

HB

440

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

RECAP OF
HB 440

Alaska-Soviet Far East Commission

Received March 30, 1990
by the Rules Committee by Request of the
Governor

Heard April 5, 1990

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Passed Out of Committee April 5, 1990
2 Do Pass
2 No Recommendation

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act establishing the Alaska-Soviet Commission..."
Sponsor: Rules/Governor
Requestor: Foreign Trade Committee

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor
BRU: Commissions and Special Offices
Components: Alaska-Soviet Commission

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	149.4	154.1	158.7	163.8	168.9	174.3
TRAVEL	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3
CONTRACTUAL	107.8	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0
SUPPLIES	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
EQUIPMENT	27.9	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS	55.0	65.0	75.0	85.0	90.0	105.0
TOTAL OPERATING	435.0	406.5	421.1	436.2	451.3	466.7

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CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	380.0	352.5	346.1	351.2	356.3	361.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER	55.0	65.0	75.0	85.0	95.0	105.0
TOTAL	435.0	406.5	421.1	436.2	451.3	466.7

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POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	3	3	3	3	3	3
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached analysis

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Estimate for program receipts, private sector donations, and contributions. There would be a need to include expenditure/receipt authority within the powers of the Commission.

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Division: Administrative Services Date: 3/27/90

Approved by Commissioner: Garrey Peska, Chief of Staff Date: 3/29/90
Agency: Office of the Governor

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
 - Legislative Sponsor
 - Requestor
 - Office of Management and Budget
 - Impacted Agency(ies)

PERSONAL SERVICES 149.4

Fiscal note assumes Anchorage location of three commission staff, Executive Director Range 23, Administrative Assistant Range 16, and a Secretary I Range 10.

Request for New Position forms are attached. Salaries shown are step A for FY 91. Personal Services requests for subsequent years include one-step merit increases.

TRAVEL 92.3

Travel has been averaged to incorporate the travel costs from statewide locations of the commission members, assumes four commission meetings and appointment of five ex-officio members.

Anchorage: 2 meetings

Commission members

travel @ 450/person x 8 people	=	3,600	
per diem @ 80 x 3 days x 11 people	=	2,640	
two meetings @		6,240	12,480

Juneau:

Commission members

travel @ 450/person x 10 people	=	4,500	
per diem @ 80 x 3 days x 11 people	=	2,640	

Administrative staff

travel @ 366/person x 2 people	=	732	
per diem @ 80 x 3 days x 2 people	=	480	8,352

Fairbanks:

Commission members

travel @ 450/person x 10 people	=	4,500	
per diem @ 90 x 3 days x 11 people	=	2,970	

Administrative staff

travel @ 436/person x 2 people	=	872	
per diem @ 90 x 3 days x 2 people	=	540	8,882

TRAVEL (continued)

Soviet Far East:

Commission members

12 members travel	=	27,200	
12 members per diem	=	12,760	

Administrative staff

travel @ 2100/person x 1 person	=	2,100	
per diem @ 1050/person x 1 person	=	1,050	43,110

Additional travel:

Accompany delegations - assumes 2 people
for three delegations

travel @ 2100/person x 2 people x 3	=	12,600	
per diem @ 1050/person x 2 people x 3	=	6,300	18,900

Additional administrative staff travel

Juneau:

travel @ 366/trip x 2 trips	=	732	
per diem @ 80/day for total 6 days	=	480	1,212

Total Travel: 92,936

CONTRACTUAL 107.8

Professional Services:

Interpreter services, delegations hosting expenses, professional services contracts			60,000
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Communication:

Telephone (toll costs, base/local fixed costs, centrex network costs) 350/mo x 12 months		4,200	
Telecopier charges -- 25/mo x 12 months		300	
Teleconference charges -- 4 @ 450		1,800	
Postage -- 300/mo x 12		3,600	9,900

CONTRACTUAL (Continued)

Transportation:

Freight and express charges -- 75/mo x 12 900

Advertising, Printing & Binding:

Subscriptions	75	
Advertising -- 4 meetings x 350	1,400	
Commission vacancies approx. 3 annually	1,050	
Printing -- 4 newsletters x 800 each	3,200	
Annual report	13,500	
Forms, misc.	750	19,975

Minor Repair, Maintenance 1,200

Rental for Office Space:

660.5 SF per DOA standards x \$2.00/SF 15,852

Total Contractual: 107,827

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS 2.6

Office and library supplies, 200/mo x 12 =	2,400	
Data processing supplies =	150	2,550

EQUIPMENT 27.9

Communication/Data Processing Equipment:

