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Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Committee on Transportation



Rep. Bette Cato, Chairman

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Juneau, Alaska 99811
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May 11, 1987

COMMITTEE CALENDAR:

HB 213: "An Act relating to allocation of federal-aid highway funds; and providing for an effective date."

SB 25am: "An Act providing a special assessment for private airports open for public use; and providing for an effective date."

CSSB 125am: "An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board."

FOR THIS MEETING YOU HAVE:

A folder on HB 213 that includes:

- * a copy of the committee substitute for HB 213
- * a sectional analysis
- * a letter of intent
- * a fiscal note on CSHB 213 from DOT/PF
- * a copy of HB 213
- * a fiscal note & position paper on HB 213 from DOT/PF
- * information from the six-year capital plan
- * a classification of road miles within Alaska
- * a letter from the Ass't. Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration
- * a report on HB 213 from Rep. Hoffman
- * minutes from the 4/13, 4/15 & 5/4 public hearings of HB 213

A folder on SB 25am that includes.

- * a copy of SB 25 am
- * a fiscal note from the DOT/PF
- * minutes from the House Comm & Regional Affairs public hearing on SB 25am
- * two letters of support
- * an editorial from the Daily News Miner

A folder on CSSB 125am that includes:

- * a copy of CSSB 125am
- * a memorandum from Sen. Duncan
- * a fiscal note & position paper from DOT/PF
- * two newspaper articles
- * an excerpt from the statutes effected by CSSB 125 am

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STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: SB 25
Publish Date: 2-4

REQUEST: _____
Revision Date: Original
Title: Special Assessment for private airports open for public use...
Sponsor: Bennett
Requestor: Senator Jones

Agency Affected: DOT&PF
BRU: _____
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-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This Bill will not impact DOT&PF. All duties, authorities and responsibilities rest with the municipality and the owner of the airport.

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Division: Plans, Programs and Budget Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 1/30/87
Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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Honorable Bette Cato, Chairman
House Transportation Committee
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Dear Representative Cato:

As you are no doubt aware, SB 25 for Airport Tax Relief has passed the Senate.

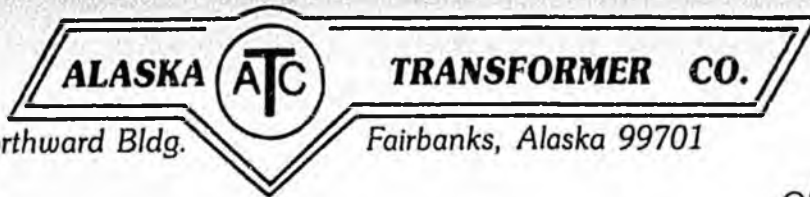
From our experience, there is no money to be made in the smaller, private air strips. On the surface some may look quite active and prosperous, but rarely is it real. We may seem to be coming from a selfish position, but in truth it is because we appreciate the fact that private airstrips are available, and that we have been able to enjoy their facilities. Our road system will take some time yet to serve where air travel now must.

Please, if you would, incorporate SB 25 for early consideration.

Respectfully yours,


Harvey W. Marlin
Partner

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April 24, 1987

The Honorable Bette Cato
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Dear Bette:

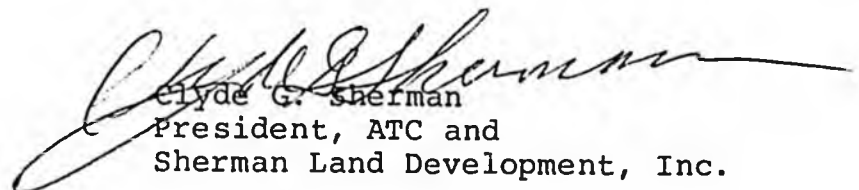
I have received a communication from Charles L. Gray, President and General Manager of the Daily News Miner; and am glad to have a report on the progress on SB 25.

I would like to ask you to schedule this bill for quick action. Alaskans need this bill. We air field owners have land tied up in air parks--land with runways which are, and will continue to be, very valuable to the community in future years. This land is now classified as residential, and is being assessed at residential tax rates--valuations of \$10,000 and over per acre. Taxes are so high every air field owner is tempted to sell the ground off in building lots.

With this type of pressure, there will be fewer and fewer small airstrips left in the ^{Rural} urban areas.

Would you please give whatever relief is possible by having this bill scheduled for action as quickly as is possible?

Sincerely,


Clyde G. Sherman
President, ATC and
Sherman Land Development, Inc.

CGS:lr

An Alaska Based Manufacturing Corp.
Plant Location: Mile 6 Richardson Hwy.

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Editorial Opinion and Comment of



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Airfield options

Private airports face an uncertain future in urbanizing areas such as Fairbanks.

Because these airports require lots of land in comparison to the income they can earn, property taxes can threaten their very existence.

A bill being introduced in the legislature by Sen. Don Bennett (R-Fairbanks) would allow local governments to give a property tax break to private airports that are open to the public. Rather than a break, it would be more of a just tax considering their value to the communities they serve. At present, state law prohibits municipalities like the Fairbanks North Star Borough from offering such tax breaks except to farmland.

Private airports make an important contribution to Alaska aviation. Among other things, they help draw light planes away from major government-run airports that serve airliners and other heavy aircraft. Anything that separates small planes from their bigger brothers increases the safety and convenience of all air travelers.

In addition, they reduce the need to expand government-run airports, reducing the demands on the public purse.

Bennett's bill would not require tax relief for private airports; it would only allow such relief. The choice would be up to the local government, just as it should be. And the tax break could be extended only to private airports open to the public.

This bill would cost the state nothing while providing an important and useful option to local government in Alaska. We hope it passes.

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Copies of minutes listed below were originally included in this file. The minutes are available on the STAIRS database CMPR. In order to save space copies of minutes have not been left in the files.

Mary Van Nimwegen

HC+RA	3-23-87	3:00 p.m.
H. TRANS	5-11-87	1:30 p.m.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 3/25/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: May 11, 1987

The Transportation Committee has considered SB 25 am

"An Act providing a special assessment for private airports open for public use; 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 2/4/87
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

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SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 Chairman's signature

