employment index, showing month-to-month changes in wage and salary employment in Alaska by industry, with the number of jobs in January 1980 as a base. The numbers are indexed through February 1987, the most recent month for which information is now available. The index figures are seasonally adjusted and smoothed. Every month we will index the most recent employment figures by industry. Readers will thus be able to see the most current information, and compare recent employment with growth and decline over the past seven years.

Figure 2 shows another important measure of economic strength and well-being in Alaska: personal income. Using quarterly personal income figures from the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis, we have developed an Alaska real personal income index. This index is based on personal income as of the first quarter of 1980 and is adjusted for inflation. The components of personal income—wages, resident earnings, transfers, and others—are also indexed individually.

Other measures of economic change will also be included in the newsletter at various times. The basic figures we've described above and any others included in the newsletter will be analyzed and briefly discussed to let readers know what the numbers say about the current state of the economy and what they portend for the coming months.

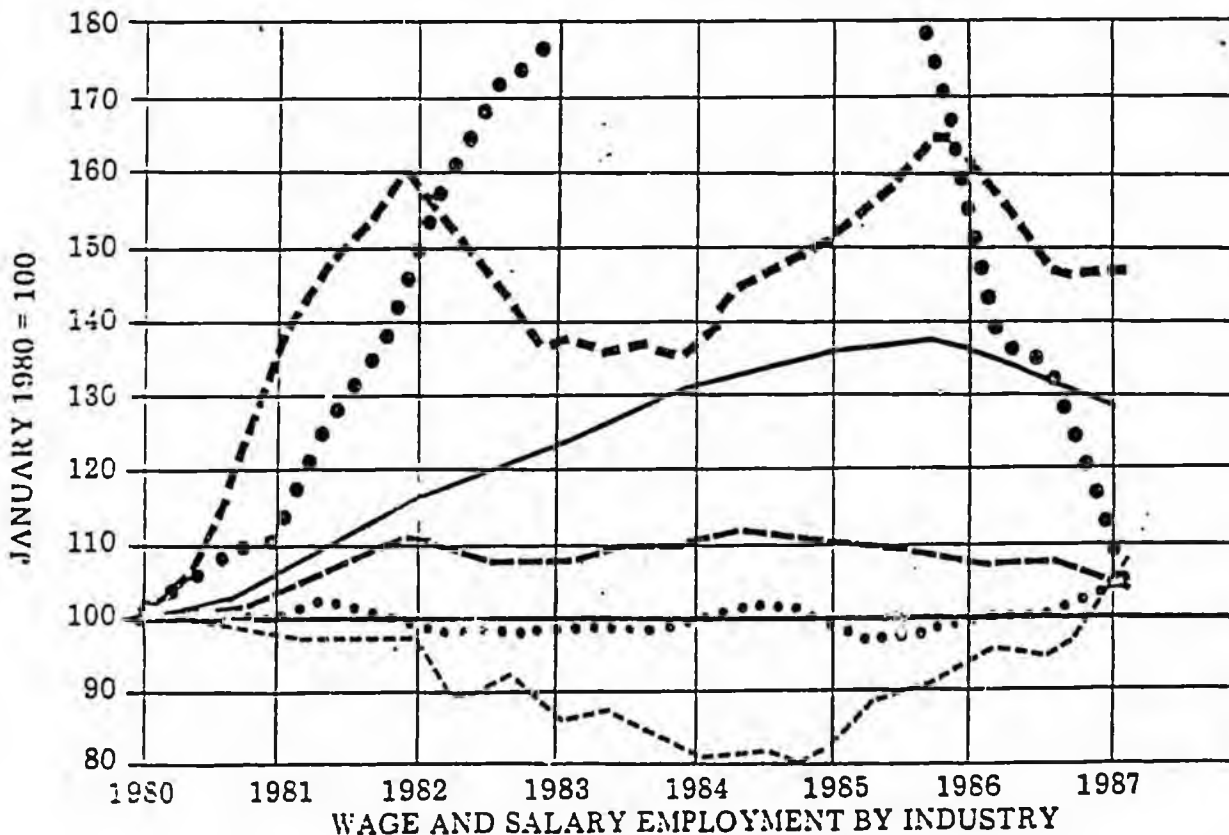
State of the Economy—April 1987

As the economy enters the second quarter of 1987, the contraction that began in the last quarter of 1985 continues but there is some evidence that the rate of decline is beginning to moderate. Employment is falling at a 5 percent annual

rate—down slightly from previous months. Since the peak of the current cycle in September 1985, the economy has lost 15,000 jobs and now has about the same number of jobs as it had in mid-1983 (seasonally adjusted). (Figure 1.) Measured by real income, the wage economy has contracted