3 PC workstations, 1 laser printer =	16,000	
Phones =	1,500	17,500

Furniture/Office Equipment:

Furniture/misc. equipment (3 stations) =	7,500	
2 5-drawer lateral file cabinets =	900	
Tabletop Photocopier =	2,000	10,400

Total Equipment: 27,900

MISCELLANEOUS 55.0

Estimate for program receipts, private sector donations and contributions for identified Commission projects. 55,000

1.	POSITION TITLE Executive Director, Alaska-Soviet Commission				RANGE/STEP 23/A	BARG. UNIT	PAGE/LINE	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAPP
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY	LOCATION Anchorage	ELECTION DISTRICT	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL		ADDITION	X	JUSTIFICATION:					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT	<p>Executive Director, Alaska-Soviet Commission. Must be fluent in Russian. Responsible for overall supervision of Commission staff, working with Commissioners, legislators, other agencies, private sector, local governments, non-profit organizations, educational agencies and Soviet contacts. Directs, manages and promotes policies and procedures necessary for Commission to meet its legislative mandate. Primary liaison for agency with the Governor, legislature, federal agencies and Soviet agencies/contacts.</p> <p>Develops annual report to the Legislature; ensures staff implementation of Commission's actions; employs, discharges and supervises Administrative Assistant and Secretary I.</p>					
	1	2	3							
	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary		54,288.00							
6.	Benefits		16,659.12							
7.	Supplemental Benefits									
8.	Fixed Benefits									
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	01		71.0						
10.	Travel	02		8.8						
11.	Contractual	03		3.4						
12.	Commodities	04		.9						
13.	Equipment	05		7.5						
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST			91.6						
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
17.		G.F. Match 1003								
18.		General Funds 1004		91.6						
19.		I-A Receipts 1005								
20.		Program Receipts 1028								
21.		Other								
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KEY NUMBER - - - - -										

REQUEST FOR
NEW POSITION

AGENCY Office of the Governor
BRU Commissions and Special Offices
COMPONENT Alaska-Soviet Commission

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Revised Date _____

FY 91

D R A F T

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing the Alaska-Soviet Far East Commission.

Since the Alaska Performing Artists For Peace (now known as Camai) broke the ice curtain with their triumphal tour of the Soviet Union in 1986, glasnost and perestroika have literally opened the door to a wide variety of economic, cultural, scientific, technical, and educational contacts between the Soviet Far East and Alaska. As our second-closest neighbor, and one with which we have substantial historic ties, I believe that the state should actively support and encourage the growing relationship between Alaska and the Soviet Far East by establishing a commission to serve as a point of contact and an official coordinator of these exchanges. The seven members of the Alaska-Soviet Far East Commission would include representatives from the private sector, from higher education, and from the Native community; this broad representation would enable the commission to cover the full spectrum of contacts between Alaska and the Soviet Far East.

Through establishment of this commission, the state would both recognize the tremendous strides which have been taken to date in Alaska-Soviet Far East relations and lay the groundwork for continued growth of the relationship between Alaska and our second-closest neighbor. I urge your prompt and favorable action

on this measure.

Sincerely,

Steve Cowper
Governor



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Victor Fischer, Director of Soviet Relations

Item 4

Representative George G. Jacko, Jr.
Alaska House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

January 22, 1990

Re: Alaska-Soviet Foundation

JAN 26 1990

Dear Representative Jacko:

It's been marvelous to observe the enthusiasm of most Alaskans for closer ties with people in the Soviet Union. And I certainly hope we can continue in that direction.

However, after working on and observing efforts to establish exchanges and constructive working relationships with the Soviets, I have become convinced that availability of adequate long-term funding is critical to success. Too often, cooperation is foundering on our inability to reciprocate Soviet support for educational, scientific, cultural, and other exchanges. Sometimes, the lack of money for this purpose is plainly embarrassing. In other instances, exchanges have had to be deferred or canceled due to unavailability of funds on the Alaska side.

I am enclosing the outline of a proposal to create and endow the Alaska-Soviet Foundation to help deal with the situation. To provide stability, continuity, and accountability, the Foundation would be lodged within the University of Alaska. It would, however, function independently under its own board.

This should be viewed as a state and not a University proposal. Though housed within the University, the Foundation is to be a separate public corporation. It should not be considered part of the UA budget.

The Foundation proposal is not in conflict with the proposed legislation for an Alaska-Soviet Far East Commission. In fact, both proposals were reviewed and endorsed by the Governor's Alaska-Soviet Far East Working Group, of which I am a member.

