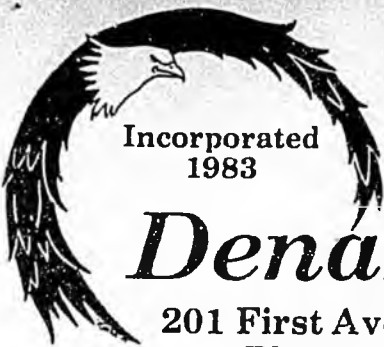


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HB 117

August 31, 1984

The Honorable Fran Ulmer
1700 Angus Way
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Ulmer:

Attached is a copy of Resolution 87-01 passed at the Denak'kanaaga', Inc. Elders Conference, held June 2-4, 1987 in Northway, Alaska. There were about 300 elders and youth that attended this conference.

We believe this resolution speaks clearly how the Elders feel about the Second stanza of the "Alaska Flag Song".

We are asking for your support on behalf of the Athabascan Elders.

Sincerely,

Don Lee
Executive Director

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Attachment

A Resolution to Support the Second
Stanza of the Alaska Flag Song:

Resolution #87-01

WHEREAS, Denakkanaaga' Inc. represents all the Elders of the Athabaskan region, and


WHEREAS, the term "Natives" means anybody born to a certain country or state, and

WHEREAS, the second stanza would pay homage to Alaskan Natives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denakkanaaga' Inc. support the proposal of adding the second stanza of the Alaskan Flag Song to honor all Native Alaskans.

Certification

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Denakkanaaga' Inc. Board of Directors on June 4, 1987 at Northway, Alaska.


Secretary/Treasurer
Denakkanaaga' Inc.



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March 19, 1987

Representative Fran Ulmer
Pouch V, MS 3100
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

This letter is to confirm in writing what University of Alaska Foundation President Paul Meyerhoff has already communicated to you concerning the Alaska Flag Song.

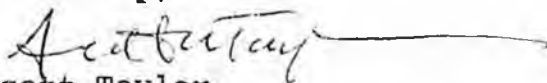
On March 18, 1987, the Executive Board of the University of Alaska Foundation passed the following motion:

PASSED

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University Foundation accepts the addition of the proposed new verse to the song "Alaska's Flag" as described in Legislation currently before the Alaska State Legislature in House Bill 117. This action has the effect of combining the two copyrighted verses currently owned by the Foundation into a single song which will be designated by the Alaska Legislature as the official song of the state entitled "Alaska's Flag." Should the proposed or similar legislation not be passed, this action will be null and void. This action effective March 18, 1987."

I hope this clarifies the Foundation's position concerning the proposed new verse. If you have any questions, please let me know. I wish you success in achieving passage of HB 117.

Sincerely,


Scott Taylor
Acting Executive Director

ST/bjg
cc: Paul Meyerhoff

QUALITY SERVICES

Date MAY 28 1987

Peninsula Clarion

Client No. 0615

Controversy flaps over idea for new words to flag song

By The Associated Press

A proposal to add a second verse to the Alaska Flag Song — in part to honor the memory of Benny Benson of Seward — is drawing criticism from some old-timers.

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The first line of the new verse honors the late Benny Benson, a Native who designed the Alaska Flag in 1926 when he was a boy of 13, said the song's composer.

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Summer activities set

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After school activities end Friday, but that doesn't mean nothing for kids to do this summer. Community schools sessions and summer sports offer activities to meet a range of interests.

If the weather doesn't look favorable for outdoor swimming this summer, kids can swim in the Kenai and Soldotna High School pools this summer during open and lap swimming, or by taking swimming lessons.

A session of swimming lessons lasts two weeks, and costs \$20 per session. Lessons are on June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20 and

grams will be offered in SoHi's Pre-School Room from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursdays in two-week sessions. The last session ends Aug. 6. Fees are \$30 for one child per session, \$25 for the second child and \$20 for the third child in the same family.

The Sunshine Recreation Elementary Day Camp is also offered in two-week sessions beginning June 15 at SoHi. The day camp hours are 1 to 4:50 p.m., and activities include arts and crafts, music and drama, nature and sports. Fees range from \$40 to \$30 a child per session, depending on the number of children in the family registered.

For the first time, a summer recreation



QUALITY SERVICE

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Petersburg Pilot.

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Wasvick staying out Ak. flag song debate

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Complaints voiced by a Fairbanks auxiliary of the Pioneers of Alaska against a proposed second verse for the Alaska Flag Song are drawing neither the support, nor interest, of the organization's state president.

"I'm not very concerned about it," said Arnold "Swede" Wasvick, president of the grand council of the Pioneers of Alaska. "I don't have any opinion on it."

In the just completed legislative session the Alaska House of Representatives approved a bill which would add a second verse to the state song. The measure awaits action by the state senate in 1988.

The new verse, written by 96-year-old Carol Berry Davis, a Juneau poet, praises the contribution of Alaskan natives in the state's development.

But Auxiliary No. 8 of the pioneers opposes the proposed verse and wrote to all 60 representatives asking them to reject it.

Declaring, in its letter to the lawmakers that, for some of their members, the song "approaches sanctity," it asked, "Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? to alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity."

Wasvick said the Fairbanks auxiliary was speaking its own

He emphasized that the organization has no position on the song and would take no action. The issue was brought up at the annual convention of the Grand Council in September.

Although he said he had no opinion on the verse, he was on the radio broadcast during which he was with Fran Ulmer (D-Juneau) who supported the verse during the legislative session, Wasvick repeated that he had no opinion on the verse.

In an Associated Press article, the verse' author, Carol Berry Davis, called the Fairbanks auxiliary's opposition "an awful fuss about nothing in my opinion."

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Group says 2nd verse 'violates sanctity'

Associated Press 6/5

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Low-paying posts

recruitment about a month ago and low-seniority troopers were being encouraged to apply for the jobs.

Troopers who qualify for and accept the jobs as prisoner transportation officers "are looking at a cut in salary," English said.

Public safety officials have been preparing for budget cuts for several months. In March, then-assistant commissioner Jim Aden said as many as 54 troopers of all ranks might eventually be laid off.

English said his staff is still analyzing the budget passed last week by legislators in Juneau. He said he expected to know how many positions would be cut — and where — by the first week in June.