Figure 1

ALASKA EMPLOYMENT INDEX—PART I.
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND SMOOTHED



Summary

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Petroleum

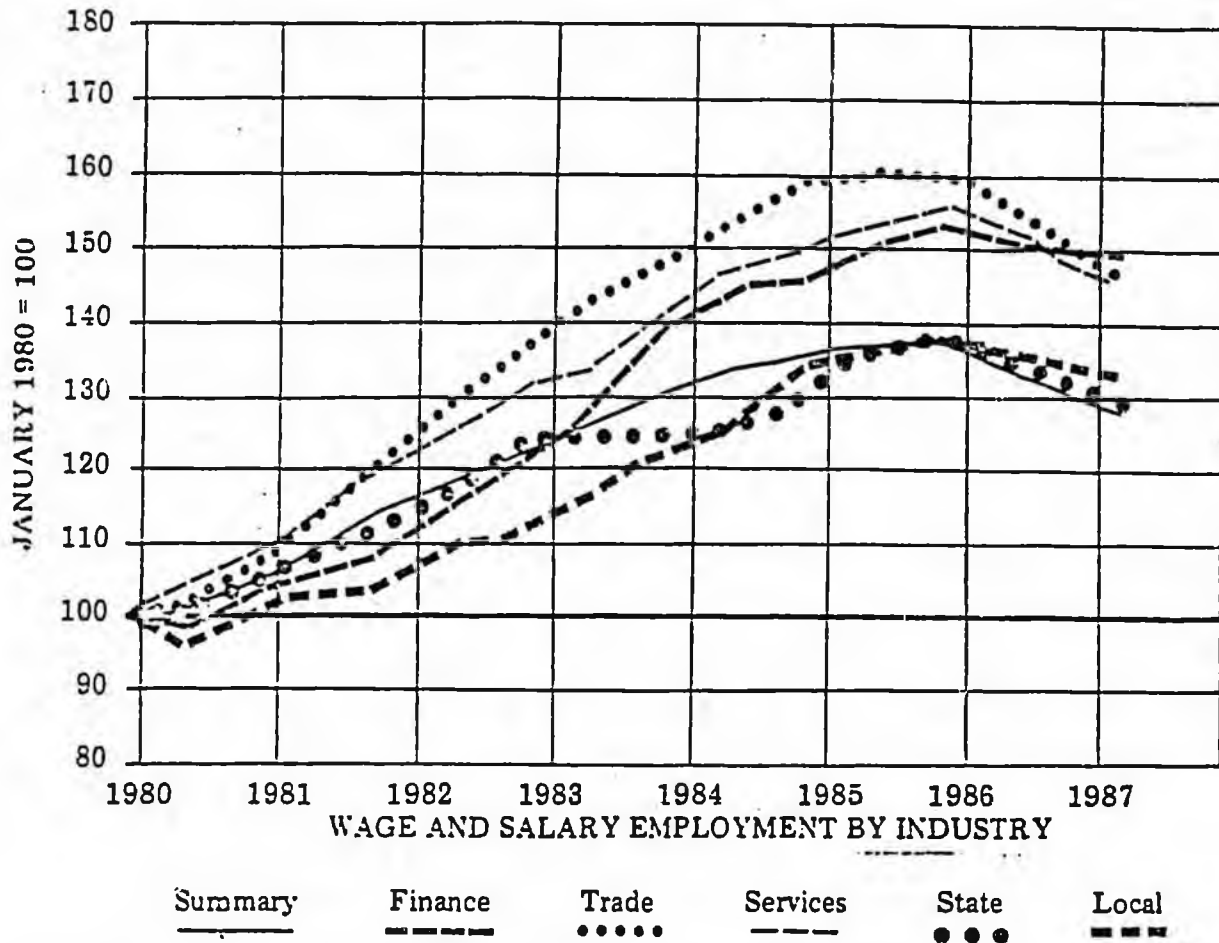
Manufacturing

Federal

Trans., Comm., Util.

Figure 1

ALASKA EMPLOYMENT INDEX—PART II.
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somewhat more—back to the mid-1982 level.^{1,2} (Figure 2.)

Collapse of the construction industry is the most important factor in explaining the present contraction of the economy. Employment in construction has been falling since the winter of 1983 when it peaked at almost 22,000. The contraction accelerated two years later at the end of 1985, and through 1986 continued at a reduced rate of decline. Employment today in the industry stands at about 12,000—down 10,000 from the peak.

Because construction employment is still above its level (about 10,000 annual average jobs) at the start of the current business cycle in 1980,

¹All data reported in this document are adjusted to remove both seasonal and random fluctuations. This procedure isolates and allows us to analyze those changes over time which are attributable to the business cycle and long-term growth factors.

²Employment is defined as the average annual number of jobs per month.

we can expect further contraction in this sector to continue to be a drag on the support sectors during the months ahead.

The bright spot for the economy is the strength in employment in the basic industries—manufacturing (which includes timber and fish processing), federal government, and petroleum/mining.³ Employment in all these sectors is growing—reflecting the fact that the current contraction is largely the consequence of the overstimulation the economy received in the early 1980s, when state and local government spending expanded too rapidly.

Job loss in state and local government has been about 2,500 so far. Further losses can be expected in the next 18 months, and this loss of

³Basic industries not identified in this aggregate wage and salary employment data include fish harvesting, tourism, and military. Strength in these industries has also helped to cushion the contraction of the economy in the last 18 months.

income will also hurt the support sector for the next two years.

The support sectors—trade, services, and finance—continue to contract in response to the decline in construction and government. We have lost about 6,000 jobs in these sectors, and further contraction is expected in the coming months as they adjust to the flattening of personal income. Contraction in the finance sector appears to have ended.

Real personal income, the best single measure of consumer purchasing power and economic well-being for a region, continues to contract in step with falling employment, but at a slower rate due to the growing importance of non-wage income in the total. Personal income, adjusted for inflation, has fallen just 1 percent from its peak in the third quarter of 1985.