I hope you look upon this proposal with favor and will help bring the Alaska-Soviet Foundation into reality. I'll be happy to work with you and others toward that end.

I expect to be in the Soviet Far East and Siberia over the next several weeks. However, I would be ready to discuss the proposal after returning, around February 10, and could come to Juneau toward the end of next month and beginning of March, especially if hearings were scheduled on this and other Soviet-related proposals.

Thanks for your consideration, and best personal regards.


Vic Fischer

ALASKA-SOVIET FOUNDATION (ASF)

Proposal

Establish and fund the Alaska-Soviet Foundation as a free-standing, non-profit public corporation, housed within the University of Alaska, to facilitate relations and interaction between Alaska and the Soviet Union.

Purpose

- * Promote contacts and exchanges between Alaska and the Soviet Union to create better understanding and better relations between our respective peoples and institutions through financial, logistical, educational, informational, and other support.
- * Provide for continuity of support and for objective, non-political management.
- * Obtain matching, non-state financial support.

Approach

- * Alaska-Soviet Foundation (ASF) is established by state law within the University of Alaska.
- * University administers ASF on a statewide basis, guided by a foundation board appointed by the Governor and the University President. The board sets policies and procedures, allocates funds, and authorizes grants.
- * State appropriates \$4.5 million for ASF; matching funds are raised from private foundations, corporations, federal, and other non-state sources. The state appropriation and matching funds constitute an endowment. Only endowment income generated by matched endowment principal may be used for current ASF expenditures. Income not expended is part of the endowment .
- * Activities funded through ASF could include:
 - * helping underwrite Alaska/US costs of Soviet visits and visitors
 - * assisting student and faculty exchanges at both pre- and post-secondary levels
 - * facilitating and coordinating educational, cultural, scientific, communication, information exchange, and other interaction
 - * stimulating Russian language instruction
 - * monitoring social-economic-political situation
 - * providing matching/challenge grants to stimulate use of non-state funds

Item 5

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

POUCH Y STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU ALASKA 99811
907-465-3800

MEMORANDUM

February 1, 1990

SUBJECT: Sectional summary of HB 440
TO: Representative George Jacko
FROM: Theresa L. Bannister^{DB}
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1 adds a new article on the Alaska-Soviet Far East Commission.

Sec. 44.19.605 creates the Alaska-Soviet Far East Commission in the Office of the Governor.

Sec. 44.19.615 establishes the purpose of the commission. The purpose is to represent the state in Alaska-Soviet issues and to serve as the contact point and official coordinator in the development of certain contacts with the Soviet Far East.

Sec. 44.19.625 establishes that the commission is composed of seven members appointed by the governor. Specifies that certain members are to be from certain sectors of the population. Directs the governor to designate the chairperson and establishes the term of the chairperson. Allows the governor to reappoint the chairperson for successive terms.

Sec. 44.19.635 establishes the term of office for the commission members, including the staggering of terms. Establishes how vacancies are to be filled.

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Representative George Jacko

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Sec. 44.19.645 lists the powers and duties of the commission.

Sec. 44.19.655 directs the governor to call the first meeting of the commission within 60 days after the members have been appointed. Establishes what constitutes a quorum. States when the commission is to meet.

Sec. 44.19.665 states that the members serve without compensation but are entitled to certain per diem and travel allowances.

Sec. 44.19.675 requires the commission to submit each year a report of its activities and any recommendations to the legislature and the governor. Establishes the reporting date.

Section 2 gives the Act an immediate effective date.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

TLB:pl
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(5) an increased possibility that lighted aids to navigation will become extinguished before they can be serviced; and

(6) numerous other reductions in services provided to mariners and the public; and

WHEREAS there is evidence of extensive illegal fishing in the 200-mile fishing zone in the Bering Sea by foreign fishing vessels; and

WHEREAS 129 different foreign vessels were sighted in the international waters of the Bering Sea during 1987; and

WHEREAS inadequate enforcement of foreign fishing results in over exploitation of the fish stocks and deprives American fishermen and processing workers of their jobs and the United States of a market for its fishery products, thus eliminating an opportunity to correct the imbalance of trade with Japan and other countries; and

WHEREAS fishermen, sailors, and boaters on the waters of and off Alaska rely on the vital service the Coast Guard provides by being on call 24 hours of each day to assist in the protection of property and the lives of those who are in peril at sea; and

WHEREAS the reductions in the budget of the Coast Guard for meeting its operational responsibilities puts the lives of our friends and neighbors at risk;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully expresses its strongest possible objection to the reductions that have been made to the United States Coast Guard budget for fiscal year 1988; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the budget for the Coast Guard be restored to that level necessary to allow the Coast Guard to fully perform its mission, maintain its physical plant and equipment, and pay its active and retired personnel.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable James H. Burnley IV, Secretary of Transportation; to Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr., Coast Guard Commandant; to Rear Admiral Edward Nelson, Jr., Commander 17th Coast Guard District; to the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable John C. Stennis, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; to the Honorable Jamie L. Whitten, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

STATE OF ALASKA

THE LEGISLATURE

1988

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Legislative
Resolve No.

