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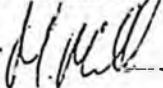
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## House of Representatives

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jay Kerttula  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Representative Mike Miller  \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Scheduling of CS HJR 60 (Judiciary)

DATE: 2/24/88

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House Joint Resolution 60 passed the full House of Representatives today and I anticipate its referral to the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow. This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to consider Senate Bill 1983 which would create a second bankruptcy judgeship for the District of Alaska. Copies of the resolution and S. 1983 are attached for your review.

As you are aware, the Alaskan economy is going through a very rough period of time. With the current economic downturn the number of bankruptcy filings in Alaska have soared; yet, the entire state is still served by a single Bankruptcy Judge stationed in Anchorage.

The scheduling and passage of S. 1983, by Congress, will accelerate the decision process for obtaining a second bankruptcy judgeship for Alaska. Although steps have been taken to ensure favorable consideration of this legislation, the bill needs to be scheduled for a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. The chairman of this committee has expressed an interest in the bill; however, the recent requirement of time to confirm a new U.S. Supreme Court Judge has caused a backlog in the committee schedule. I believe it would be beneficial to express our collective state support for S. 1983 before the schedule for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary is filled with other matters.

With the congressional time constraint in mind, I respectfully request that CS HJR 60 (Judiciary) be scheduled before the Senate Judiciary Committee at the earliest possible date.

100TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 1983**

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To amend title 28, United States Code.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19 (legislative day, DECEMBER 15), 1987

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWKI) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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**A BILL**

To amend title 28, United States Code.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That section 152(a)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is  
4 amended in the item relating to Alaska by striking out "1"  
5 and inserting in lieu thereof "2".

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