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To Committee on State Affairs
Rep. Fran Ulmer, Chair.

Subj: HJR 31 - Siberian Crossing and
cultural exchange

Attached is correspondence from the City of
Little Diomedea, Gambeli Native Corporation
and City of Nome on this subject for your
information.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify
before this committee.

H. Springer

DIOMEDE CITY COUNCIL
DIOMEDE, ALASKA VIA NOME 99762
698-8001

March 20, 1987

General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev
U.S.S.R., Moscow, Soviet Union

Dear General Secretary Gorbachev:

We, the people of Little Diomedé, Alaska, your closest neighbors of United States citizens, send greetings of goodwill and friendship to you and the peoples of the Soviet Union.

Recently, Yuri Rytkeu, visited many of the elders living in Nome, he read a list of elders names, and many of us recognized the familiar names of Siberian Eskimos. We know that Yuri grew-up in the village of Uelen, East Cape, in the past we have visited this village.

Today, in hope, we ask you to give permission to our peoples and the Siberians living so close, to visit one another this July, 1987. To celebrate with our performers the many songs and dances, that once we danced and song together. We invite you and the Siberians to land on Little Diomedé in mid-July 1987. We will ask President Reagan, as well.

We hope that this will be an annual event that will bring our two great nations together. In the spirit of peace and friendship, we have erected a peace sign facing our friends and neighbors in Siberia.

We have posted this letter by mail, and our children send this letter by balloons, hoping that the winds of Peace, blowing from us to you across the Bering Strait will reach you in Moscow.

Sincerely,

Patrick + Conna A.
The Mayor of Little Diomedé
and the people of Little Diomedé

April 21, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: SJR 41, Siberian Cultural Exchange

Dear Senator Abood:

It has come to our attention that a resolution sponsored by Sen. Willie Hensley, SJR 41, relating to a Siberian Cultural Exchange, is in the Senate State Affairs committee.


We are writing to you in support of SJR 41 and urge quick passage by your committee.

As you may know, we the people of St. Lawrence Island had in the past visited and traded with our friends and relatives across the Bering Straits in Siberia. We speak the same language and live similar lifestyles although we have been separated by our two countries.

We hope to re-open our relationship this summer by having them visit us. We hope too that it will be a start in a peaceful relationship between our two countries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Edna Apatiki, President
Sivuqaq, Inc.

cc: Senator Willie Hensley
Representative Henry Springer
Dixie Belcher, Juneau
Savoonga Native Corporation
Jim Stimple, Nome
Jenny Alowa, Anchorage
Kawerak, Inc., Caleb Pungowiyi, President
Pat Omiak, Sr., Diomed



CITY OF NOME

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March 27, 1987

The Honorable Henry Springer
Alaska House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

APR 2 1987

Dear Representative Springer, *Henry*

At their regular meeting of March 23, 1987, the Nome Common Council adopted the enclosed resolution:

"Resolution No. R-87-3-5, A Resolution Recognizing Nome's Close Proximity to Siberia, U.S.S.R., and the Unique Opportunities that are Presented to Us."

The resolution extends greetings of goodwill and friendship to our Siberian neighbors.

R-87-3-5 was presented to the Council for their consideration by Jim Stimpfle who is a member of the advisory board of the Alaska Performing Artists for Peace and the Nome Welcome Group for the Soviet/Alaska Cultural Exchange.

Mr. Stimpfle and several other Nome citizens also requested that the Council allow the display of the "Welcome Siberians" sign on City of Nome property. The Mayor and Council agreed to permit the display during the month of March 1987.

The sign was drawn by Alvin Aningayou of Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, and is apparently similiar to signs seen in the Soviet Union by Alaskan Native performing artists who toured the Soviet Union last summer.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Linda

Mrs. Linda E. Conley
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. R-87-3-5

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOME'S CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO SIBERIA, U.S.S.R., AND THE
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE PRESENTED TO US.

WHEREAS, the City of Nome is less than 200 miles
from the Siberian coastline and now has the Port of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, plans are now being made for an historic
crossing of Siberians composed of elders, young people and
performers in July of 1987; and,

WHEREAS, these cultural events may be planned every
year thereafter, bringing Siberians and Soviet citizens to the
Port of Nome during the ice free months; and,


WHEREAS, these cultural visits may lead to educational
exchanges with the Anadyr Teachers Training College; and,

WHEREAS, health and medical ventures are being planned
by Dr. Ted Mala to take a medical research vessel from the Port
of Nome to Provideniya this October 1987; and,


WHEREAS, the City of Nome can extend goodwill and
friendship by the posting of this painting to encourage commerce
and tourism to Nome as an entry into Siberia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common
Council extends greetings of friendship and goodwill to our
Siberian friends to the West, and we here in Nome, say "There's
no place like Nome!"