The Outlook for the Balance of 1987

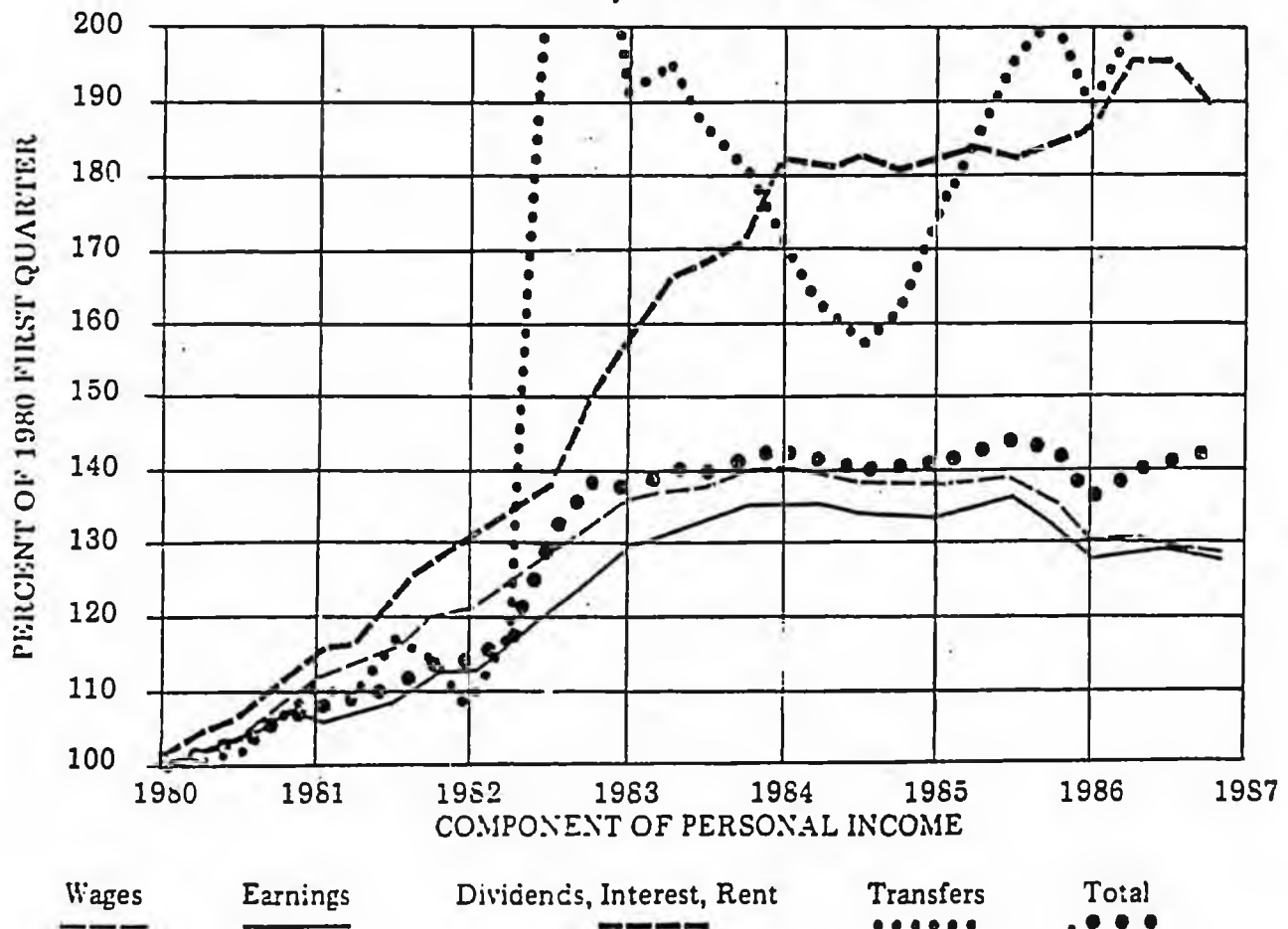
Both employment and personal income will continue to decline through the rest of this year. The decline will slow down in the first half of the year because the decline in the construction industry—which precipitated the current recession—will slow. Further contraction will occur as both state and local government and the petroleum industry reduce capital expenditures this year and next, but these reductions will be spaced out over time.

In the second half of the year, the impacts of the FY1988 state budget will produce a contractionary effect on the economy. Although it is too early to outline specific effects, it is clear that construction, state and local government, and professional services will be directly impacted. This will in turn produce a further contraction in support industries—primarily trade and personal services.

Figure 2

ALASKA REAL PERSONAL INCOME INDEX

FIRST QUARTER 1980 = 100



Indicators Used to Monitor Short-term Fluctuations

ISER maintains and regularly updates a database of more than 300 indicators of short-term changes in the economy of Alaska as a whole and of Anchorage in particular. This database draws together in one location most of the publicly available economic and demographic data collected by public agencies and private groups in Alaska. In addition, based on recent research, we construct our own special data series to help us interpret the data and fill gaps in the flow of information. We expand the database as we identify new information and incorporate it into our system. Below we briefly characterize the short-term indicators; a complete list is available to clients.

- **Employment and Labor Force:** We individually track each employment category in the state and in Anchorage. We monitor average hours worked, size of the labor force, unemployment, and new unemployment insurance claims. We estimate total employment from its components.
- **Income:** We track the components of wage income, including earnings by industry, and other sources of Alaska income in nominal and real (inflation-adjusted) dollars.
- **General Support Business Trends:** We keep track of numbers of new business licenses issued in Alaska, numbers of new telephones connected in Anchorage, and numbers of personal and business bankruptcies. We get this information monthly from the Alaska court system and the Anchorage Telephone Utility.
- **Basic Industry Trends:** ISER tracks production of and prices for oil and gas from the North Slope and Cook Inlet; passenger arrivals and departures at Anchorage International Airport; volumes of domestic and international freight coming into and leaving Anchorage; and level of tourism in Anchorage as reflected by the amount collected under Anchorage's hotel tax. Sources of this information include the Municipality of Anchorage and Anchorage International Airport.
- **Construction:** Our list includes about 35 indicators of construction activity. We monitor numbers of building permits issued in Anchorage for single-family houses, duplexes, multi-family units, and commercial buildings, as well as permits for remodeling. We keep track of contract construction on highways, airports, harbors, public buildings, petroleum-related facilities, military sites, and others throughout Alaska. We collect most of this information monthly from the Municipality of Anchorage and *Alaska Construction* magazine.
- **Real Estate:** We watch nearly 40 indicators of trends in the real estate market, primarily in Anchorage but in some instances in broader areas of the state. These include numbers and value of houses, mobile homes, condominiums, and other units sold under various programs of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC); average sales prices for homes and condominiums listed through the Anchorage Multiple Listing Service; and numbers and value of deeds of trust issued by Anchorage financial institutions. Sources of information include AHFC, the Multiple Listing Service, and Security Title and Trust Company.

