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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 2/24/84 5-DAY NOTICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER:

**FISCAL NOTE(S) ATTACHED **
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035
(see below)

2/12/83
Mr. President:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 2/22/84

State Affairs Committee considered SJR 65

over-the-horizon backscatter radar systems

and recommended:

- replace with CS _____ same title
- attached amendment(s) and new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to _____
- letter of intent adopted and attached

** Committee attached or adopted fiscal note(s)
 zero fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

[Signature]
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 Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached

STATE OF ALASKA
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: SJR 65
PUBLISH DATE: 2/12/88

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Relating to over-the-horizon
backscatter radar systems
Sponsor: Coghill
Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: _____
BRU: _____
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Senate State Affairs Committee
Division: _____
Approved by ~~Committee~~ Senator Mitch Abood
Agency: Senate State Affairs Committee

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Date: 2-29-88

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February 17, 1988

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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

On October 20, 1987, we received a copy of a letter which Col. Barry Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff/Plans, Alaska Air Command, sent to Senator Ted Stevens, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., concerning the State Division of Forestry's request for specifications on any wood products that will be used in the Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Project. In this letter Col. Thompson indicated you would send us these specifications when they became available. Are these specifications now available?

With Governor Cowper's renewed emphasis on diversified economic development in Alaska, use of local wood products for construction and operation of new military facilities takes on added importance. In keeping with the Governor's new policies, the State is prepared to provide information and research on opportunities which support economic development through the use of local wood. We are interested in working with your staff to develop bid specifications that would allow Alaska's forest products industry to compete effectively in upcoming procurements of building materials for the Backscatter Radar project.

Wood supply contracts provide a strong economic stimulus to wood harvesting and transportation activities in the forest products industry. We are particularly interested in working with your engineering personnel in developing the specifications for wood products to be used in fencing material necessary for protection of the facilities. Specifications for lumber in construction and operation of the facilities should allow Alaska white spruce to compete with "Douglas Fir," "Southern Pine," etc. It has been our experience with government contracts that Alaska white spruce is not considered because of the way the contract language is written, even though Alaska white spruce meets or exceeds the structural characteristics of most species, including Douglas Fir, Southern Pine and Hem-Fir.

We would appreciate your consideration of our concerns when drafting these procurement documents.

We believe that the U.S. Air Force, through the Alaska Corps of Engineers, has the opportunity to stimulate and diversify our already depressed economy. A project of this magnitude can have a significant impact on local and state economic development.

We will be awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,



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State Forester

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June 10, 1987

Lt. Col. William R. Peterson
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Dear Lt. Col. Peterson:

Having received a copy of your letter to Senator Murkowski from his office and based on our phone conversation we would like to clarify our letter of February 25, 1987 to you concerning the over-the Horizon Backscatter Radar construction project.

The State of Alaska was not in any way trying to get "special" consideration for the use of its forest products in the construction of the radar facilities. We wanted to point out that contract specifications should allow for Alaskan wood use where applicable. Contract specifications dictating the use of "Douglas Fir" or "Southern Pines" would not assist our industries or economy. Further, the idea that "treated" material could not be supplied by industry in Alaska is not valid. Presently we have no treating facilities "pressure" or double diffusion, but have been able to supply to the market treated wood products by cooperative efforts with "lower 48" industry. If contract specifications for dimensional lumber refer to "treated" products we may even be able to interest industry in investing in a double-diffusion treatment facility here in Alaska. Twenty miles of eight foot fence could be the catalyst for the capitol investment necessary to provide a treatment facility. Power generation facilities necessary for the project should consider an alternate fuel source as backup to oil or gas, which could be provided from local forest biomass. This resource could easily be provided by local industry in emergency situations.

We believe the wood resources of Alaska are yet untapped and your careful consideration of contract specification in the construction and operation of this project could initiate further economic diversification in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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February 12, 1988

Colonel James A. Lee
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Dear Colonel Lee:

I've just returned from Alaska, and I wanted to pass along some observations on a subject we've discussed before: the critical importance of working with local entities on the Alaska OTH-B project.

I know, for instance, that a contract for a subsistence study is out for bid. The Air Force would be wise to utilize the vast amount of local talent available for such an endeavor. In fact, if past experience is any guide, you'll find it impossible to complete a worthwhile subsistence survey without the complete cooperation of the local people - the kind of cooperation an outside entity is unlikely to get.

The same situation exists with the archeological surveys to be undertaken. There is an inherent mistrust of outsiders and their motives - a consequence of history and other factors you're aware of. Therefore, you must involve, and rely upon local people if you expect a good result.

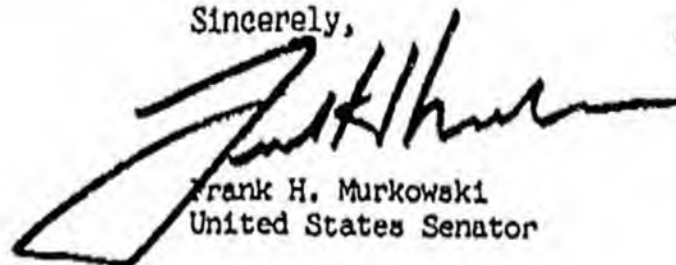
Our common goal - keeping the project moving ahead on schedule - depends on extraordinary local involvement and participation. This is clearly one of those cases where "going the extra mile" now will pay big dividends to both the Air Force and the taxpayer down the road.

Some of your best sources of information about the local situation continue to be Dick Shultz and Jack Coghill. If you continue to maintain close contacts with their offices, and follow their advice, this project will move ahead smoothly.

Next time you're in Washington, please set some time aside to brief David Garmen of my staff on your activities. I'll also try to sit in if I can.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,



Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator