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LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

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Title: Urging the League of Women Voters...Anchorage Presidential Debate
Sponsor: Collins, Gruenberg, etc.
Requestor: Rep. Collins

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor
BRU: Executive Office
Components: Executive Office

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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GENERAL FUND		0				
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OTHER						
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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill urges the League of Women Voters to consider Anchorage, Alaska as the site for one of the scheduled Presidential debates in 1988. This resolution cites no state government funding to be required for the debate and offers no financial support. No fiscal impact is anticipated by the Office of the Governor.

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April 22, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
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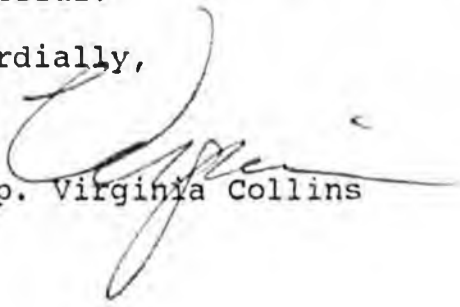
Re: HJR 30, Urging the consideration of Anchorage as a site
for a 1988 Presidential debate.

Dear Senator Abood,

Just a quick note thanking you for the incredible speed
in which you have scheduled HJR 30. I especially appreciate
your taking the time to help me out on such short notice.

Your prompt action has greatly enhanced the chances of
passing this resolution by May 1, 1987--the deadline for bid
proposals. I am deeply grateful.

Cordially,


Rep. Virginia Collins

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April 21, 1987

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

Re: HJR 30, Urging the consideration of Anchorage as a
a site for a 1988 Presidential debate.

Dear Senator Abood,

HJR 30 passed unanimously in the House today. It supports Alaska's bid for holding one of the 1988 Presidential debates. It also fulfills the first requirement of the site selection criteria by demonstrating strong support from community leaders.

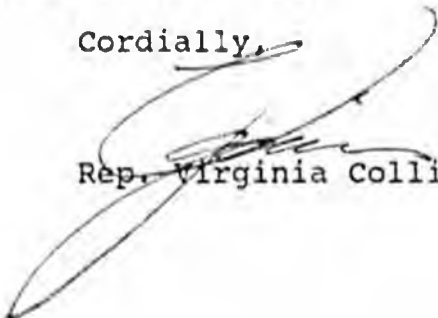
The resolution enjoys a zero fiscal note. The drafters of the bid, who include the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, have assured me that no state monies would be involved should Anchorage be chosen as one of the debate sites.

The deadline for submitting bids is May 1, 1987. Governor Steve Cowper, Congressman Don Young, Mayor Tony Knowles, the Anchorage Assembly, Republican Party Chairman Jim Crawford, and numerous organizations have already endorsed Alaska's bid. The Alaska State Legislature must act quickly to submit its endorsement before the deadline. Therefore, I respectfully request your help in passing this resolution as quickly as possible so that our endorsement can be submitted in time.

Specifically, I respectfully request waiving the five-day notice rule so HJR 30 can be heard by the Senate State Affairs Committee as soon as possible.

Enclosed is the fiscal note, back-up information, and endorsements. Thank you for your help.

Cordially,


Rep. Virginia Collins

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Charlotte Fox
President
League of Women Voters of Anchorage
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Dear Ms. Fox,

I wholeheartedly endorse your commendable efforts to have the National League of Women Voters consider Anchorage as a site for presidential debates in 1988. I have looked at the site selection criteria you sent and for my part, feel that Anchorage would pass each one with flying colors.

Obviously, the debates would give Anchorage and all of Alaska an excellent opportunity to be spotlighted across the Nation. It is truly exciting to think that millions of Americans might see and judge the candidates while they were in our state. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors. If there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Young", written over a typed name.

DON YOUNG
Congressman for all Alaska

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Dear Ms. Fox:

Thank you for your letter asking for comment from me about holding a Presidential candidates' debate in Anchorage during the 1988 campaign. I believe that having the national candidates here in Anchorage for a debate would be a superlative idea. I heartily endorse it.

As you know, both the national Democratic and Republican parties are considering jointly sponsoring the Presidential debates in 1988. If that does become the case, I truly hope that your organization will support the idea of having one of those debates here in Anchorage.

The Alaskan issues we face: revitalizing our economy, soundly accessing our natural resources, encouraging tourism and creating new jobs are very important. Given the importance of the federal government as the owner and landlord of much of Alaska, I know you will agree with me that Alaskan issues deserve support from all who run for President, whether they are Republican or Democratic.