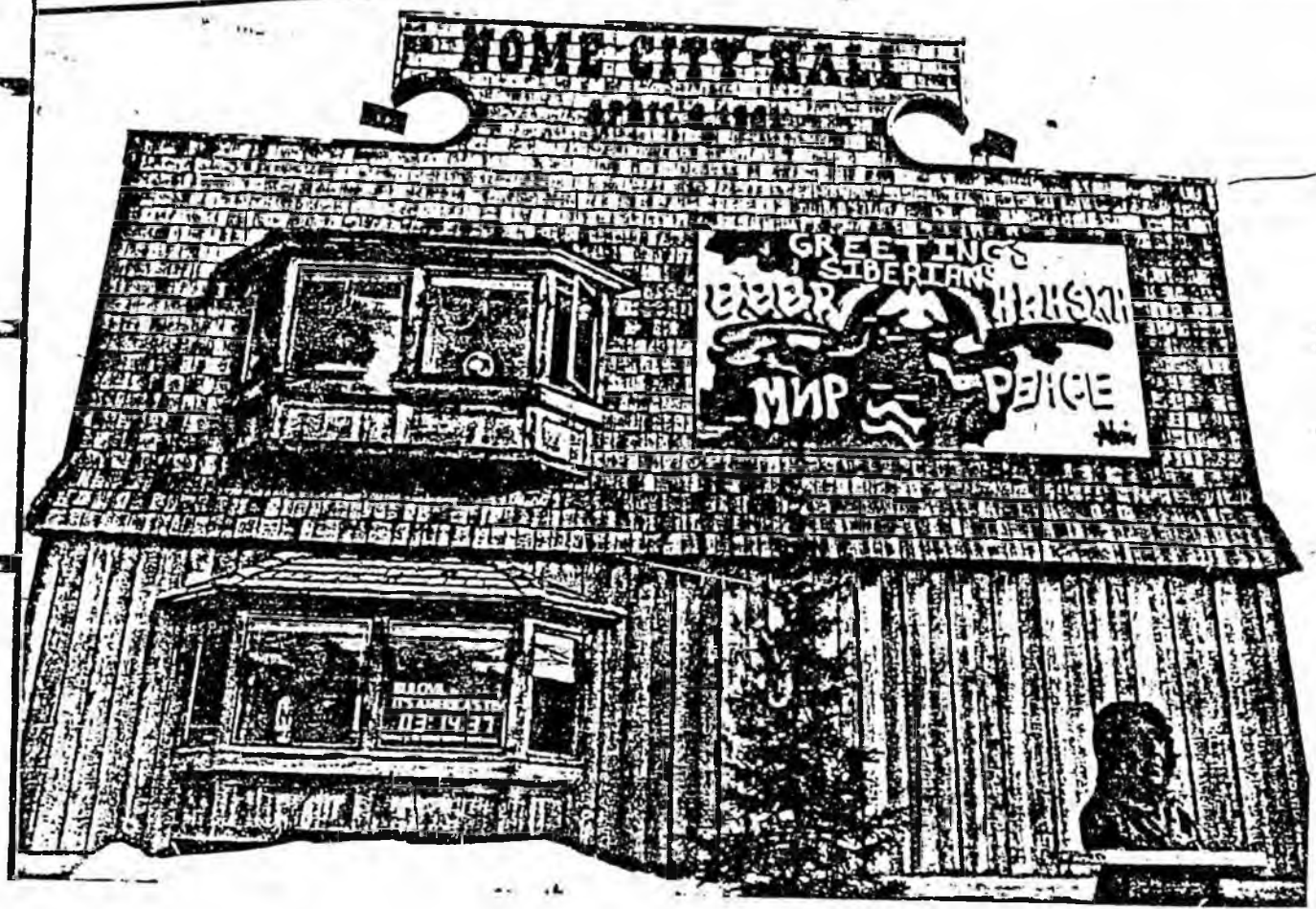
APPROVED and SIGNED this 23rd day of September, 1987.


John R. Handeland, Mayor

ALSO:


Linda L. Conley, City Clerk

Directed to: President Reagan; Hon. Gen. Gorbachev; Sen. Ted
Stevens; Sen. Frank Murkowski; Rep. Don Young,
Gov. Cowper; Ed Salazar, Dept. of State; Gennady
Gerasimov; Mr. Tabea;



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

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REQUEST: _____

Bill Version : HJR 31

Publish Date : 4-15-87

Revision Date: _____

Agency Affected : NONE

Title: Relating to a Siberian Crossing
and Cultural Exchange

BRU : _____

Sponsor: Rep. Springer, et al

Components : _____

Requestor : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Brenda Bruce, Administrative Assistant

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Division : Rep. Henry Springer

Date : 4-23-87

Approved by ~~Commissioner~~ : Rep. Henry Springer

Date : 4-28-87

Agency : _____

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 4/15/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 4-29-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered HJR 31
Relating to a Siberian crossing and cultural exchange.

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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James [unclear]

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Richard Dully

Larry [unclear]

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 Chairman's signature