English said meetings with tent and other commanders have been held "to prepare them for the worst."

The prisoner transportation officers will act as civil process services, transport prisoners between courts and jails, guard prisoners in court and act as court security officers. The positions will be open in Anchorage,

Palmer, Fairbanks, Juneau and Kodiak.

The average trooper after one year on the job makes about \$3,100 a month. A beginning prisoner transportation officer will make about \$2,000 a month.

named most inspirational swimmer by the Hillside Swim Club.

Klabunde admits to a "ridiculously high" grade point average: "something like 3.98," but prefers to avoid the nerd image.

"I've worked really hard to break that image," he said. "Yeah, I am smart. It's tough. People label you as different.

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Klabunde does care what people think of him.

"How do I want to be remembered? I work I hard. I don't try to slide my way through things."

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Why a second verse for 'Alaska Flag Song'?

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"A Native lad chose the Dipper stars

For Alaska's flag that there be stars

Among our cultures..."

She is recognizing history and our progress as a state:

"Be it known

through years, the Natives' past has grown.

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She is focusing our attention on the natural beauty of our land and reminds us of the treasures of its beauty:

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Why did this legislator propose HB 117? Out of respect for a beautiful Alaskan lady who has offered a beautiful verse to a beautiful song about a great state.

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The first line of the new verse honors the late Benny Benson, a Native who designed the Alaska Flag in 1926 when he was a boy of 13, composer Davis said.

"What we're trying to do is put a little history into the song," she said.

Flyers Delay Oilers' Celebration

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The citizens of Edmonton had a parade planned in the event of a Stanley Cup victory by their beloved Oilers. But the Philadelphia Flyers rained on it, thanks to a hail of assists by Brian Propp.

"Brian has really developed into a fine playoff performer and he's demonstrating that this year," Flyers Coach Mike Keenan said after watching his gritty left wing set up all four goals in Tuesday night's 4-3 victory in the Stanley Cup final.

Propp's four points gave him a team-leading 27 in the playoffs on 11 goals and 16 assists. His four assists also tied a Flyers playoff record shared by three others.

On the brink of elimination, the Flyers battled back twice from two-goal deficits to pull this one out and send the series back to Philadelphia for Game 6 Thursday night.

Holding a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series, the Oilers still need only one victory to win their third Stanley Cup title in the last four years. But they'll have to play better than they did in Game 5, when they blew leads of 2-0 and 3-1.

Before the game, there was talk in the newspapers of a big victory parade for the Oilers in the event they won the contest.

That only made the Flyers mad.

"The parade talk had us geared up," said Rick Tocchet, who scored two goals, including the game-winner at 5:26 of the third period.

Just about all the Flyers' scoring came from the makeshift line of Propp, Tocchet and Pelle Eklund. The latter had a goal and two assists.

What made Keenan decide on that particular line makeup?

"We had to generate a little bit more offense than we have been," Keenan explained. "I didn't start the game with them together but I moved them in together when we went down a couple of goals."

The contest was almost a replica of Game 3 of the series, when the Oilers dominated early and took a 3-0 lead.

This time, they led 2-0, thanks to Jari Kurri's playoff-leading 14th goal and the first of two by Marty McSorley.

It looked like a safe lead for the Oilers until Tocchet scored with just 50 seconds left in the first period off a perfect feed from Propp.

"Our biggest goal was that goal at the end of the first period," Flyers defenseman Mark Howe said.

McSorley scored again at 1:32 of the second period, to give the Oilers a 3-1 lead. But the Flyers came back to tie on second-period goals by Doug Crossman

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"we got up 3-1 and then got back on our heels and sat back a bit," Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky said. "Again, we got ourselves in trouble."

Meanwhile, Flyers goaltender Ron Hextall was playing one of his best games of the playoffs. Lustily booed by the crowd of 17,502 at the Northlands Coliseum for the stick-swinging incident with the Oilers' Kent Nilsson in Game 4 Sunday night, Hextall turned aside 31 shots.

The Oilers missed a chance to put the Flyers away in the first period. They scored two goals, but had golden opportunities for plenty more.

"We had lots of opportunities and missed them," said Edmonton Coach Glen Sather. "The Flyers seemed to collect themselves and then went in and gathered momentum and then scored themselves."

State song

Sourdoughs object to added verse

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Boucher said.

He spent more than \$3,300
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opinion messages he receive
favored the commission, he said.

Neets Bay harvest set

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More information on the openi
is available by contacting ADFG
SSRAA.

Obituary

Kevin Withem

Kevin Forrest Withem, 7, died
Tuesday in Ephrata, Wash., after he
was accidentally struck by a car.

Kevin was born and raised in
Ketchikan and moved to Ephrata
with his mother, Nancy Withem,
about a year ago.

Besides his mother, Kevin is
survived by his father, Bud Withem
of Ketchikan, and aunt and uncle,

Rich and Chris Elliott of Ketch
He is also survived by his bro
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New verse for the Alaska Flag Song creates controversy

Carol Berry Davis, 96, is as sour a dough as you will find. She came to Alaska for three months "to relieve a man at the theater playing silent pictures."

That was in 1920 and she hasn't gone back to Washington yet.

These days, Davis is still providing music for Southeast dramas; she wrote what has become the controversial proposed second stanza of the Alaska Flag Song:

*A Native lad chose the dipper's stars
for Alaska's Flag that there be no bars
among our cultures. Be it known
through years the Natives' past has grown
to share life's treasures, hand in hand,
to keep Alaska our Great Land;
we love the northern, midnight sky,
the mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.
The great North Star with its steady light
will guide all cultures, clear and bright,
With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,
the simple flag of the last frontier.*

It's as unabashedly sentimental as the first verse written by Davis' friend, Marie Drake, all those years ago. But in conversation, Davis is no sentimentalist — as you'll find if you ask her about the controversy brewing over her lyrics, written at the suggestion of a committee from the Alaska Native Brotherhood. Some people don't want the song expanded at all, and some object to singling out a particular ethnic group — Natives — for mention.

"I hate to see it used as a political football in the legislature," says Davis. "I think the



suzan nightingale

whole situation boils down to the fact that the Pioneers (of Alaska) as a society would never have any Natives in it — and I'm a strong Pioneer myself, I've been president and everything. So the Pioneers wrote in that they didn't want anyone tampering with the first verse."

