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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 5/1/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Finance

DATE: 5-13-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered CSSB 156(SA)

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends for political parties; and providing for an effective date."

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 TO PASS:

Ch. A. Baugh
Scott Munn
Cliff Davidson

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature] No Rec
Chuck Joules No Rec
Terry Martin No Rec
[Signature] No Rec

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 Chairman's signature



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SENATE BILL 156

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FISCAL NOTES

- A. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: -0-
- B. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION: -0-

SENATE
Letter of Intent
FOR
CSSB 156 (SA)

The Senate Committee on State Affairs has considered CSSB 156 (SA) (contributions from permanent fund dividends for political parties; efd); CSSB 173 (SA), (contributions from permanent fund dividends to the community school grant fund; efd) and CSSB 180 (SA) (contributions from permanent fund dividends for the World Eskimo-Olympics; efd).

It is the intent of the Senate Committee on State Affairs that language be inserted in all of the permanent fund dividend check-off bills which would devise a system of prioritizing the check-off programs to provide for instances where garnishments or assignments reduce the dividend, leaving insufficient funds to honor all of the programs which the individual has selected. The committee proposes that the order of prioritization be based on date of enactment. In cases where two bills have the same date of enactment, it is the intent of the committee that the bills be listed in alphabetical order.

Adopted 4/30/87

SENATE LETTER of INTENT

POSITION PAPER
SB 156

SB 156 creates an option on the Permanent Fund Dividend Application so applicants can direct that \$25 of their dividend be donated to the political party they indicate. The Department of Revenue may use a portion of the funds to pay administrative costs.

The Department of Administration must hold the funds in trust for distribution to the political parties.

The bill has no direct impact on the Alaska Public Offices Commission. The political parties would not receive a list of the individuals who donated through this method but that would not be particularly troublesome. Under the Commission's regulations, an organization may hold a fund-raiser at which the names of contributors are not recorded so long as there are 25 or more paying participants and no one contributes more than \$50. Since SB 156 would limit the maximum donation per individual to \$25, the proposal could be considered consistent with the regulation which was designed to alleviate some of the recordkeeping burdens associated with low cost fund-raisers where large numbers of people attended.

The Commission's position on SB 156 is neutral.

Sheda Pittman 3/20/87
Exec. Director, Alaska Public Offices Commission Date

Van Rogers / bjm 3-23-87
Chairman, Alaska Public Offices Commission Date

The Republican Party of Alaska



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March 25, 1987

Senator Willie Hensley
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Hensley:

Thank you for your request for comments from the Republican Party of Alaska in regard to SB 156. This bill would provide a check off on Permanent Fund applications that would allow Alaskans to direct a portion of their dividend to support political parties.

We appreciate your recognition that political parties deserve financial support from the citizenry because of their role in charting the future of our state. We want to thank you and your fellow sponsors for their intentions.

The most important part of the bill as we read it is that it protects the Permanent Fund from administrative charges that would be incurred by the establishment of this new program. Our party has spoken strongly about defending the Permanent Fund. We believe that, even if our party benefits from a program, the program should not impair the ability of the Fund to provide for future needs of our state's citizens.

Current Alaska law forbids the contribution of money to a political party in the name of another. We strongly urge you to continue to honor that principle by slightly revising the current bill. Political parties should be given the names of those who direct a portion of their dividend to the party of their choice. That way we could thank each donor and report their contribution according to the APOC regulations.

Thank you for your efforts, and thank you for offering us the opportunity to comment on your bill.

With best regards,


Jim Crawford
Chairman, Republican Party of Alaska

Committee Backup
SB 156



Democratic Party of Alaska

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Jack Roderick
State Chair

March 20, 1987

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Juneau, AK 99811

Hilda Woods
Treasurer

Dear Committee Members;

Carolyn Covington
Secretary

This letter is in support of SB #156, which would allow individuals to donate to political parties by a "check off" system from one's Permanent Fund Dividend application.

Pegge Begich
Finance Director

Bob Goldberg
Legal Counsel

There seems to be public concern with the way political campaigns are financed. The common thread that runs through legislation pending before the 15th Session of the Alaska Legislature is that too much "special interest" money is bankrolling campaigns in Alaska. I see much of the campaign related legislation as intending to strengthen the political parties as a way of negating the affects of the "special interest" contributions. Senate Bill #156 works toward the goal of strengthening political parties in Alaska. This is a step in the right direction towards lessening the influence of "special interest" contributions, thereby helping to reform campaign practices in Alaska.

Doris Volske
National Committeewoman

Vander Pearson
National Committeeman

Chancy Croft
Policy Commission

Peg Tileston
Alaska Democrat

The Alaska Democratic Party is solidly behind this legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Roderick
Jack Roderick,
Party Chair

WDB

Bill Bobrick
Exec. Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 23, 1987
TO: Senator Josephson
FROM: Terry Berman
Senator Hensley's Office

Some statistics you may be interested in relative to political party campaign finance are:

State Party Expenditures in 1986

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Democrats | \$ 235,000 |
| Republicans | \$ 497,000 |

Source: APOC

Registered Voters by Affiliation as of March 3, 1987

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|--------------|----------------|
| Democrats | 66,027 |
| Republicans | 62,216 |
| Libertarians | 2,657 |
| Other | 6,034 |
| Non-partisan | <u>159,866</u> |
| TOTAL | 296,800 |

Source: Division of Elections

TB/mjs

No. 302



STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: CSSB 156 (SA)
Publish Date: _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: Contributions from PFD's to
political parties
Sponsor: Hensley, et al
Requestor: Senate Finance

Agency Affected: Revenue
BRU: Administrative Services
Components: _____

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 | 0 |

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| CAPITAL | | | | | | |
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| REVENUE | | | | | | |
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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| GENERAL FUND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

POSITIONS:

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| FULL-TIME | | | | | | |
| PART-TIME | | | | | | |
| TEMPORARY | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: John Binkley
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Date: April 29, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: _____
Agency: _____

Date: _____

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REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: CS SB 156 Jun
Publish Date: _____

Revision Date: _____

Agency Affected: Administration
BRU: Alaska Public Offices Commission

Title: An act relating to contributions from permanent fund...

Sponsor: Hensley, Cochill, et. al.

Requestor: Senate State Affairs

Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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| EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS | | | | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPITAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REVENUE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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| GENERAL FUND | | | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Date: 3/20/87

Approved by Commissioner: Jean Rogers
Agency: Chairman, Alaska Public Offices Commission

Date: 3-23-87

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