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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER

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DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 2/22/89

Mr. President:

FINANCE Committee considered SB 37

designating certain highway facilities as memorials to Alaska veterans
and recommended

replace with CS SB 37 (FIN)) same title
 or adopt _____) new title
 attached amendment(s) and technical title change (HB only)
 _____ letter of intent adopted

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to _____

FISCAL NOTE(S) zero ^{new SFC note} fiscal impact appropriation no FN
 ^{new SFC 9.0} updated previous
 same as previous fiscal note(s) published _____

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS
[Signature] Zharoff
[Signature] Dunbar
[Signature] Frank

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
[Signature] no rec source

[Signature] Debting **DO PASS**
Chairman signature and recommendation
Do PASS Binkley

Committee Backup attached

STATE OF ALASKA
1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: CSSB 37 (Fin)
PUBLISH DATE: _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

REVISION DATE: _____
TITLE: Designating highway
facilities as veterans' memorials
SPONSOR: Sen. Kelly
REQUESTOR: Senate Finance

AGENCY: DOTPF
BRU: Maintenance and Operations

COMPONENTS: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERS. SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	4.0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND/BUILD.	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS/CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	5.0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

GENERAL FUNDS	9.0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9.0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS:

PREPARED BY: _____


SENATOR RICK UEHLING, CO-CHAIRMAN
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: February 22, 1989

PHONE No.: 465-4821

Original sponsor: Kelly

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act designating certain highway facilities as
7 memorials to Alaska veterans and naming certain
8 highway facilities."

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1 IN THE SENATE

Finance
BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37 (*Finance* Transportation)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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3/14/89
Rec'd after
bill #10

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities



POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: SB37A

Certain Hwy. Facilities as Memorials

TITLE: to Alaska Veterans

APPROVED: Mark S. Hickey
Commissioner

DATE: January 25, 1989

Fiscal Note Analysis SB 37A

This analysis examines those expenses impacting the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Northern, Central and Southeast Regions, for designating certain highway facilities as memorials to Alaska veterans.

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Northern Region:

The renaming of "Airport Way" in Fairbanks to "Veterans Memorial Parkway" would result in doubling the size of each current sign assuming that the same size lettering (8" uppercase/6" lower case) was used. There are currently 34 "Airport Way" signs in place, many of which are installed on signal mast arms. The new signs would increase the movement on the mast arms by 335% and would probably overstress the poles. Reduction in sign size was explored but the name does not lend itself well to abbreviation. Even reduction of letter size to a minimum acceptable of 6" upper case and 4 1/2" lower case we do not believe would be sufficient to prevent overstress of the poles. To determine actual limits a structural analysis of the poles would be required. Due to cost and time constraints, this has not been done.

For further information call Catherine A. McHugh at 465-3900

Instead of replacing all these signs, at substantial cost, Northern Region suggests that plaques be installed at each end as suggested for the Glenn Highway at a cost of \$2,000. If that is not acceptable, then the suggested alternative is to reduce the letter size to 6" upper case/4 1/2" lower case and sign the road "Veterans Pkwy." This will result in sign size comparable to current signs and eliminate the pole stress question. This alternative, performed by the private sector under contract to the M&O division would cost approximately \$34,800.

Southeast Region

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Alaska State Legislature

SENATE


Official Business

P.O. Box V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 7, 1989

TO: Senate Finance Committee
Senator Binkley, Co-Chair
Senator Uehling, Co-Chair
Senator Duncan
Senator Fischer
Senator Frank
Senator Pearce
Senator Zharoff

FROM: Senator Pat Pourchot 

RE: Amendment to SB 37, "An Act designating certain highway facilities as memorials to Alaska veterans and naming certain highway facilities."

Section 2 of SB 37 would name the Glenn Highway from mile 0 to mile 9 as the Veterans' Memorial Parkway.

It is my understanding from conversations with the U.S. Post Office in Anchorage that renaming the Glenn Highway the Veterans' Memorial Parkway would require an address change for many people living between mile 0 and mile 9 of the Glenn. While I strongly support the concept of honoring our veterans by naming certain facilities after them, I am concerned that as Section 2 is now worded several hundred of my constituents may be adversely affected.

Jack Shields of the Division of Veterans Affairs confirmed that the intent of the legislation was not to rename the Glenn but to allow for the placement of memorial signs along the highway. "Designating" rather than "naming" the Highway would achieve this purpose without requiring the change of addresses.

Attached is a draft amendment which I believe meets both my concerns and the original intent of the bill.

A M E N D M E N T

Offered in the Senate

By Pourchot

TO: CSSB 37 (Transportation)

Page 1, line 17:

Delete "named"

Insert "designated"



Alaska State Legislature

SENATE

Office of the President

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February 6, 1989

Senator Rick Uehling, Co-Chairman
Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
Box V
Juneau, Ak 99811

Re: Scheduling of SB 37, naming certain highway facilities as
veteran memorials.