For the record, Auxiliary No. 8 of the Pioneers of Alaska in Fairbanks, which says racism doesn't enter into it, has sent a letter to every legislator that reads in part: "Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity."

"When Marie wrote it, she didn't mention anyone but the Sourdoughs," counters Davis. "We have a lot of other cultures mixed up

with ours — you know there is a lot of Russian heritage in Wrangell, and Norwegians in Petersburg, and we have a lot of Filipinos here in Juneau — I tried to make it for everybody. That's why I used the word, 'cultures,' plural."

Davis thinks Drake would be "very happy" with her new verse, "so would Elinor" Dusenbury, who wrote the music. "It's really quite a historic thing, and I think I feel closer to that flag than any other Pioneer could possibly feel."

Davis' husband, Trevor, 93, is the last surviving member of the seven-member committee that selected Alaska's flag.

"Gov. Parks was territorial governor and he came back from a big festival in Washington where all the states' flags were flying," she recalls. "He said the only reason Alaska didn't have one up was because we didn't have a flag. There were only a couple or three working organizations then and he thought the American Legion was the logical one to run the contest.

"They had 143 designs sent in. On the first vote, a polar bear on an iceberg won. My husband got up and said it wouldn't be consistent with all of Alaska, and several people agreed and said the same. So they decided to vote over, and on the second vote they were unanimous for the great dipper. I think that's the amazing part.

"When Trevor told Marie they had selected a flag," she said, "Someone should write a

jingle.' Like so many things in the olden days, it just happened like that.

"The song became part of the law that same spring. They kind of hurried it so it would be ready for the legislature, because they only met every two years. There was no controversy at all about it — everybody was thrilled with it. I thought it turned out very nicely."

Davis, who told the story in her book, "Alaska's Flag," says she's surprised at the contrasting reception her verse has received — especially in light of its easy 35-5 passage by the House this session. "I thought it would all be over in two weeks."

Instead, the proposed second verse of the Alaska Flag Song is now in the Senate State Affairs Committee chaired by Sen. Mitch Abood, who has said he will hold a hearing on it. Because the Alaska Flag Song's lyrics were included in the statute making it official, any official change in the lyrics means an amendment to the statute.

Still, the University of Alaska — not the Senate — owns the copyright on the song, and Davis has already copyrighted her stanza and sent it on to the university.

"Even if the Senate should turn it down, I think it still belongs to the university. And even with all the ifs and ands, I think it's the best flag of the 50 — and the best music of the 50."

□ Suzan Nightingale is a Daily News columnist.

RELATIONS CONSULTANT, IS heading a group of Anchorage-area business leaders who hope to put the gambling question on the ballot in the 1988 general election.

If approved by voters, gambling would be allowed as a local option.

Lt. Gov. Stephen McAlpine announced on Tuesday he has certified McConkey's initiative petition.

McConkey plans to start stumping the state for signatures as soon as the petitions are delivered to his doorstep, probably in about three weeks.

The group has one year to get 18,253 signatures, or 10 percent of the voters in the last general election.

If the petition is valid, the question would be reviewed by the legislature before it would be put on a statewide ballot in Nov. 1988.

Rep. Fritz Pettyjohn has been hired as attorney for the pro-gambling group. The Anchorage Republican has introduced legislation similar to McConkey's plan.

But, like several other gambling bills, Pettyjohn's measure did not get out of committee this session.

The initiative would set up a five-member Alaska Gambling Board, appointed by the governor.

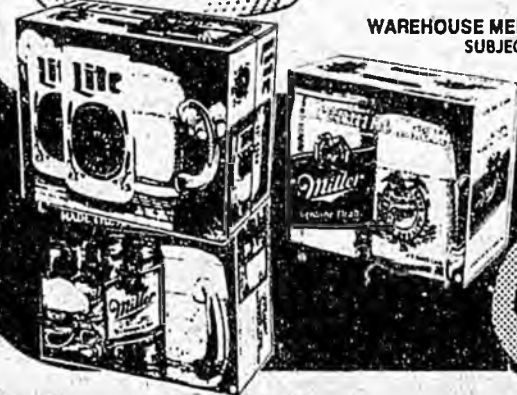


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By KATHRYN BAKER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Raid that refrigerator, then plop down in front of the TV set tonight for "NBC News Report on America: Life in the Fat Lane."

Correspondent Connie Chung takes a glib, often funny look at America's obsession with weight and dieting, "serious and deadly, ludicrous and funny," all at the same time. The documentary covers a lot of ground quickly, so it doesn't cover anything in any great depth, but it is enormously entertaining.

It also might prove to be a sure-fire cure for the munchies. Watch the segment on Lypsouction — with graphic footage of the surgical removal of fat — and you may never want to eat again.

The documentary draws quips from celebrities known for their weight, like Dom DeLuise, Nell Carter and Oprah Winfrey.

But it also examines, however briefly, serious subjects such as controversial diet plans, the ease with which quack "nutritionists" can get professional-looking credentials, and desperate methods to control weight, such as insertion of a "gastric bubble" in the stomach. DeLuise holds up a soccer ball and quips, "You eat this, you'll feel full."

The message from the media is an invitation to frustration, Chung says, "eat fat, look thin." We exalt the svelte and discriminate against the fat.

Jane Fonda, who has made a big business of her "Workout" videotapes, seems to be trying to make the overweight feel better by telling how she was obsessed with her weight in high school. (NBC seems to be trying to make the overweight feel better by shooting Fonda only in a head-shot.)

"I'm about exercise," Fonda says. "By encouraging people to exercise, it's not

review

so everyone can get skinny, it's so they can get healthier."

The message is ultimately depressing for seekers of easy weight loss — eat less, exercise more and do it forever.

"Doesn't that seem like a potentially miserable life?" Chung asks a professional dietician. He has no encouraging answer.

If you're overweight and seek only to be happy the way you are, the documentary has some ammunition. Experts say fat is hereditary and people are born with a certain number of fat cells — some more, some less, some bigger, some smaller.

Nell Carter says other fat people should cheer up. "As soon as the world wakes up and realizes I am the sex symbol," she says, "everyone will be fat."



NEW YORK — U.S. Supreme Court justices, not keen on chats with Johnny Carson or blabbing to People magazine, are little-known personalities to the public.

Sandra Day O'Connor has been especially enigmatic since becoming the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court in 1981, but she reveals something of herself in her first extensive television interview as part of the series, "Moyers: In Search of the Constitution." The program airs Thursday on PBS.

Under Bill Moyers' gentle interviewing style, O'Connor is alternately dignified and cautious, but also spunky and reassuringly deliberative about her role on the court.

O'Connor would not talk to Moyers about specific issues that might come before the court, such as abortion, but she did talk about how she decides cases.

"You said in your hearings you found abortion morally repugnant," Moyers says. "Doesn't that mean you have to vote against it when it comes to this court?"

"No," O'Connor says. "Just like any other case, you take the case and see what the issue is. More often than not, it's a state statute that we're reviewing to see whether it passes muster under the federal Constitution."

Moyers: "So even if you personally disagree with what you think that law says should be the ruling, you're going to rule that way?"

O'Connor: "Sure."

O'Connor tells of her first attempts to enter the legal profession after graduating at the top of her class from Stanford. A round of interviews produced only one job offer — to be a legal secretary.

Instead, she turned to the state of Arizona, eventually becoming an assistant attorney general while raising three children. She was also the first female majority leader of a state senate.

Moyers: "What would you say to my daughter, who is 25, who has a husband who wants to have children, but who wants to have a career?"

O'Connor: "I would say, it isn't easy to have both a career and a family. I've worked very hard to do that. I haven't had any spare time or free time that I can recall, but it was worth it. I love my family and I wouldn't give that up for anything, but I wanted a career."

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Sour notes sound about Flag Song flap

Pioneers upheld racial stupidity

In regard to the article printed on May 27 about a second verse pertaining to the Alaska flag song, I would like to clarify for "Pioneer" Dalton and members of auxiliary #3 of Fairbanks the difference between Sourdoughs and Pioneers.

Both groups came to this great land long before statehood. The Sourdoughs trapped and mined and lived among the Natives, most of whom married into various families and raised lots of kids, of whom I'm one. Whereas the ones who call themselves Pioneers came and opened up their business establishments. They put up signs saying "No Natives Allowed" — that was here in this city. I understand it was worse in Fairbanks.

If "Pioneer" Dalton remembers, the signs there read "No Eskimos or dogs allowed." So if anyone brings up this racial stupidity, it's Pioneer Dalton and the members of the Fairbanks auxiliary #8 who so thoughtfully wrote to our legislators about this trivial matter.

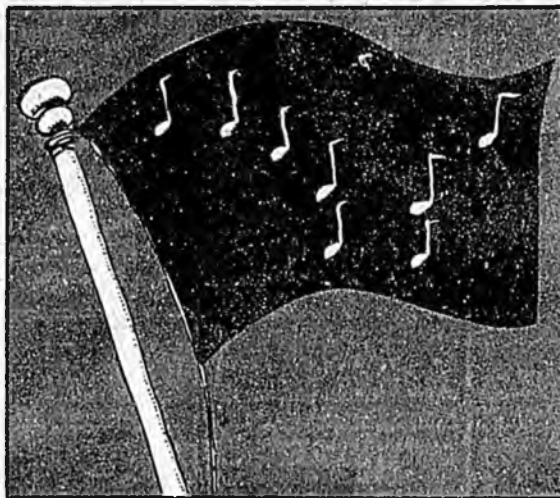
I bet my old friend Benny Benson is turning over in his grave.

— C.E. Johnson

Vigilance stops social progress

The Fairbanks Pioneers have spoken up in defense of the alpha-numeric integrity of the Alaska Flag Song. They should be complimented. It is only by such ceaseless vigilance that social progress can be stopped.

Who knows what might be next? The rumors we hear in Juneau are terrible. Some say that after rewriting the flag song, the legislators started thinking about changing



the state fossil from the mastodon to Bucky the Moose. Is nothing sacred anymore?

— Dick Monkman
Juneau

Natives get sentimental, too

I am a proud Alaska Native, and I believe the proposed second verse to our state song should be added. I believe we are the true Alaskans. Why shouldn't we be mentioned in our own state song?

Mike Dalton said that people get sentimental about things that are important to them. Fact is Natives are people too. We get sentimental just like everybody else. I believe our state song is important. I agree with Richard Stitt, there may be a bit of racial prejudice involved.

— Marlene Bartlam

A Native child designed our flag

In regards to the article headed "Second verse to flag song draws opposition" (May 27), there is something indeed ironic about the protestations of Mike Dalton (female of species Mike) about "sanctity" etc. The local poet emeritus, Carol Beery Davis, is aware that the designer of that flag was a Native Alaskan by the name of Benny Benson.

The flag he designed was chosen in a contest sponsored by the American Legion (which has no racial barriers). He was an orphan who later worked for a number of years as a mechanic for a "pioneer" airline.

If I remember correctly, Benny Benson was only 13 when he won the contest and was awarded a watch by then Gov. George Parks.

I would also remind Mike Dalton that she can join the Alaska Native Sisterhood since they don't require a blood quantum for enlistment. I know that because, in addition to being a member of Igloo Six, I'm also a member of Camp No. 2 of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. And that our flag song will be even more "precious and beautiful" with the addition of a second verse.

Incidentally, I think Mike Dalton should be reminded that a real hero of hers once offended the Daughters of the American Revolution when he opened his remarks to their national convention (circa 1937) by saying, "Fellow Immigrants." That was Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mike. Mike? Or as Will Rogers (a Native American in part) once replied when asked if his ancestors arrived on the Mayflower: "Nope, they met it."

— Vern Metcalfe

Juneau

obituaries

NORMA M. THOMPSON

Private family services were held Sunday for Norma M. Thompson, 71, an Anchorage homemaker, who died May 24 at Humana Hospital-Alaska.

Born May 14, 1916, in Antigo, Wis., she had lived in Alaska the past 22 years.

She leaves her husband, Charles, of Anchorage; her sons, Dennis, of Anchorage, and Thomas and Michael, both of Tampa, Fla.; her daughters, Judith Adrian and Sally Mandigo, both of An-

chorage; and 15 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Kehl's Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel.