I appreciate the opportunity to add my name to the list of those who support Anchorage as a site for a Presidential debate.

With best regards,

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

Jim Crawford
Chairman, Republican Party of Alaska

1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 6, 1987

This is going on DFM

TO: Presidents of State and Local Leagues and ILO's

FR: Nancy Neuman

RE: Site Selection for 1988 Presidential General Election Debates
Deadline: May 1, 1987

The League of Women Voters Education Fund is planning to sponsor up to four presidential debates in the fall of 1988. As we have done in past debate years, we are seeking Leagues and cities interested in hosting a 1988 debate and willing to assist the LWVEF with the multitude of tasks that go into staging the debate. If your League plans to submit a proposal, please send it by May 1, 1987 to the LWVEF's Presidential Debates Office. Guidelines for preparing and submitting proposals are as follows:

1. A cover letter from the local League president must be included with the proposal. If we receive proposals from non-LWV entities, we will immediately notify them that they must work through League channels in order to be considered. This is to ensure that each proposal has the full support and commitment of League leaders and volunteers who will be responsible for meeting LWVEF's requirements.
2. Site selection criteria are attached. Please be as specific as possible in addressing each point. All supportive materials will be reviewed. Beyond these criteria, there are other items the LWVEF must weigh in making the final decision: factors such as geographic distribution of sites and political considerations (for example, we try to avoid siting debates in the home states of the nominees).
3. Flexibility and adaptability are very important characteristics of Presidential Debates work. Please make sure everyone involved in developing the proposal is willing to shift gears at a moment's notice! For example, if your League is offering one site, and it's already booked for all but two days in September or October 1988, you'll need to look for some alternatives.

1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

SITE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 1988 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

1. Strong support from the local League(s) and community leaders in hosting a general election debate.
2. A minimum of 300 volunteers readily accessible to the host city is required to assist with the tasks related to the debate.
3. Commitment of the local League leadership to assist the LWVF with fundraising for the Presidential Debates in their local/regional area. (In 1984, \$250,000 was required at each site).
4. Adequate facilities for holding the debate. Facility should have:
 - a. a theater with a minimum of 1000 seats (past debate theaters have ranged from 1000 to 4000) capacity, excellent acoustics, state of the art sound and lighting, space for at least 7 television cameras, adequate power for live broadcast needs, dressing room facilities.
 - b. Adjacent (same building preferable) space for up to 1000 working press.
 - c. Several rooms for use as debate offices.
5. Excellent transportation facilities, e.g., a large airport with major airline service and easy access from other parts of the country, especially Washington, DC.
6. Adequate hotel space to accommodate up to 1200 (LWVF staff and board, traveling press, campaigns, secret service, debate guests, etc.)



4620 Southpark Bluff Dr.
Anchorage, Alaska 99516
April 9, 1987

Rep. Virginia M. Collins
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Collins:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage is in the process of assembling information to demonstrate the ability to meet the site selection criteria for the 1988 Presidential Debates. Permit me to address those criteria.

1. Strong support from the local League and community leaders. The League has elicited expressions of support at several levels. I was informed today that the letter from Mayor Knowles will be signed yet today or tomorrow. The Municipal Assembly has already passed a resolution (AR 87-85), which will be available on Monday. The Chamber of Commerce will take up the item at a board meeting next week. Congressman Young has written a report of the proposal. The Governor's Office is preparing a letter of support. The Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) is actively supporting the proposal and is assembling a proposal packet including letters of commitment from the hotels and the Egan Center. Other letters of support or resolutions are expected.
2. A minimum of 300 volunteers. The Anchorage League, itself, has 125 members upon which it can draw as well as some of the other 325 League members throughout the state. Other community groups are lining up in support. The ability of Fur Rendezvous and the Anchorage Olympic Organizing Committee to draw on large numbers of volunteers demonstrates that the League will have no difficulty meeting this criterion.
3. Commitment to assist with fundraising. Members of the private sector in Anchorage have assured us that we will have no difficulty raising \$250,000 for this purpose. The League is committed to raising this amount through a variety of means.

for debate offices. The ACVB is working on the response regarding these criteria. The Egan Center is now considered the primary site for the debate and work space for the press. If the Performing Arts Center is available at the time, we would probably switch the debate there and continue to use the Egan Center for the press corps and office space. Adequate seating for the debate will be available at either the Egan Center or the Performing Arts Center.