- **Interest Rates:** ISER monitors the important indicators of interest rate movements, including the rate for home mortgages in the U.S. as a whole and in Alaska, the prime rate, and interest rates on U.S. treasury bills and bonds. We collect this information monthly from AHFC, *Mortgage Banking* magazine, and the *Survey of Current Business*.
- **Population Changes:** In addition to the annual population estimates made by the Alaska Department of Labor and the Municipality of Anchorage, we monitor population changes by looking at school enrollments and residential telephone hook-ups in Anchorage and at statewide consumption of various commodities. We obtain such information from the Alaska Department of Revenue, the Department of Labor, the Municipality of Anchorage, and the Anchorage Telephone Utility.
- **Consumer Prices:** We keep track of changing prices of consumer goods in Anchorage through the Anchorage consumer price index. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics issued that index six times a year between 1978 and 1987; from now on it will be issued just twice a year.

STATE OF ALASKA

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April 19, 1988

Honorable Kay Brown
Alaska House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
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Dear Representative Brown:

Re: AIDEA Economic Data and
Analysis/ISER Research

You have asked for information on the proposed \$175.0 addition to the AIDEA budget for business and economic data and analysis, as well as a comparison of this component to the proposed \$150.0 ISER research increment in the department's budget.

The proposed \$150.0 for ISER research will be used for collection and analysis of data for use in publication of macroeconomic indicators and to make economic projections. Such information will provide a broad overview of Alaska's economic performance on a quarterly basis through the use of key economic indicators. On an annual basis, projections on the performance of the Alaskan economy will be developed for each succeeding year. ISER anticipates that it will be able to secure approximately \$50.0 of private sector contributions to supplement the \$150.0. The private sector contributions will be used primarily to fund research in areas considered priority by the sponsors; for example, Anchorage retail activity for the quarter or housing starts in Wasilla, etc.

The proposed \$175.0 business and economic data component in AIDEA's budget will focus on development of industry specific indicators, assessment of market trends in key resource and manufacturing sectors of the Alaskan economy, and development of specific industry profiles. This information will be used by AIDEA: 1) as the agency evaluates loan guarantee proposals and applications for pre and post export financing, and 2) to provide a base of information which can assist in the development of plans and priorities which target business sectors with the greatest opportunity for expansion.

The business and economic data component will maintain data series for use in developing profiles of Alaska's basic industries. The profiles will assist AIDEA in assessing growth and investment patterns in the basic industries which, in turn, will aid in the assessment of the general business viability of specific proposals submitted to the agency.

April 19, 1988

All of the information, data and analyses generated by the business and economic data component will be useful to many local and state agencies involved in developing policies, plans and programs for trade and development. The market trend and industry indicator information and analyses (to be published on a quarterly basis) will assist the local and state agencies to target their limited resources in areas which show the greatest promise for development or which will result in the greatest return for their investment.

Coordination of the ISER research effort and the business and economic data component is essential. By allowing the department to administer the ISER research funds, it can ensure that such coordination does, in fact, occur. The department intends to utilize its administrative oversight authority over ISER research funds to make certain that state funds are matched with private sector dollars. We envision that the market trend information, industry specific indicators and industry profiles will be used by ISER as a component in a year-end economic performance report. ISER will coordinate with the department to ensure that this year-end report is structured in a manner useful to the goals set by the state. The department will use ISER's macroeconomic data and analyses in its efforts to keep "Wall Street" and the national banking community informed on the Alaskan economy and its outlook. In addition, the department can package the ISER information to respond to inquiries from businesses and investors engaged in evaluation of Alaska as a place to do business.

I cannot stress enough the critical and fundamental need for the services to be provided by the proposed business and economic data component. It is essential for the state and the business community to receive regular and reliable information in order to make intelligent investment decisions.

I hope this letter is responsive to your need for additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



J. Anthony Smith
Commissioner

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Business Analysis and Economic Data Component

\$175.0

Every state Department of Commerce as well as the U.S. government provides primary economic data. That capability is not funded and currently does not exist in DCED. As a result, the department is unable to provide the most rudimentary reporting of economic and business indicators, except as such data is made available through other sources. This project will undertake as its primary function the development and periodic reporting of an ongoing, time series of fundamental business and economic activity indicators. Key indications of a community's economic strength include income levels, population trends and prospects, employment statistics, and industry or employer composition. The reports will provide the primary information required by such users as credit rating agencies (Moody's and Standard & Poor's), financial institutions, business marketing efforts, other state agencies, and regional and local economic development organizations.

The staff of this component will be capable of formatting and analyzing the data it maintains on an as-needed basis to support the efforts of the department and other users. Further, it is anticipated that this component will possess the capabilities to undertake special projects to provide analytical support to business marketing and business development initiatives of the department.