MIKE "PAT" FITZPATRICK

Services for Mike "Pat" Fitzpatrick, a retired mason, will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Anchorage Free Methodist Church with the Rev. Neil Jolin officiating. There will be a visitation at 10:30 a.m. before the service.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, 69, died

May 24 at Providence Hospital.

Born April 23, 1918, in Kewadin, Mich., he had lived in Alaska the past 29 years and was employed at Elmendorf Air Force Base as a civilian mason. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He leaves his wife of 49 years, Blythe, of Anchorage; his daughters, Gloria Sinnett and Laura Mitchell, both of Anchorage; his sons, Walter, of Wasilla, and Robert, of Anchorage; his brothers, Barney, of Torch Lake, Mich., and Ryan, of Hebron, Ind.; his sisters, Lenora Monaham of Los Angeles, Eileen Purczynski of Walla Walla, Wash., Ione Skinner of Honer, Mich., and Inez Chum of Honolulu; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial with full military honors will be at Fort Richardson National Cemetery following the service. Memorials

can be sent to Our Lady of Compassion Care Center, 4895 Cordova St., Anchorage, 99502. Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

ALAN HUGHES

Funeral arrangements for Anchorage resident Alan Hughes, 59, are pending at Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Hughes died May 25 at Humana Hospital-Alaska.

ANTOINETTE JACKSON

Memorial services for Fairbanks resident Antoinette "Toni" R. Jackson, 49, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Northern Lights Mortuary in Fairbanks.

Mrs. Jackson died May 18 at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Born March 10, 1938, she had lived in Alaska the past 20 years. She lived in Anchorage in the 1960s.

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Plan wants Natives to get 'equal play' in Flag Song

ANCHORAGE (AP)—A proposal to add a second verse to the Alaska Flag Song is drawing criticism from some old-timers.

The addition would pay homage to Native Alaskans and their contributions to statehood. The idea was approved by the House of Representatives and awaits action by the Senate next year.

"People get pretty sentimental about things that are important to them. They're asking for trouble if they try to change the song," said Mike Dalton, a spokeswoman for Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska in Fairbanks. The auxiliary wrote a letter recently to all 60 legislators asking them to vote against the proposal.

But backers claim that Natives have at least as much right to be

mentioned in the official state song as "sourdoughs," the fabled 19th-century miners and trappers mentioned in the song's one official verse.

"I think it's very sad" that some Alaskans would oppose an additional verse mentioning Natives, said Richard Stitt, president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, one of the groups supporting the addition.

The new verse was penned by 96-year-old Carol Berry Davis, a well-known poet from Juneau.

"It (the opposition) is an awful lot of fuss about nothing in my opinion," Davis said Tuesday.

Her verse goes like this:
A Native lad chose the dipper's stars

(See SONG, Page 8)

SONG ⁰⁶¹⁵

(Continued from page 1)

for Alaska's Flag that there be no bars
among our culture. Be it known
through years the Natives' past
has grown
to share life's treasures, hand in
hand,
to keep Alaska our Great Land;
we love the northern, midnight
sky,
the mountains, lakes, and
streams nearby.

The great North Star with its
steady light
will guide all cultures, clear and
bright,
With nature's flag to Alaskans
dear,

the simple flag of the last frontier.

In its letter to legislators, the Fairbanks group wrote:

"Our Alaska flag song is precious and beautiful in its current form. It is now so moving and touchingly Alaskan that some of us believe it approaches sanctity.

"We ask: Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity," the letter said.

"This isn't a racist thing," Dalton said. "But we figured somebody would raise that issue."

Stitt, in fact, said he felt there may be a bit of that involved. "I guess legal equality doesn't necessarily mean true equality," he said.

State Rep. Fran Ulmer, D-Juneau, who sponsored the legislation, said she didn't understand how opponents could argue that the new verse favors a particular "ethnic group."

"That's ridiculous. The song doesn't mention Tlingits, or Eskimos, or any other particular (Native) group," she said.

The first line of the new verse honors the late Benny Benson, Native who designed the Alaska Flag in 1926 when he was a boy of 1, composer Davis said.

"What we're trying to do is put little history" into the song, Stitt said.

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Anchorage Daily News

Client No. 0615

Flag's new verse befits state

During the past session, I introduced HE which would add a second verse to Alaska's flag song. Some objections have been voiced to this addition about which I would like to comment.

The author of the second verse, Carol Berry Davis, is a 50-year resident of Juneau and a former poet laureate of Alaska. Her husband, Elinor, is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's Flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper. Carol personally knew both Elinor Dusenbury and Marie Burke, the two women who wrote the Alaska

Flag Song. At age 96, Carol, a true Alaska pioneer, is still contributing to her beloved state by offering this beautiful verse, a tribute to the unity of all Alaskans. She is recognizing our history and progress as a state and is focusing our attention on the natural beauty of our land.

I believe we should all say thank you to a beautiful Alaska lady who has offered to us all a gift of a beautiful verse to a beautiful song about a great state.

⁰⁶¹⁵ — Fran Ulmer, Representative Juneau

Song shows respect for cultures

The controversy instigated by the Pioneers of Alaska led by Mike Dalton opposing the addition of the second verse to the Alaska Flag Song has created meaningless friction between the cultures of Alaska.

It was at the request of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood that Claire Berry Davis, 96, a former poet laureate of Alaska, created the new verse. In light of efforts to show respect to all cultures, is it not fitting to honor all people of Alaska with its song?

"A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars/ For Alaska's flag that there be no bars/ Among our cultures . . . The great North Star with its steady light/Will guide all cultures, clear and bright . . ."

Let us keep our minds and hearts open to all of Alaska's first people.