Dear Senator Uehling,

I appreciate the scheduling of SB 37 for a Finance
Committee hearing. Attached is correspondence I recieved
which initiated this proposal. Also attached is some
correspondence supporting the bill.

The Transportation Committee made several changes to SB
37 that I believe improve the bill. First, the Airport Way
designation in Fairbanks as a veteran memorial was changed to
the Cushman Street bridge. This change substantially reduces
the fiscal note. It also establishes a veteran memorial that
is appropriately located, as the bridge is adjacent to the
city's Alaskan Memorial Park.

The second change was the addition of the Robert J.
Mitchell Expressway. This was a legislative proposal in the
last session that reached a proposed final calendar before we
ran out of time.

Naming public works can sometimes become controversial,
not so much because there is objection to the person or
persons to be honored, but because other names may be desired
for the particular facility. In this case, I believe there is
broad support for memorializing veterans in the three cities
in this manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Tim".

TIM KELLY
State Senator

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Charles T. Borg
Deputy Commissioner

FROM: Dr. Jack R. Shields, Director
Division of Veterans Affairs

DATE: 28 July 1988

SUBJECT: New designation for the following highways, roads
and bridges to honor Alaskan Veterans.

DISCUSSION:

As a lasting memorial and tribute to Alaska's 70,000 living Veterans, to those Alaskan Veterans who paid the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives in support of this Nation, and to those Veterans who continue to be missing-in-action, the following roads and bridges are redesignated:

a. In Anchorage:

That portion of the Glenn Highway from Airport Heights Road at Merrill Field to two miles beyond the overhead entrance to Fort Richardson is redesignated: "THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARKWAY."

b. In Fairbanks:

That portion of the Airport Way road from the airport to Fort Wainwright is redesignated: "THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARKWAY."

c. In Juneau:

The bridge crossing Gastineau Channel and known as the Douglas Bridge, is redesignated: "THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL BRIDGE."

1. This proposal is introduced to establish a permanent and significant memorial to Alaska's 70,000 Veterans, to all Alaskan Veterans who will subsequently reside in our Great Land and to those who may become Veterans as a result of their dedication to our principles of freedom. Veterans need memorials with high public visibility to maintain an awareness of the sacrifices of the few and to acknowledge

James Douglas

this tribute. These memorials, in that sense, become educational. They denote our spirit of caring and remind our children of the struggle that has been made to maintain our way of life.

This redesignation of the specified locations will not have a negative effect on any location. Specifically, no persons' names are involved and no previous personalized dedication will be usurped.

2. There is no apparent reason that there would be any major opposition to this memorial. The Veterans' organizations are being polled to provide a solid Veterans' support. Additionally, it is planned to outline this proposal in the Vets' Forum (newsletter) to give it extensive exposure to comment.

3. There are an infinite number of locations that could be redesignated, but if this would become an option under consideration, the only viable course of action would be to designate other locations in addition to those specified.

4. The costs involved would be minimal and would be the expense of new signs and whatever administrative costs were involved.

5. Numerous other states have adopted similar terminology in establishing Veterans' memorials by redesignating highways, bridges, buildings, parks, tunnels, et al.

6. As with other major Veterans' issues, the legislative members who are Veterans themselves are most apt to be pro on these redesignations at Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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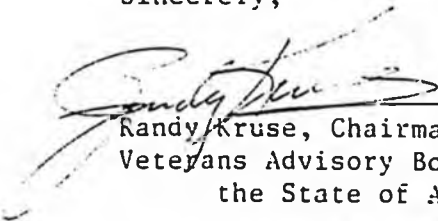
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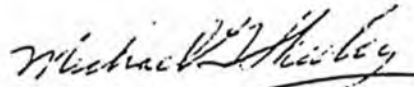
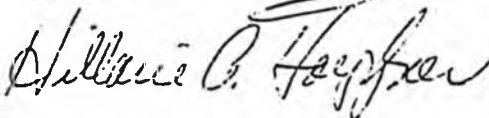
Senator Tim Kelly
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Kelly;

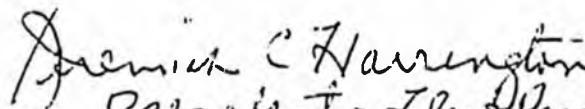
The Veteran's Advisory Board and the undersigned members unconditionally pledge support for Senate Bill 37 and would like to see recognition of this sort to honor our state's and all veterans.

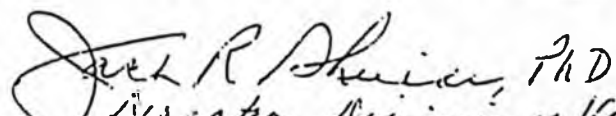
Sincerely,


Randy Kruse, Chairman
Veterans Advisory Board for
the State of Alaska

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Jeremiah C. Harrington
President - Fleet Reserve Assoc
Branch - 342 - Alaska


Jack R. Shuman, PhD
Director, Division of Veterans Affairs

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR KELLY

NAME: FREDDY PRIDE
TITLE:
ADDRESS: BOX 625
CITY: TCK
PHONE: 883-5590
BILL NO: SB 37
SUBJECT: HIGHWAY FACILITIES/VETERAN MEMORIALS
MESSAGE: I WANT THE ENTIRE GLENN HIGHWAY NAMED, NOT JUST A PORTION.