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Relating to the establishment of a commission on Alaskan-Soviet relations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the United States and the Soviet Union, recognizing the desires of the citizens of their countries, signed an agreement in 1986 encouraging people-to-people exchanges between the two countries; and

WHEREAS the United States and the Soviet Union have signed a medical research agreement giving the University of Alaska the responsibility and authority to teach, develop, research, and coordinate circumpolar interests between the United States and the Siberian branch of the Academy of Medical Sciences in the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS the United States and Soviet Union agreed in December 1987 to establish bilateral groups to work on Arctic issues; and

WHEREAS Alaskans and the Soviet Union are each seeking closer ties with the other as evidenced by the travel of Alaska's Performers for Peace to the Soviet Union, by the efforts of citizens of Alaska and of the Soviet Union to bring Siberians to the St. Lawrence Island Whaling Festival and the Eskimo-Indian Olympics, and by the agreement of the Soviet Union to consider proposals for airline traffic between Alaska and Siberia; and

WHEREAS it would be consistent with and supportive of the efforts of the United States and the Soviet Union to improve understanding between the two countries to stimulate travel, trade, and cultural and scientific exchange between Alaska and Siberia; and

WHEREAS achievement of these goals will be dependent in part

upon a continuing effort by Alaskans to identify fully these specific objectives so that they may be pursued through appropriate channels;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to appoint a nine person commission on Alaska-Soviet relations to explore and identify areas of mutually beneficial interactions and to prepare findings and recommendations for the Governor and the legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to make appointments to the commission from government, civic, academic, cultural, labor, and business leaders of the state; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to instruct the commission to examine the cultural and historical relationship of Alaska to the Soviet Union and to investigate areas of mutually beneficial relationships between the people of the state and our Siberian neighbors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to direct the commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and legislature by July 1, 1989.

STATE OF ALASKA

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Source

Legislative
Resolve No.

SJR 27

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Urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the shoal developing in St. Paul Harbor, Kodiak.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS a shoal is developing in St. Paul Harbor, Kodiak, and this shoal may damage the economy of the region if the harbor is not dredged soon; and

WHEREAS Kodiak depends heavily on sea transportation for the receipt of its supplies; and

WHEREAS large ships have difficulty maneuvering in St. Paul Harbor because of the strong tides and crosswinds that occur in the harbor, and this problem has been compounded by the emerging shoal; and

WHEREAS the economic health of the seafood industry in the state is based on the fast and economical transportation of seafood products; and

WHEREAS harbor navigability is vital to the state's policy of developing international export trade; and

WHEREAS port development represents a significant capital investment by the state and by the federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor Cowper and the Congressional delegation of the state to urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a dredging project in St. Paul Harbor, Kodiak, as soon as possible.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General Elvin R. Heiberg, III, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

Item 12



RICHARD F. CELESTE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 43266-0601

March 1, 1990

Glen Gray
Legislative Research Agency
P.O.B. Y
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Dear Mr. Gray:

As we discussed, enclosed is a copy of the Executive Order creating the Ohio Trade Council.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Pari Sabety".

J. Pari Sabety
Executive Assistance for
Economic Development Policy

enclosure

EXECUTIVE ORDER

CREATING THE OHIO TRADE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Division of International Trade in the Ohio Department of Development and exporting firms within the state seek to expand their activities in International Trade; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Trade Council would serve as a liaison between exporting firms and the state through which economic benefits of international trade and exporting may be fully realized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard F. Celeste, Governor of the State of Ohio, pursuant to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, in order to establish the Ohio Trade Council to more effectively coordinate resources within the state to expand international trade and exports, do hereby:

1. Establish the Ohio Trade Council whose members will be appointed as hereinafter set forth and who will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - A. The Ohio Trade Council will be comprised of twenty-four (24) persons, twenty (20) of whom are appointed by the Governor and who are broadly representative of the various Ohio firms that export.
 - B. The President of the Senate shall designate two (2) members of the Senate to serve on the Ohio Trade Council, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate two (2) members of the House to serve on the Ohio Trade Council.
 - C. The Chairperson of the Ohio Trade Council shall be so designated by the Governor.
2. The Ohio Trade Council shall meet quarterly and at such other times as the Chairperson may deem necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Ohio Trade Council.
3. Members of the Ohio Trade Council shall serve in a voluntary capacity without compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
4. The Ohio Trade Council shall possess the following powers and duties:
 - A. Strengthen this administration's commitment to assist Ohio firms engaged in or are new-to export and international trade.
 - B. Advise Ohio businesses engaged in or exploring opportunities in exports.
 - C. Prepare reports, research issues, and gather data on Ohio exports.
 - D. Coordinate with the Director of the International Trade Division means, strategies, and approaches to expand Ohio's trade with foreign nations.
 - E. Advise Ohio businesses, through various Ohio Chambers of Commerce, on export strategies and marketing approaches.

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 - E. Advise Ohio businesses, through various Ohio Chambers of Commerce, on export strategies and marketing approaches.
5. The Division of International Trade shall provide such staff support to the Ohio Trade Council as is necessary to assist the Council in the performance of its duties.

MEMORANDUM

TO: George Jacko
Representative

DATE: March 12, 1990

THRU:

PHONE: 561-5585

SUBJECT: Comments on
HB 440

FROM: Robert G. Poe, Jr. *RGJ*
Director, OIT

This bill has been introduced by the Administration as a measure to better facilitate Alaska's wide-ranging involvement with the Soviet Union. The Alaska-Soviet Commission (ASC) has been proposed to represent the State in Alaska/Soviet relations and to serve as a central coordination point for contacts with the Soviet Union. The ASC is not intended to prevent any project from happening nor to exert control over citizen-diplomacy efforts. However, given the high level of activity between Alaska and the Soviet Union, a central point of contact and official representative in addition to the Governor is quite necessary. Since this commission is located within the Governor's Office and the commission members serve at the pleasure of the Governor, the ASC can represent Alaska to the Soviets when the Governor is unavailable.

Last week the International Trade Committee in the House reviewed a committee substitute for HB440. The Administration has some serious concerns about some of the changes included in the committee substitute which are described below.

1.0 Composition - The Administration generally supports the changes made here and we concur with the inclusion of the chairs of the House and Senate foreign trade committees as ex-officio members to the ASC. However, since the Office of International Trade and the Governor's Office will be expected to carry out much of the action taken by the ASC, we believe that at least 2 of the 3 suggested Administration members should have full voting rights on the ASC.

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Jacko

March 12, 1990

1.1 The purpose and duties of ex-officio members is not described in the committee substitute.

2.0 Powers and Duties - The powers and duties as described in the committee substitute go significantly beyond those outlined in the original HB440. Our comments to these changes are listed below.

2.1 - 2.3 No comment.

2.4 Interaction between Alaska and the Soviet Union has been expanding rapidly. There exists no model or previous history to follow. Therefore, procedures for interaction have been developing as needed. This section implies that the ASC will develop the "correct" procedures for interacting with the Soviets and that all other ways will be incorrect. This is the type of control many citizen diplomacy groups are concerned about. We feel this power is not necessary and should be removed from the committee substitute.

2.5 It is presumptuous to believe that the ASC could be the sole group to determine and evaluate the potential for economic partnership between the Soviet Union and Alaska. This is exactly the type of power that concerns private businesses who are already identifying areas for potential economic partnership. We feel this power is not necessary and should be removed from the committee substitute.

2.6 It is quite appropriate for the ASC to identify trading problems which are unique to the Soviet Union. It is important though, not to otherwise duplicate services already provided by the Office of International Trade (OIT). We believe this power should either be eliminated or should be modified to read "(6) identify trade problems unique to the Soviet Union."

2.7 - 2.10 No comment.

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2.11 We agree that the ASC should have the legal ability to charge for its services. It is important that these services not compete with or displace private providers of translation or consulting services. Also, we feel that charging for letters of introduction will likely lead to complaints about favoritism etc. This duty should be changed to read "(11) charge for commission's services and products."

3.0 Meetings - Requiring three meetings each year to be held not by teleconference is adding unnecessary costs to the operation of the ASC. Alaskans are comfortable meeting by teleconference.

4.0 Staff - The requirement of 3 staff and the expanded composition of the commission will likely expand the costs of the ASC which was not the original intent.

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b. Example / Checklist Contact Sheet

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