— Howard Luke Fairbanks

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April 20, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Chair
State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

RE: House Bill 117

Thank you for your letter of April 8, explaining the background regarding House Bill 117 which would add a verse to the Alaska Flag Song. While we certainly mean no disrespect to Carol Beery Davis, the Members of the Pioneers Auxiliary #17 agreed at the April 12, 1987 meeting that we do not wish to see anything added to the present Alaska Flag Song.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

Sincerely,



Nancy E. Jones
Secretary

cc: Betty Kjera, Secretary
Auxiliary #8, Fairbanks



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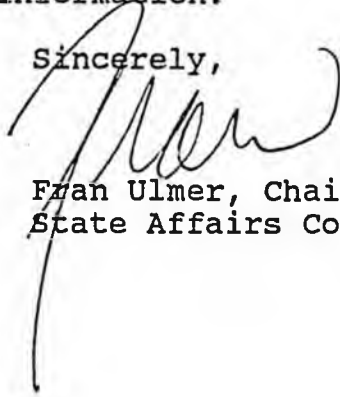
Betty Miller
P.O. Box 021005
Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Betty:

Thank you so much for providing the addresses for the Pioneers and auxiliaries in such a timely manner. We were able to get letters out to all of them and I hope a different perspective will bring in some support. In case you have not seen the letter, I have enclosed a copy for your information.

Thanks, again, for your help. It's great to get help from people who have the necessary information.

Sincerely,



Fran Ulmer, Chair
State Affairs Committee



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COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

April 8, 1987

Pioneers of Alaska
Igloo #1
Boxs 1101
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Pioneers:

I have received a letter from Betty Kjera, Secretary for Pioneers of Alaska, Auxiliary Number 8, expressing opposition to the adoption of the second verse of the Alaska Flag Song. I would like to explain to you why I introduced House Bill 117 and why I hope you will support me in this decision.

No one loves the Flag Song any more than I do. For many years, I have sung it for groups, meetings, conventions, commencements, and even for Governor Bill Egan's memorial service here in Juneau. I offer the second verse out of deep respect for the first verse and for its recognition of Alaska's history. I believe the second verse complements the first verse and gives recognition not to one ethnic group, but to all Alaskans and their ability to work together in a unified and harmonious way.

The addition of a second verse has been discussed for many years by various groups. At one time, funds were inserted into the House's version of the budget to hold a statewide contest for selecting a second verse. Carol Beery Davis was asked to write another verse to the Flag Song to recognize the contribution of Native Alaskans who were here long before you or I, or even the pioneers. She did so, and offered it as a gift to the State of Alaska. I was asked to support its adoption and to introduce a bill to make it officially recognized by the State. I do so, and it has passed the house.

In order to understand the special significance of this verse, you must know about Carol Beery Davis, a former poet laureate of Alaska. She is a 60 year resident of Juneau. Her husband, Trevor, was born here 94 years ago and is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's Flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper (to whom the second verse refers in lines 1 and 2).

Carol has written dozens of books about Alaska, including The Alaska Flag Song book which is credited with helping to make the song so well known. She knew personally both Elinor Dusenbury and Marie Drake, the two women who decided to write the song and offer it to the State, just as Carol has done.

At age 96, Carol, a true Alaska pioneer, is still contributing to her beloved state by offering this beautiful verse, a tribute to unity of all Alaskans:

"A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars
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Sincerely,

Fran Ulmer, Chair
State Affairs Committee



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

House

P.O. BOX V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

April 20, 1987

Dorothy Onkka
5701 East Portage Drive
Wasilla, AK 99687

Dear Ms. Onkka:

Thank you for your public opinion message pertaining to the state song. I would like to explain to you why I introduced House Bill 117 and why I hope you will support me in this decision.

No one loves the Flag Song any more than I do. For many years, I have sung it for groups, meetings, conventions, commencements, and even for Governor Bill Egan's memorial service here in Juneau. I offer the second verse out of deep respect for the first verse and for its recognition of Alaska's history. I believe the second verse complements the first verse and gives recognition not to one ethnic group, but to all Alaskans and their ability to work together in a unified and harmonious way.

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State Affairs Committee

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: DOROTHY ONKKA
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 5701 E PORTAGE DRIVE
CITY: WASILLA ZIP: 99687
PHONE: 376-5742
BILL NO: HB 117
SUBJECT: STATE SONG; 2ND VERSE OF "ALASKA'S FLAG"
MESSAGE: WE VOTE NO TO ADD TO OR CHANGE THE ALASKA SONG. EACH TIME
WE SING IT WE FEEL WE HONOR THE YOUNG NATIVE BOY WHO WROTE IT. AND
WE SING IT PROUDLY.

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STATE OF ALASKA



REPRESENTATIVE
FRAN ULMER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

P.O. Box V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
(907) 465-4947

April 2, 1987

Betty Kjera, Secretary
Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska
P.O. Box 656
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Dear Betty:

I have received your letter dated March 27, 1987, in which you object to the adoption of the second verse of the Alaska Flag Song.

I would like to explain to you why I introduced HB 117 and why I hope you will change your decision to oppose the bill.

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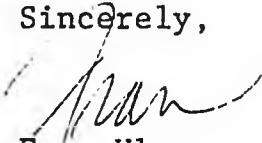
Betty Kjera

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April 2, 1987

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Sincerely,



Fran Ulmer
Representative

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: DOROTHY I. CLIFTON(ON BEHALF OF)
TITLE: PIONEERS OF ALASKA, AUX. #2
ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 6
CITY: VALDEZ ZIP: 99686
PHONE: 835-4367
BILL NO: HB 117

SUBJECT: STATE SONG; 2ND VERSE OF "ALASKA'S FLAG"
MESSAGE: WE, THE PIONEERS OF ALASKA AUXILIARY NO. 2-VALDEZ, ALASKA, SUPPORT
LEAVING THE OFFICIAL ALASKA FLAG SONG AS IT HAS BEEN PRIOR TO HB 117
THE ALASKA FLAG SONG AS FIRSTLY WRITTEN COVERS THE SUBJECT WITHOUT
NEED FOR ANY CHANGE OR ADDITION.

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____ NO RESPONSE REQUIRED

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: IRENE BRAUN
TITLE: SEC, AUX, #4, PIONEER OF AK
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1547
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99510
PHONE: N/A-
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: FLAG SONG
MESSAGE: THE MEMBERS OF AUXILIARY #4, PIONEERS OF ALASKA, WISH TO GO ON RECORD AS BEING DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGES OR TO ANY ADDITIONS TO THE ALASKA FLAG SONG. TO LENGTHEN THE ALASKA FLAG OR TO CHANGE IT IN ANY WAY WOULD ONLY DEMEAN ITS BEAUTY.