ZIP: 99780

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR KELLY

NAME: TONY HOEPFNER
TITLE:
ADDRESS: HC 80, BOX 7225
CITY: CHUGIAK
PHONE: 249-1241
BILL NO: SB 37
SUBJECT: HIGHWAY FACILITIES/VETERAN MEMORIALS
MESSAGE: I WANT TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR SB 37.

ZIP: 99567

*SB37
Highway /
Veterans*

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR KELLY

NAME: MASTER SGT. SALSURY
TITLE: NATIONAL GUARD HISTORIANS
ADDRESS: 3601 C STREET #660
CITY: ANCHORAGE
PHONE: 249-1253
BILL NO: SB 37
SUBJECT: HIGHWAY FACILITIES/VETERAN MEMORIALS
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB 37, CONCERNING THE NAMING OF A VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. THIS WOULD HONOR THE VETERANS OF ALASKA WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE WARS THE U.S. HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN.

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DATE: 01/13/89
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Senator John B. (Jack) Coghill

Alaska State Legislature


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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Rick Uehling
Co-Chairman, Sen. Finance

From: Senator Jack Coghill 

Re: CS for SB 37 (Transportation)

Date: February 3, 1989

You have scheduled the above referenced legislation for a Senate Finance Committee hearing on February 9, 1989. Attached is a copy of an amendment I would like to offer to CS SB 37 which will name bridge number 694 on the Parks Highway "Crabbie's Crossing."

I would appreciate the Senate Finance Committee's full consideration of my amendment. I have attached a copy of a fiscal note that was prepared for two signs at the bridge crossing.

I will be attending the committee hearing on the bill.

AMENDMENT TO CS FOR SENATE BILL 37 (TRANSPORTATION)

Insert after *Sec. 2 line 25:

Sec. 35.40.045. CRABBIES CROSSING. Bridge number 694 at milepost 231.2 on the George Parks Highway is named Crabbie's Crossing.



Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: SB37A

APPROVED: Mark S. Hickey
Commissioner

TITLE: Certain Highway Facilities as
Memorials to Alaska Veterans

DATE: February 3, 1989

Fiscal Note Analysis SB 37A

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Section 35.40.040: Renaming the Parks Highway from Airport Way to the Richardson Highway in Fairbanks to the "Robert J. Mitchell Expressway" would require replacement of 12 signs (208 s.f. of sign material) at an estimated cost of \$18,000.

This estimate is based on signing as "Mitchell Expy" (to insure a manageable sign size) and work would be done under a private sector contract to the M&O division.

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POSITION PAPER (DOT)

This renaming was originally proposed under SB-461 and underwent two years of vocal debate in the Fairbanks community, for and against. The Fairbanks City Council passed a resolution supporting the renaming and the Borough Assembly defeated a similar resolution.

Southeast Region

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STATE OF ALASKA
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION : SB 298
PUBLISH DATE : _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: 5-13-87

Revision Date: _____
Title: Name Bridge on Parks Hwy;
"Crabbie's Crossing"
Sponsor: Coghill
Requestor Eliason

Agency Affected: DOT&PF
BRU: M&O
Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES	.1					
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES	.5					
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	.6	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	.6	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Costs above are for two signs at bridge crossing;
Signs - \$150.00 each X 2 = 300.00
Posts - 100.00 each X 2 = 200.00
Labor - 50.00 each X 2 = 100.00

Prepared by: Ronald B. Lind, Director
Division: Plans, Programs and Budget

Phone: 465-2171
Date: 1-14-88

Approved by Commissioner: *M. S. LH*
Agency: Transportation & Public Facilities

Date: 1-14-88

Distribution (by preparer):

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Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

STATE OF ALASKA
1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: CS SB 37 (Trsp.)
PUBLISH DATE: 1/9/89

REQUEST: FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:
Title: An act designating Certain Hwy. Facilities as Memorials to
AK Veterans
Sponsor: Kelly
Requestor: Kelly

Agency Affected: DOT&PF
BRU: Maintenance & Operations

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LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
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OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	22.0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

*Sen. Frank moved reduction to 9.0 per use of overlays for
new signs - 4.0 opt., 5.0 cap.*

Prepared by: W. Keith Gerken *W.K. Gerken*
Division: Deputy Commissioner, Operations

Phone: 465-3900
Date: 02/02/89

Approved by Commissioner: Mark S. Hickey *W.K. Gerken*
Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Date: 02/02/89

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February 22, 1989