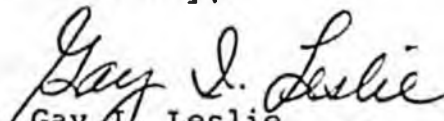
5. Excellent transportation facilities. Anchorage International Airport has major airline service from all parts of the country via Chicago, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and Seattle.

6. Adequate hotel space to accommodate up to 1,200. It is being proposed that a debate be scheduled in Anchorage within the window of September 23-26 or October 7-10, 1988. Both of those time frames are outside the peak tourist season. The positive response of the hotels to the ACVB indicates that we will be able to assure adequate hotel space.

Although not addressed directly in the criteria established by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, we consider our excellent broadcast capabilities and our time zone to be plusses in establishing our case for Anchorage as a host city. The same arguments that worked to the advantage of the Anchorage Olympic bid would work to the advantage of the Anchorage League's bid to host a Presidential Debate.

I hope this information answers some of the questions about the League's proposal. If I can provide further information, please call (345-2935 home; 261-4424 work).

Sincerely,


Gay I. Leslie
President

Municipality
of
Anchorage



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TONY KNOWLES
MAYOR

April 10, 1987

League of Women Voters of Anchorage
Presidential Debates
P. O. Box 101345
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-1345

Dear League Members:

As Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, it's a pleasure for me to let you know of my wholehearted support of the League of Women Voters of Anchorage's proposal that Anchorage host one of the 1988 presidential debates to be sponsored by the National League's Education Fund. Anchorage has more than adequate facilities necessary to host one of the debates, and the hotel space to accommodate all those in attendance. We have excellent transportation facilities, and our time zone would make it possible for the event to be broadcast live to the rest of the country.

Alaska, with its vast acres of federally-owned land, its vital military installations and proximity to the Soviet Union, is a logical place to stage a debate in which the presidential candidates certainly will be discussing national issues such as land management, the defense budget and foreign relations.

Hosting a debate of such historical significance would be an honor for Anchorage and its residents. There's no question that the Anchorage League could provide easily the volunteer assistance necessary to ensure that all tasks related to the debate would be accomplished with speed and competence. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions, or if you need additional information to assist you in considering the proposal.

We hope to see you here in 1988, and we're looking forward to it.

Sincerely,

Anchorage

Education

Association



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April 7, 1967

League of Women Voters of Anchorage
Attn: Charlotte Fox, President
P.O. Box 101345
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Ms. Fox:

The Anchorage Education Association supports the efforts of the League of Women Voters of Anchorage to have Anchorage considered as one of the sites for the 1968 presidential general election debate.

Anchorage has been characterized as an All-American City and has a unique and diverse population that is not found in many cities.

I strongly support Anchorage as one of the sites for the 1968 presidential general election debate.

Sincerely,

Shirley Abrams
President



4620 Southpark Bluff Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99516
March 23, 1987

Nancy Neuman, Chair
LWV Education Fund
1730 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Nancy:

It gives me great pleasure to write to you on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) to express our support for the proposal of the League of Women Voters of Anchorage to host one of the 1988 Presidential General Election Debates. The Anchorage League's proposal was received enthusiastically by the LWVAK board at our February 28 meeting and has our strong support.

I am pleased to note that this proposal has also been received enthusiastically by individuals and groups in the Anchorage community and throughout Alaska. This response is typical of Alaska's can-do spirit - the same spirit that won the right to represent the United States in competing to host the 1992 and 1996 Winter Olympics.

Anchorage can offer modern hotel and convention facilities, an international airport, a sophisticated communications network, and a cadre of volunteers. In addition, the League has excellent working relations with the local government, the media, and the local business community.

Fall is off-season in Alaska - midway between the summer tourist season and winter sports festivals. Thus facilities and accommodations designed for peak-season use would be available for the debate and the entourage associated with it.

The state and local Leagues would welcome a site survey to enable us to show you what Anchorage has to offer as a potential debate site.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
President



Box 874589
Wasilla, AK 99687
April 6, 1986

Nancy Neuman, Chair
LWV Education Fund
1730 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms Neuman,

The members of the Matanuska-Susitna League of Women Voters endorse the proposal from the League of Women Voters of Anchorage to be one of the host sites for the 1988 Presidential general election debates.

We feel that Alaska affords unique opportunities in terms of its geopolitical location and its Pacific Rim oriented economy to focus national voter attention on issues relating to land-based defense systems and to foreign trade development.