Personal Services

Economist II - Provides economic analysis functions and report preparation	\$ 60.2
Research Analyst III - Provides research assistance	46.8
Statistical Clerk - Provides statistical support for economist and research analyst positions	28.3

Travel 3.5

Contractual

Communications (phone, postage, etc.)	8.4
Layout and printing of publications	<u>28.0</u>

TOTAL \$175.0

State of Alaska

House Majority Leader

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Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: REPRESENTATIVE ALBERT ADAMS, CHAIR
HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: MAX F. GRUENBERG, JR., HOUSE CHAIR
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY *MG*

DATE: APRIL 12, 1988

RE: JOINT COMMITTEE LEGISLATION

I would appreciate your consideration of the attached legislation at your earliest convenience. HJR 72, relating to the residential real estate market, and HCR 52, relating to state economic indices and reports, were developed and considered by the subcommittees and members of the House side of the Joint Committee on Economic Recovery and introduced at the House members' request by the House Rules Committee.

These resolutions were also heard and passed by the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

For each resolution I have also indicated the committee member who is most knowledgeable.

HJR 72 is a resolution which encourages flexibility and cooperation among various state and federal lending agencies with regard to the stabilization of the residential housing market. This resolution also recommends that state agencies hold foreclosed-upon residential properties off the market when such action makes economic sense. (Representative Kay Brown or Representative Steve Rieger)

HCR 52 would seek to establish and publish quarterly an Alaskan Economic Index. This would provide a consistent index for use in the development of economic assumptions and policy for Alaska. (Representative H. A. "Red" Boucher)

I have also attached for your consideration the recommendations of the Senate members of the Joint Committee regarding these resolutions.

I hope you can speedily schedule these bills before your committee to enhance their chances of passing this session.

If you have any questions please give Tom Begich of my staff a call at 465-3718 or 465-4968 or contact the designated members directly.

Thanks.

attachments



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MEMORANDUM

Senate Joint Committee on Economic Recovery

TO: Representative Max Gruenberg, Chairman
House Joint Committee on Economic Recovery

FROM: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Co-Chair *AS*
Senator Lloyd Jones, Co-Chair *LJ*
Senate Joint Committee on Economic Recovery

RE: Legislation Endorsement Statement

DATE: March 30, 1988

The Senate Joint Committee on Economic Recovery has endorsed the following legislation and recommends that it proceed through the normal standing committee hearing process.

SCR32 - Senator Fischer - "Urging the state's financial institutions to adopt more flexible lending and collection policies."

Status: House Labor & Commerce Committee

SB333 - Senator Halford - "An Act relating to wage, salary and benefit claims having priority in certain bank liquidations and to certain bank reports required by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

Status: House Labor & Commerce Committee

SB392 - Senator Halford - "An Act relating to delinquent loans of the Alaska Industrial development Authority; and providing for an effective date."

Status: House Labor & Commerce Committee

CSSB408 - Senators Kelly and Sturgulewski - "An Act relating to the Alaska Stabilization Assistance Program; and providing for an effective date."

Status: Senate Finance

Endorsement qualifications:

The concept of a "Bridge Bank" is contained in CSSB408. This legislation offers a potential for relieving the pressure of property management for private financial institutions and some state agencies. However it should be structured to encourage private sector management, limited state contributions and provisions for eventual repayment of these contributions back to the state. This conceptual document should be referred to standing committees for further study and processing.

SSSB471 - Senator Halford - "An Act establishing a program in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to guarantee business loans and to refinance debt; and providing for an effective date."

Status: Senate Finance

Endorsement qualifications:

The committee endorsed this legislation at the March 16, 1988 and adopted the following intent at its meeting on March 22, 1988. "The bill needs further refinement in the Senate Finance Committee and the SJ CER recommends that the Finance Committee review setting a cap or maximum limit on the total amount of loan funds that can be guaranteed by AIDEA. This will prevent uncontrollable liability at some future date. The committee also recommends that AIDEA develop guidelines for allowing private financial institutions to offer refinanced debt packages as well as guidelines for new business loans that will stimulate economic growth. Finally, in order to evaluate its progress, the committee suggests a sunset date on the AIDEA loan guarantee program."

SSSB474 - Senator Halford - "An Act increasing property exemptions; and providing for an effective date."

Status: Senate Finance

SB476(CRA) - Senator Halford - "An Act creating the Supplemental Municipal Assistance Fund for Railbelt communities; and providing for an effective date."

Status: Senate Finance

SB477 - CRA Committee - "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for supplemental municipal assistance to Railbelt communities; and providing for an effective date."

Status: Senate Finance

Endorsement qualifications:

The committee adopted an amendment that reduces the appropriation amount to \$25,000,000.

Proposed - Senator Josephson - "An Act relating to judicial and nonjudicial foreclosures."

Status: draft

Endorsement qualifications:

The committee adopted the concepts contained in the 5-2103A/Bradley/3-28-88 draft of the subject legislation and forwarded it to the Senate Rules Committee for introduction. The committee additionally recommended that the bill be referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee and that the committee incorporate the concept contained in HB549 "An Act relating to notice requirements on the use of a deed of trust."

The committee also endorsed the following House bills and recommends that they proceed through the normal Senate standing committee process when they are transmitted to the Senate.

HJR 72 - Rules Committee at the request of the HJCER - "Relating to the residential real estate market."

Status: House Labor & Commerce

HB 550 - Rules Committee at the request of the HJCER - "An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Regional Affairs to modify the terms of its mortgage loans; and providing for an effective date."

Status: House Community & Regional Affairs

cc: Representative Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House

Representative Dave Donley, Chairman
House Labor & Commerce Committee

Representative Heinrich Springer
House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

April 7, 1988

2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rep. Dave Donley, Chairman
Rep. Niilo Koponen, Vice Chair
Rep. H. A. "Red" Boucher, arrived late
Rep. Cliff Davidson
Rep. Johnny Ellis
Rep. Walt Furnace
Rep. Curt Menard

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HCR 54 "Relating to the management of mobile homes owned by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

SCR 54 "Recognizing the importance of secretaries, certified professional secretaries, and professional legal secretaries; and requesting the Governor to designate April 25-29, 1988, as State Secretaries' Week and April 27, 1988, as State Secretaries' Day."

HCR 52 "Relating to state economic indices and reports."

Board confirmation hearings for:

Thomas E. Bartlett, CPA - Board of Public Accountancy
Deborah R. Marshall - Board of Public Accountancy
Robert B. Boswell - Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors
Ellen M. Hall - Board of Barbers and Hairdressers
Marse A. Kueber - Board of Barbers and Hairdressers
James B. Leach III, DVM - Board of Veterinary Examiners
Stephen A. Mersch, DVM - Board of Veterinary Examiners

WITNESS REGISTER

Mr. Larry Bussone, Assistant
Rep. Ron Larson
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Position Statement: Answered questions regarding HCR 54.

Rep. Henry Springer
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465-3789

Position Statement: Supported HCR 54.

Commissioner Tony Smith
Chairman of the Board of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
P.O. Box D
Juneau, Alaska 99811
465-2500

Position Statement: Supported HCR 54.

Mr. Ben Marsh, Executive Secretary
Alaska Trailer Court Association
278-3615

Position Statement: Opposed to HCR 54.

Dr. Ron Lehr, Executive Director
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
P.O. Box 101020
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
561-1900

Position Statement: Supported HCR 54.

PREVIOUS ACTION

HCR 54:

JRN-DATE		JRN-PG	ACTION
03/28/88	(H)	2724	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
03/28/88	(H)	2724	LABOR & COMMERCE THEN FINANCE

SCR 54:

JRN-DATE		JRN-PG	ACTION
02/23/88	(S)	2379	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
02/23/88	(S)	2379	LABOR AND COMMERCE
03/09/88	(S)	2568	L&C RPT CS SDP W/NEW TITLE
03/09/88	(S)	2569	ZERO FISCAL NOTE PUBLISHED
03/14/88	(S)	2616	RULES TO CALENDAR
03/14/88	(S)	2618	READ THE SECOND TIME
03/14/88	(S)	2619	L&C CS ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
03/14/88	(S)	2619	PASSED Y19 N- X1 CSSCR 54(L&C)
03/14/88	(S)	2622	TRANSMITTED TO (H)

03/15/88 (H) 2568 READ THE FIRST TIME -
REFERRAL(S)
03/15/88 (H) 2568 LABOR & COMMERCE

HCR 52:

JRN-DATE		JRN-PG	ACTION
03/24/88	(H)	2694	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
03/24/88	(H)	2694	LABOR & COMMERCE THEN FINANCE

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE
Number 000

The House Labor and Commerce Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Donley at 2:12 p.m. Members present were Representatives Donley, Ellis, Koponen, Boucher, Davidson, Furnace and Menard.

Chairman Donley announced that the first order of business was HCR 54, relating to the management of mobile homes owned by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). He stated that the meeting was being teleconferenced to Anchorage and called for the first witness.

Number 041

Mr. Larry Bussone, assistant to Rep. Larson, explained that the state was spending \$375,000 a month to keep mobile homes in trailer parks and that HCR 54 suggested AHFC to do something about that. He stated that the resolution suggested that excess mobile homes be demolished, sold out of the market within and outside of the state, or stored in storage lots or mobile home parks. He explained that the Joint Committee on Economic Recovery and the Subcommittee on Housing and Banking members looked at all the different alternatives to deal with the problem.

Rep. Koponen asked why sell mobile homes outside of Alaska. He felt in the down turned economy that people who couldn't afford a mobile home at market value might want to buy one at a lesser price.

Mr. Bussone stated that the testimony he heard indicated there was a tremendous excess of supply in all facets of the housing market. He explained that people moving into excess mobile homes would result in an oversupply of condos or other dwellings and would not take care of the general problem of oversupply.

Number 094

Commissioner Smith of the Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development and Chairman of the Board of AHFC, stated that there were 1200 mobile homes owned by AHFC.

Rep. Furnace asked what was happening to the value of the mobile home portfolio and was AHFC writing them off at a loss.

Commissioner Smith stated that the value of the mobile home portfolio was really taking a hit and there was concern about the increasing amount of defaults. He noted that he reviewed HCR 54 and did not find anything in it that created a problem because it stated that AHFC should manage it's mobile homes and other properties in concert with other institutional investors to deal with the supply and demand problem. He continued that the board and management of AHFC felt that the biggest difficulty with the mobile home situation was the question of what to do about the mobile home parks charging rent space for empty trailers. He did not think it was AHFC's job to put the parks out of business. He reiterated that HCR 54 was consistent with what the board was trying to do.

Number 163

Rep. Menard asked Commissioner Smith what he saw in the future regarding the number of units that AHFC would eventually own.

Commissioner Smith stated that at the next board meeting scheduled for April 14, 1988, the board hoped to approve HOPE II which would be a program for people who were current in their monthly payments but needed help to stay in their homes. He continued that they were working on HOPE III which would be a program aimed at people who's interest rate was over ten percent and would provide relief for those people. He stated that AHFC was hopeful that these programs would stabilize the delinquency rates and stop the flow of homes back to AHFC.

