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Radio Week
Sponsor: P. Fischer
Requestor: P. Fischer

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Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer

RE: Senate Bill 36 Amateur Radio Week

DATE: February 2, 1987

This legislation will mark the observance of amateur radio week in Alaska annually. It will coincide with the nationwide "Field Day" activities that the American Radio Relay League sponsors annually on the fourth Saturday in June. It recognized the important role that amateur radio has and will continue to play in Alaska.

The primary reason for the introduction of this legislation is to recognize the important role that amateur radio operators, better known as "Hams," have played in Alaska. Amateur radio operators have provided in many cases the only link between Alaska and the world during natural disasters. A notable example of their service to the citizens of Alaska was during the disastrous 1964 Alaska Earthquake; during this catastrophe amateur radio operators provided the first report that Kodiak had survived the earthquake. They also provided for a time the only communications between Alaska and the lower forty-eight states.

During local emergencies such as fires and automotive accidents amateur radio operators will often relay information that is vital to public safety. In emergencies, amateur radio operators often relay the status of victims and messages to their next of kin. On holidays amateurs send free messages for servicemen to their loved ones.

For these reasons, it is important and appropriate that amateur radio operators be recognized annually.