More importantly, we believe that it is incumbent on the League of Women Voters to ensure regional variety in debate site location and to address the concerns and interests of voters in less densely populated states. As you are aware, there is no substitute for an up-close look at a candidate; the opportunity for an Alaskan voter to see and hear the candidate does not come often. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to consider Anchorage as one of the debate sites. Although there are those who would argue that our distance from the East Coast and the time zone changes militate against us, we submit to you that a politician can reach just as many voters from Anchorage via television as he/she can from New York City via television. Anchorage offers all the amenities of a large city and of a smaller town.

We urge you to "Look West" for one of the debate sites and then to "Look North" for the best site!

Sincerely,

Mary Margaret Snyder
President, Matanuska-Susitna League of Women Voters



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Charlotte Fox
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30 March 1987

Dear Ms. Fox,

AKPIRG is wholeheartedly supportive of your effort to host one of the presidential debates here in Anchorage. It is clear from the criteria that we have all the things needed to present a first-rate program to the public around the country and it would be a very meaningful place for the candidates themselves to be present. Alaska's long history of political activism and our current attention to campaign issues on a wide variety of fronts all demonstrate our respect for and interest in the political process.

As you know, AKPIRG is a leader in a wide range of consumer, government and public policy matters. I feel confident that we could assist in some of the logistic aspects of conducting the debate if that were necessary.

We applaud your effort and we stand ready to assist in whatever way we can.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Bohman
Executive Director

ALREADY AND APPROVED

Date 4-7-87

For Reading:
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR 87-85

Chairman Baker, Assembly
Members Faulkner, Campbell
and Farnell
April 7, 1987

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY URGING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS EDUCATION FUND TO CONSIDER ANCHORAGE AS THE SITE OF A 1988
PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE OR VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of the United States
has a strong and consistent record of providing
open and fair opportunities for the American voters
to view prospective Presidential/candidates and Vice Presidential

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters Education Fund has
proposed a schedule of four presidential/debates and Vice Presidential
for the 1988 Presidential election; and

WHEREAS, western states in general, and Alaska in
particular have not benefitted directly from
previous presidential/debates or Vice Presidential

WHEREAS, Anchorage has all of the facilities, volunteers,
transportation networks and access to electronic
media to host a successful presidential/debate; and or Vice Presidential

WHEREAS, hosting one of the 1988 Presidential/debates or Vice Presidential
would be great benefit to the image of Alaska and
Anchorage both at home and abroad;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly
supports the League of Women Voters Education Fund schedule
of 1988 Presidential/debates; and Vice Presidential
and THEREFORE ALSO BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly urges the League of
Women Voters Education Fund to consider Anchorage as the site
for one of the scheduled debates.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]
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April 9, 1987

Ms. Charlotte Fox
President
League of Women Voters of Anchorage
Presidential Debates
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Anchorage, AK 99510-1345

Dear Charlotte,

I am pleased to hear of the League's plan to attempt to host one of the national presidential debates in Alaska. I heartily endorse your campaign and lend my personal support as well as that of my office to the effort.

Alaska is an excellent site for a presidential debate. As you know, our state is on the leading edge of several national issues certain to be raised during the up-coming presidential campaign including the use of new technologies, international trade and energy. In addition, other issues in which Alaska plays a direct role including development of new oil reserves on the North Slope and the national trade balance, will be a part of the presidential campaign.

Logistically, Alaska is perfectly situated for such an event. With our time four-hour difference, a late afternoon debate in Alaska could be broadcast live across the rest of the country in prime time.

Our largest city is well equipped to host such an event and has done so successfully in the past. In 1981, Anchorage was visited by the Pope and in 1985, the city won praise from the 1,200 participants in the U.S. Conference of Mayors convention. Downtown Anchorage alone boasts 2,200 hotel rooms, many fine restaurants and two brand new convention centers featuring state-of-the-art communications technology. For the weary participants afterwards, some of the world's best outdoor recreation is only minutes away.

Alaska also has something no other state can offer - the warm hospitality and great enthusiasm of those of us who live on the "Last Frontier." I believe that is the key ingredient to successful location of the 1988 Presidential Debates in Alaska.

S. D. R. / cgr

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Ms. Charlotte Fox

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April 9, 1987

I remain at your service to do what we can to have Alaska selected as the site of the one of the debates.

Sincerely,

S/S Steve Cowper

Steve Cowper
Governor