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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: March 31, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/28/89

The FINANCE Committee considered:

SB 39

SENATE BILL NO. 39 [AMATEUR RADIO WEEK]
"An Act relating to Amateur Radio Week."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with _____ the same title
- have 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):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact _____
- zero fiscal note _____
- zero with analysis _____

- fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fiscal note(s) (Senate) 1/19/89 DQ
- zero fn/analysis _____ Admin

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:

(Check approp. column)

Do Not
Pass

No Rec

Amend

	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend

Chairman's Signature

STATE OF ALASKA 1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: SB39
Publish Date: 1/19/89

REQUEST _____

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: A11
Title: An Act relating to Amateur BRU: _____
Radio Week
Sponsor: Fischer Components: _____
Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
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

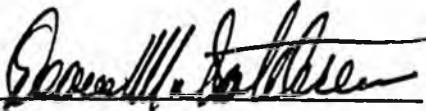
FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

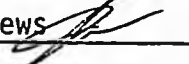
GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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1 IN THE SENATE BY FISCHER AND STURGULEWSKI

2 SENATE BILL NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to Amateur Radio Week."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 44.12.200. OBSERVANCE OF AMATEUR RADIO WEEK. To increase
10 public awareness of the vital importance of amateur radio to the life
11 and safety of the citizens of the state, each year the governor shall
12 issue a proclamation designating as Amateur Radio Week the week in
13 June that includes the fourth Saturday of the month.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representatives Ron Larson and
Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chairmen
House Finance Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 39
(relating to Amateur Radio Week)

DATE: April 8, 1989

I would appreciate your consideration for scheduling the above referenced bill for a hearing before the House Finance Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

Passage of this legislation will provide for the annual observance of amateur radio week in Alaska. It will also coincide with the nationwide "Field Day" activities that the American Radio Relay League sponsors each year on the fourth Saturday in June.

The primary reason for my introduction of this legislation is to officially recognize the important service that amateur radio operators, better known as "Hams", have and will continue to provide in the State. In numerous cases, amateur radio operators have been the only link between Alaska and the lower forty-eight states. For an example, during the 1964 Alaska Earthquake; amateur radio operators provided the first reports to the world that Kodiak had survived the earthquake. During the days that followed, they were the only viable communication the state could depend upon.

As stated in the preliminary report, prepared by the Office of Civil Defense; Office of the Secretary of the Army, and the Department of Defense, concerning the Great Earthquake,.... "Amateur radio was indispensable in this disaster. One of the reasons for this capability is that amateur radio is an integral part of many Alaskans' daily communication with other places"....

Memorandum

Representatives Larson and Hoffman

April 8, 1989

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Additionally, when local emergencies occur such as fires and automobile accidents, amateur radio operators very often play a part in relaying information, vital to the public's safety, as well as aiding in contacting the victims next of kin. Many operators offer to send free messages, during the holidays, to families of our serviceman.

For these special reasons, I think it is important that amateur radio operators be officially recognized.

As you are aware, identical legislation passed the Senate unanimously, early, during the Fifteenth Legislature. Additionally, last session, the House State Affairs and Telecommunications Committees reported the bill out of their respective committees with "unanimous" do-pass recommendations. The House Labor & Commerce Committee also considered this bill and reported it out with 3 "do pass" votes and 2 "no recommendations". It was never calandared by the House Rules Committee for House action prior to adjournment.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

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