Number 192

Rep. Henry Springer, representing the subcommittee that drafted HCR 54, stated that the subcommittee addressed the areas they thought needed assistance from the state legislature or at least needed some form of a directive from the legislature to the industry, primarily in the Anchorage area. He continued that the reason for drafting HCR 54 was because the committee uniformly felt the state's interest was not being safeguarded and that there was a lot of imprudent business judgement exercised in regard to AHFC's holding of mobile homes. He explained that the

state was paying approximately \$373,000 per month to mobile home park owners for foreclosed units sitting vacant. He continued that attempts were made by AHFC to negotiate with the mobile home park owners for lowering space rent and that was met with little if any success. He stated that AHFC entered into an agreement with a lot owner in which the proposal was to pull the units out of the parks and put them into the lot where they could be displayed for sale. After 20 units were moved, there was a stop order given prohibiting any further removal of units out of parks. He stated that there was a strong response from mobile home park owners and that was when the subcommittee got involved. He continued that there were 1200 units currently affected and possibly another 1200 units would be affected, some of which cannot be moved and probably should be destroyed. Some units were substandard, built before 1972 and not marketable. He pointed out that some of them could be absorbed by the market and that was verified by Alaskan's testimony indicating interest in buying mobile homes for recreational purposes. He concluded that the committee felt they should give some indication to AHFC that the legislature was not pleased with the present management system.

Number 268

Rep. Menard asked if all the 1200 units were in trailer parks. The answer was "No."

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to respond to Rep. Springer's testimony. He explained that at the last board meeting these issues were discussed and that the lot question had been under consideration by management for as long as he had been on the board. He continued that there were ongoing negotiations with lot owners and that a storage lot was contracted and units were being moved. He asked AHFC staff if they were moving units if the trailer park owner was willing to charge space rent commensurate with the approximate cost of moving trailers to storage. He was told that AHFC was not moving units in those instances. Unbeknownst to him as Chairman, that was represented as a stop order to some legislators. He stated that at the last board meeting it was clarified that no order from the board should be construed as a stop order. He admitted that there had been some management problems that were presently being addressed. He reiterated that HCR 54 was a good statement of what should be done and what the board had been advocating.

Number 311

Chairman Donley explained that he would like to hold HCR 54 until next week because he had a couple of requests for a teleconference to hear additional testimony and he also had

a proposed committee substitute he would like the committee to consider.

Rep. Springer stated that he had the March 9, 1988 memorandum that contained the details of the so called stop order as well as tabulations of the responses from the different trailer park owners to the request for negotiations to lower the space rent.

Chairman Donley asked for a copy of that memo and data to include in the members files.

Number 344

Mr. Ben Marsh, Executive Secretary of the Alaska Trailer Court Association, testified from Anchorage via a teleconference connection. He stated that the association had appointed a committee to meet with the representatives from AHFC and they had a meeting on March 30, 1988. He continued that there were two proposals submitted to AHFC which were intended to be discussed at the AHFC board meeting scheduled for next week. The proposals called for negotiating reduced rates for space rents to induce AHFC to leave the units in the parks because units in parks were more salable. The second proposal the association asked AHFC to consider was to conduct bulk sales in parks so that the park owners would have an opportunity to bid on those units. He asked the committee to hold HCR 54 until after the AHFC board meeting next week.

Number 381

Mr. Ron Lehr, Executive Director of AHFC, stated that he would address Rep. Koponen's concern about the selling of mobile homes outside the state. He stated that the board had never recommended bulk sales outside the state but had recommended bulk sales outside the areas of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau to help reduce the supply. He continued that any program dealing with mobile homes would have a combination of approaches including bulk sales within an area as well as outside an area. He stated that the board meeting would be held April 14, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. and would be teleconferenced to both Anchorage and Juneau.

Number 404

Rep. Koponen pointed out that he was satisfied with the answer to his question.

Chairman Donley stated that the committee would hold HCR 54 over until next week after the AHFC board meeting.

Number 415

Chairman Donley announced that the next order of business was SCR 54, recognizing the importance of secretaries, certified professional secretaries, and professional legal secretaries; and requesting the Governor to designate April 25-29, 1988, as State Secretaries' Week and April 27, 1988, as State Secretaries' Day." He asked if anyone from the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee was present to answer questions or offer testimony on the resolution. There was no one present from the sponsors.

Rep. Boucher stated that the people working as secretaries were the backbone of the business community and were invaluable to the operation of businesses. He cited as an example the staff of legislators to illustrate how important it was for secretaries to be recognized. He strongly supported SCR 54.

Number 454

Rep. Koponen pointed out for the record that his professional secretary and aide was male.

Rep. Menard stated that he agreed with Rep. Boucher and moved CSSCR 54 out of committee and asked for unanimous consent. There being no objections, the motion carried.

Number 463

Rep. Boucher pointed out that time was running short and asked that Chairman Donley indicate the time restraint to the Rules Chairman so they did not pass CSSCR 54 out after the fact.

Number 471

Chairman Donley stated that the next order of business was confirmation hearings on the board appointees submitted by the Governor. He noted the list the committee members had in their file and asked if anyone had questions or problems with the appointees.

Rep. Menard asked if Dr. Leach was available in Anchorage to answer a few questions. He was not present.

Chairman Donley offered to hold on to Dr. Leach's confirmation until he could answer the questions that Rep. Menard had. He pointed out that the committee had more confirmations scheduled for next Thursday.

Rep. Menard asked Chairman Donley to please hold Dr. Leach's confirmation until next week.

Number 487

Rep. Koponen moved that the committee not object to the confirmation of appointees with the exception of Dr. Leach's appointment. There being no objections, the motion passed.

Number 500

Chairman Donley stated that the last matter on the agenda was HCR 52, relating to state economic indices and reports, which was sponsored by the Rules Committee at the request of the Joint Committee on Economic Recovery.