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FROM THE DESK OF

Carl W. Heinmiller

Box 271 Haines, Ak.
99827

April 13, 1987

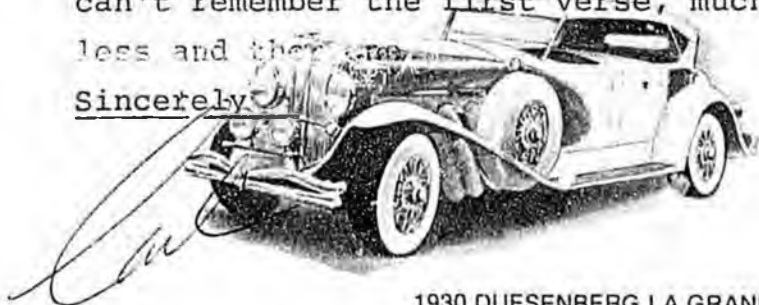
The Hon. Fran Ulmer
Legislature
Box V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Fran:

At the Haines Pioneers Igloo yesterday, we heard of your bill that would add another part to Alaska's Flag song. While I have known the Davis for 40 years, I and the others here do not agree to this addition to the State song.

While not a poet, the 2nd addition was too much a take off on the first part. If it is desired to honor Carol, then do so, but not in this manner.

In fact, even we Pioneers can't remember the first verse, much less and then some.
Sincerely,



1930 DUESENBERG LA GRANDE

Marge Eagan

PRESIDENT

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Betty Kjera

SECRETARY

Auxiliary

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Number 8

PIONEERS OF ALASKA

P.O. Box 656
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

April 16, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Representative
PO Box V
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Fran:

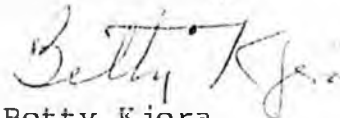
Thank you for your reply to our letter about the Alaska Flag Song.

We appreciate Carol Beery Davis and all her contributions to the literature of Alaska and we do not object to the words of the second verse to the Alaska Flag Song, only to the addition of a second unnecessary verse.

The song as written by Marie Drake pays homage to ALL Alaskans including Natives and all who have made this great land our home.

We do hope that Alaska's Flag Song can remain as it has for the past many years.

Fraternally,



Betty Kjera
Corresponding Secretary

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Auxiliary

Number 8

PIONEERS OF ALASKA

P.O. Box 656
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

RECEIVED MAR 30 1987

March 27, 1987

Representative Fran Ulmer
Alaska State Legislature
Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

Our Alaska Flag Song is precious and beautiful in its current form.

It is now so moving and so touchingly Alaskan that some of us believe it approaches "sanctity."

We ask, why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect?

To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates this song's serenity. Such a proposal causes us to wonder why any legislator would want to single out one group of Alaskans over other citizens of this land.

Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska, in Fairbanks, expressed the above sentiments at its meeting earlier this month, and the Auxiliary asked that these sentiments be passed on to our 60 lawmakers in Juneau. Our organization opposes House Bill 117 and asks you to vote against the measure.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Kjera

Betty Kjera, Secretary
Auxiliary No. 8
Pioneers of Alaska

Igloo No. 9

PIONEERS of ALASKA



Seward, Alaska

RECEIVED APR 15 1987

April 5, 1987

Legislators, State Of Alaska

Dear Members:

The Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 9, are unanimously opposed, by vote at our last meeting, to the addition of another verse to our Alaska Flag Song.

The citizens of Alaska are composed of many Ethnic groups and this added verse, as proposed in the Legislature (House Bill 117) is directed at one only Ethnic group.

Our Alaska Flag Song, in its present form, has been memorized by a large number of Alaskans and to add another verse makes the song Too long.

We ask that you please kill (House Bill 117)

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Harold W. Davis'.

Harold W. Davis
Secretary

PIONEERS OF ALASKA

AUXILIARY NO. 11
PALMER, ALASKA

April 13, 1987

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Fran Ulmer
Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Ulmer:

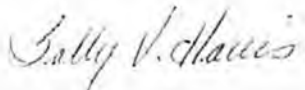
During our monthly business meeting of April 6, 1987 members of Auxiliary #11, Pioneers of Alaska, discussed the subject of adopting a second verse for the Alaska State Song, as proposed by House Bill 117. The members present, representing a total membership of 270, voted unanimously to oppose the legislation.

We feel that the original composition, as created by Marie Drake and Elinor Dusenbury, is, in itself, a complete and compatible work of art. For years the familiar and unique combination of words and music have generated a very personal emotional response to the mind and heart of every Alaska resident, no where in the world he heard it. To tamper with that now by adding the words of another, no matter how well-meaning her intentions, would constitute an unnecessary and unethical violation of the touching beauty of the original passage.

In addition, this group opposes the selection of words in the proposed verse which draw attention to one culture or ethnic group to the exclusion of others, and finds no reason to intrude upon the dignity of the original text which includes all members of our Great Land.

Please consider the desires of this membership, to oppose any and all changes to the Alaska Flag Song, when you cast your vote on this measure.

Sincerely yours,



Sally V. Harris, Secretary
Pioneers of Alaska, Auxiliary #11
P.O. Box 3362
Palmer, Alaska 99645

PIONEERS OF ALASKA

IGLOO NO. 31 - INSTITUTED MARCH 11, 1962
PALMER, ALASKA



April 10, 1987

Fran Ulmer
Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Ulmer:

We are writing to advise you that at the most recent meeting of Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo #31, of Palmer, our Igloo voted unanimously to vigorously oppose any change in our Alaska State Flag Song, as mandated by HB117.

Any violation of the sanctity of this State Song will also receive future vigorous opposition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Carson".

Michael A. Carson, Secretary
Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo #31
Box 870303
Wasilla, Alaska 99687



Pioneers of Alaska

Auxiliary No. 5

CORDOVA • ALASKA

April 12, 1987

Committee on State Affairs
ATTN: Fran Ulmer, Chair
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Fran Ulmer:

Thank you for your letter explaining the second verse proposed to our State Song.

Our Pioneer Auxiliary #5 of Cordova has no objection to the words of the proposed second verse by Carol Beery Davis, but we do have an objection to another verse being added to our State Song. We feel the original verse is sufficient to be our State Song.

To paraphrase a part of Carol B. Davis' book Alaska's Flag (1964), the words originated to acquaint the school children with the then new Alaska Flag and the Legislative Act adopting the Flag.

The Auxiliary feels Marie Drake did an extraordinary job on converting a Legislative Act into a poem and that it should stand on its own. Our State Flag is simple and our State Song should also remain simple.

Very Sincerely,

Mary Britt
Secretary



Pioneers of Alaska
Igloo No. 6 and Auxiliary No. 6
P.O. Box 1005
Juneau, Alaska 99802

April 2, 1987

The Honorable Fran Ulmer
Alaska State House of
Representatives
P. O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

Upon your request, I am enclosing an address list of all the Pioneers of Alaska Igloos and Auxiliaries. In most cases, the men meet separately from the women so any correspondence you might generate should be sent to each assembly. If there is anything else I can do to help, please don't hesitate calling on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty".

Betty J. Miller
Financial Secretary
Auxiliary #6

Phone: 780-6054 or 586-5887

Enclosure

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Fairbanks, AK 99701

Igloo #6
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Juneau, AK 99802

Igloo #7
Box 890
Valdez, AK 99686

Igloo #9
Box 571
Seward, AK 99664

Igloo #15
Box 10-1041
Anchorage, AK 99510

Igloo #16
Box 5476
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Igloo #18
Box 4090
Kodiak, AK 99615

Igloo #19
Box 335
Cordova, AK 99574

Igloo #21
Box 315
Wrangell, AK 99929

Igloo #22
Box 1581
Sitka, AK 99835

Igloo #26
Box 628
Petersburg, AK 99833

Igloo #31
Box 870303
Wasilla, AK 99687

Igloo #32
Box 931
Homer, AK 99603

Igloo #33
Box 1005
Soldotna, AK 99669

Igloo #34
Box 985
Haines, AK 99827

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Nome, AK 99762

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Box 674
Valdez, AK 99686

Auxiliary #4
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Auxiliary #5
Box 335
Cordova, AK 99574

Auxiliary #6
Box 021005
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Auxiliary #7
Box 5026
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Auxiliary #8
Box 656
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Auxiliary #9
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Auxiliary #10
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Petersburg, AK 99833

Auxiliary #11
Box 3362
Palmer, AK 99645

Auxiliary #12
Box 1581
Sitka, AK 99835

Auxiliary #14
Box 931
Homer, AK 99603

Auxiliary #15
Box 1033
Wrangell, AK 99929

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Box 75
Haines, AK 99827

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/11/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 2-16-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered HB 117

"An Act relating to the state song."

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 _____
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

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SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]

 Chairman's signature



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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 117

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**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

REQUEST: _____

Bill Version : HB 117
Publish Date : _____

Revision Date: _____

Agency Affected : N/A

Title : An Act relating to the state
song

BRU : _____

Sponsor : Ulmer

Components : _____

Requestor : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by : Fran Ulmer, Chair
Division : House State Affairs Committee

Phone : 465-4963
Date : February 16, 1987

Approved by Commissioner : _____
Agency : _____

Date : _____

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January 26, 1987

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Dear Representative Ulmer,

The Alaska Flag song was originally written as a jingle for school children to sing during the Alaska Flag ceremony. Written by Marie Drake, secretary to the Commissioner of Education and a neighbor and friend of Carol Berry Davis and Trevor who were very involved in the flag contest and ceremony. (see inclosed booklet titled The Alaska Flag by Carol Berry Davis)

Over the years I have had many discussions with Alaska Native leaders and legislator's about the song and the reference to sourdough's and the land but not any mention of the First Alaskan's-the Alaska Native. Former Legislator Alvin Osterback and his wife Marie especially were interested in the possibility of an added verse, however monies to run a statewide contest did not materialize and the matter was put aside but not forgotten. Additionally, a statewide contest to single out a group of people may have been embarrassing and I had hoped someone would just offer to submit one.

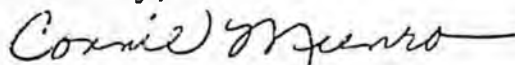
At a meeting with Carol Berry Davis in April of 1986 I once again asked Carol, then 95 years young if she would be interested in writing a verse or find someone who would. I was concerned that she was about the last of the many people who were on the flag and ceremony committee. Carol's background in music in Alaska dates back to the 1930's and her leadership in establishing music in education, Alaska Association's in Music and her experience as a teacher of music to native student's deemed her as an outstanding candidate for such an honor, in my opinion. I must admit that it was my own personal pursuit to start the process moving, after 15 years of talking about it.

I called the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and talked to Karen Cedzo in the Office of University Relations who gave me information on submitting a new verse. Carol stayed up all night working on the attached verse. Representative Frank Ferguson looked at the new verse and said he would be interested in introducing it to the house if the University accepts it.

I feel it is appropriate for Carol to write the verse and I hope that I will be able to sing the verse officially in 1987.

Thank you very much for your interest and possible sponsorship.

Sincerely,



Connie Munro



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Carol Beery Davis
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Dear Carol:

I have spoken with people in the Governor's Office, in the Legislature, and in the University system about the Alaska Flag Song. I am attempting to determine who has the authority to accept your beautiful and appropriate poem as the second verse of the Flag Song.

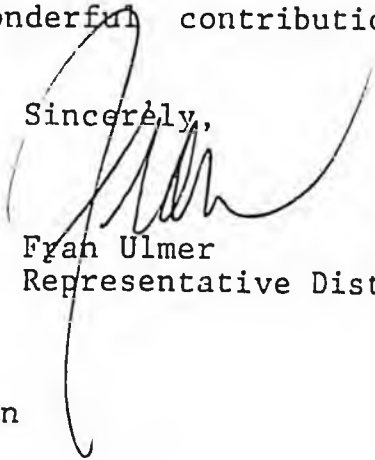
I believe that it would be best if we do three things:

- 1) introduce a resolution in which the Alaska Legislature would formally adopt the second verse of the Flag Song;
- 2) ask the Board of Regents if they will accept it; and
- 3) ask Governor Cowper to approve the verse and indicate his approval to the Board of Regents and the Alaska Legislature.

If you have no objections to this approach, I shall pursue it and seek the assistance of Representative Hudson and Senator Duncan.

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to this community and to our state.

Sincerely,


Fran Ulmer
Representative District 4B

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cc: Senator Jim Duncan
Representative Bill Hudson