Rep. Boucher stated that he had been Chairing the Joint Economic Recovery Subcommittee on Small Business which introduced HCR 52. He mentioned the \$150,000 fiscal note prepared by the Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED) for HCR 52 and hoped Commissioner Smith would address it. He cited the Dept. of Labor as an example of how a department could not expand because the information received was outdated by six to eight months. He noted that the state needed a more accurate barometer to gage where the economy would be heading and that HCR 52 would be the vehicle to accomplish that. He pointed out that an important aspect of HCR 52 was giving the legislature the most accurate economic indicator that was possible. The information would act as a catalyst for the legislature to make the right decisions concerning the economy. He felt that consumer savings accounts were a clear indication of the consumer's confidence in the economy. If consumer confidence goes down, savings accounts go up and vice versa.

Number 594

Chairman Donley stated that he was willing to move the HCR 52 on to the Finance Committee and let them work out the particulars on the fiscal note attached.

Rep. Boucher pointed out that the \$150,000 fiscal note would be challenged. He felt that the expertise needed to compile the information would probably result in a figure close to the fiscal note amount and he wanted the DCED to coordinate the preparation for the resolution.

Number 607

Rep. Koponen moved HCR 52 to the next committee of referral with individual recommendations. There being no objections, the motion carried.

Number 612

Since there was no further business to come before the House Labor and Commerce Committee, Chairman Donley adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

DATE 4/7/88

TAPE NO. 90

BILL NUMBERS: HER 54, HER 52, SCR 54, Confirmation Hearings

MEMBERS PRESENT: ~~Walt~~, Koponen, Walt Furnace, Menard,
Dave, Ellis, Davidson, Brucher 2:20

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 2:12

TAPE #	BILL #	
000	HER 54	Mobile homes resolution
024		Larry from Larry's office - resolution
041		to take care of mobile homes -
		Koponen - ?
		Larry - excess of supply - have to take
		care of over supply -
		Koponen -
089		Furnace - Comm. Smith -
094		Comm. Smith Chair
		1200 mobile homes
		Furnace - write off mobile home as a
		loss -
	Comm.	Value of mobile home portfolio taking
		a hit - reviewed the Res 54 - should
		manage their property - Didn't have a
145		problem with -
		consistent with what the board & staff

HCR 54 are trying to do - roughly 4,000 units - condos & mobile homes - 1,200 are M.H.

163 ~~8~~ Menard - what's in the future - Smith - To approve Hope 2 - ^{program} ~~program~~ in payments

192 Rep Henry Springer - helped draft Res.

208 Reason - committee felt the State's interest was not being protected - State paying 373,000 a month for M.H. for rent & upkeep - gather up the M.H. & put on a lot to try to sell -

268 ~~Menard~~ Menard - are the 1200 units all in a trailer park - NO

Corn Smith - The lot question under consideration for a long time storage lot was contracted, units being moved -

306 good statement of what should be done

311 Menard - asked if it was to be held - ~~David~~ Dave

Springer - Dave

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Ben Marsh from AHTH - or see Trailer Rental Assoc - ~~is~~ appoint a committee to meet with AHFC staff 3/30 - 2 proposals

negot reduced rates for space rent - write
in parks are more saleable

Bulk sales in parks (2nd proposal)
wants it held until after board meeting

370 Furnace - Thanks for the info -

380 Dave

381 Rod Lehr - answer questions -
suggested we shouldn't sell outside -
never wanted to sell all units outside
area -

April 14 - 10:00 AM Board meeting

Dave

404 Koponen - satisfied with answer
Chair will hold HCR 54 -

415 SCR 54 Dave -

418 Rod - Sec - girls & park board to
make things work strongly supports
can't say enough for staff persons

444 Furnace - 41st Rep Bain ~~at~~ scratch
from record

Dave -

454 Koponen -

457 Menard - agrees with - move
CS SCR 54 + ask unanimous consent
so moved -

463 Rod - incl into to Rules Chairman

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Confirmation Hearing -
Turner -

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Monard - Dir Search available -
Concerns - wanted to clarify
hold on Dr. Search

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Koponen - mutual no objection
to the other appointees / -

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HCR 52

Dave - next order of business -

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Dave -

Turner -

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Red - testifying on it was research
small business intent this resolution -
DCEI -

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The issue - the function of DOL -
prepares info - for emp or unemp. Percent
expand -

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*300,000 to the DOL Budget - accurate
as info as can be - technic - as the state
slides down economically - we need a
more accurate barometer -
Mr. Erickson - admitted we are 6-8 mo.
behind - accurate economic indicators
as possible -

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Consumer Savings - are clear indication
of confidence -

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Dave - willing to move Resolution to Finance -

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Red - #150 a big item - changeable
 & question

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Kaponen move HOR 52 with ind rec.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC RECOVERY

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to state economic indices and

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reports.

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

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WHEREAS promoting the economic well-being of Alaska citizens is a
9 responsibility of the Alaska State Legislature; and

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WHEREAS the state's economy is subject to periodic cycles of economic
11 growth and contraction; and

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WHEREAS the current economic contraction has continued for a long time
13 and is harming the economic well-being of many Alaskans; and

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WHEREAS state spending and saving decisions have a major effect on
15 both the short-term and long-term growth or contraction of the state's
16 economy; and

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WHEREAS accurate and complete information on the condition of and
18 outlook for the state's economy is critical to legislative spending and
19 saving decisions; and

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WHEREAS needed economic information and analysis are not now available
21 on a timely basis;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the Governor to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
24 to arrange for the University of Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic
25 Research to

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(1) prepare quarterly economic indices for the state and an
27 annual report on the condition of and outlook for the state's economy; and

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(2) gather and analyze on a continuing basis the data needed to
29 produce the indices and reports; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
2 quests the Governor to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Development to distribute to the Alaska State Legislature and to the public
4 the state economic indices and reports prepared by the University of
5 Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic Research under the first resolve
6 of this resolution.