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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: January 12, 1990

To: Members of the Senate

From:  Senator Steve Frank

Subject: Senate Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska limiting regular session to ninety days.

I plan to introduce legislation to propose a constitutional amendment that will limit the legislative session to ninety days. I would welcome co-sponsors.

Since the 120 day session passed the fourteenth legislature, the legislature has successfully concluded its business within the constitutionally amended time frame.

Given the customary slow start of the first thirty days of session, I believe the legislative body can and should conclude its business within a ninety day legislative session.

Please contact my office if you wish to co-sponsor.

Section 7 - Salary and Expenses.

Legislators shall receive annual salaries. They may receive a per diem allowance for expenses while in session and are entitled to travel expenses going to and from sessions. Presiding officers may receive additional compensation.

Section 8 - Regular Sessions.

The legislature shall convene in regular session each year on the fourth Monday in January, but the month and day may be changed by law. The legislature shall adjourn from regular session no later than one hundred twenty consecutive calendar days from the date it convenes except that a regular session may be extended once for up to ten consecutive calendar days. An extension of the regular session requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform rules of procedure deadlines for scheduling session work not inconsistent with provisions controlling the length of the session. [Amendment approved November 6, 1984 - Effective December 30, 1984]

Section 9 - Special Sessions.

Special sessions may be called by the governor or by vote of two-thirds of the legislators. The vote may be conducted by the legislative council or as prescribed by law. At special sessions called by the governor, legislation shall be limited to subjects designated in his proclamation calling the session, to subjects presented by him, and the reconsideration of bills vetoed by him after adjournment of the last regular session. Special sessions are limited to thirty days. [Amendment approved November 2, 1976 - Effective December 23, 1976]

Section 10 - Adjournment.

Neither house may adjourn or recess for longer than three days unless the other concurs. If the two houses cannot agree on the time of adjournment and either house certifies the disagreement to the governor, he may adjourn the legislature.

Section 11 - Interim Committees.

There shall be a legislative council, and the legislature may establish other interim committees. The council and other interim committees may meet between legislative sessions. They may perform duties and

Table 1
 Number of Bills and Resolutions Passed During Last 14 Days of Session
 Fifteenth Alaska Legislature - 2nd Session - 1988

Day	HOUSE NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED				SENATE NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED				BOTH* NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED			
	HB	SB	HR	SR	HB	SB	HR	SR	HB	SB	HR	SR
Session Total	134	94	45	36	88	135	33	62	84	92	34	43
107	4	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
108	2	1	3	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
109	6	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
110	4	5	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	3	0	0
111	6	3	0	0	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	0
112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
113	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
114	4	4	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
115	1	3	1	1	2	11	0	0	0	4	0	0
116	4	5	0	2	7	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
117	1	6	0	1	11	3	3	3	3	3	1	1
118	6	16	2	7	9	10	3	3	4	14	2	3
119	6	11	0	1	8	3	1	1	6	4	1	2
120	18	25	2	3	31	17	7	3	19	21	5	3
14 Day Totals	67	82	11	18	73	69	18	15	35	51	9	10
Daily Percent of Total												
107	3.0	1.1	0.0	5.6	2.3	0.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
108	1.5	1.1	6.7	2.8	0.0	2.2	3.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3
109	4.5	2.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
110	3.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0
111	4.5	3.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
112	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
113	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
114	3.0	4.3	4.4	0.0	1.1	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
115	0.7	3.2	2.2	2.8	2.3	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0
116	3.0	5.3	0.0	5.6	8.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
117	0.7	6.4	0.0	2.8	12.6	4.3	9.1	4.8	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.3
118	4.5	17.0	4.4	19.4	10.1	11.4	9.1	4.8	4.8	15.2	5.9	7.0
119	4.5	11.7	0.0	2.8	9.1	3.7	3.0	1.6	7.1	4.3	2.9	4.7
120	13.4	26.6	4.4	8.3	35.3	12.6	21.2	4.8	22.6	22.8	14.7	7.0
14 Day Totals	50.0	87.2	24.4	50.0	83.0	51.1	54.5	24.2	41.7	55.4	26.5	23.3

*Bills which were passed out of both the House and Senate during the last 14 days of session.

Table 2
 Number of Bills and Resolutions Passed During Last 14 Days of Session
 Sixteenth Alaska Legislature - 1st Session - 1989

Day	HOUSE NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED				SENATE NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED				BOTH* NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED			
	HB	SB	HR	SR	HB	SB	HR	SR	HB	SB	HR	SR
Session Total	98	60	39	42	59	95	31	54	59	95	31	54
107	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
108	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
109	5	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
110	3	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
111	4	1	1	1	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	0
112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
113	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
114	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
115	5	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
116	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	0
117	6	2	3	2	4	1	2	0	4	2	3	0
118	3	5	0	2	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
119	6	8	1	5	4	7	4	4	5	4	5	2
120	11	7	1	2	19	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
121	5	15	3	1	4	12	2	4	4	17	2	4
14 Day Totals	57	49	21	15	50	38	14	15	28	24	10	7
Daily Percent of Total												
107	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
108	0.0	1.7	5.1	0.0	3.4	1.1	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
109	5.1	3.3	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.1	3.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
110	3.1	1.7	10.3	0.0	1.7	1.1	0.0	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
111	4.1	1.7	2.6	2.4	1.7	6.3	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
112	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
113	3.1	3.3	2.6	0.0	1.7	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
114	2.0	3.3	2.6	0.0	1.7	1.1	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
115	5.1	1.7	7.7	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
116	1.0	3.3	2.6	4.8	1.7	2.1	6.5	3.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
117	6.1	3.3	7.7	4.8	6.8	1.1	6.5	0.0	6.8	2.1	9.7	0.0
118	3.1	8.3	0.0	4.8	15.3	1.1	3.2	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
119	6.1	13.3	2.6	11.9	6.8	7.4	12.9	7.4	8.5	4.2	16.1	3.7
120	11.2	11.7	2.6	4.8	32.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
121	5.1	25.0	7.7	2.4	6.8	12.6	6.5	7.4	6.8	17.9	6.5	7.4
14 Day Totals	58.2	81.7	53.8	35.7	84.7	40.0	45.2	27.8	47.5	25.3	32.3	13.0

*Bills which were passed out of both the House and Senate during the last 14 days of session.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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June 19, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Terry Martin

FROM: Gretchen Keiser *G. Keiser*
Legislative Analyst

RE: History of Legislative Adjournment
Research Request 86-213

You asked that we provide a history of the adjournment of the Alaska State Legislature. Specifically, you were interested in the time of adjournment and the number of bills passed by the House and Senate during the final day of each session, beginning with the Seventh Legislature in 1971. You requested that we provide additional detail during sessions when adjournment occurred late at night or early in the morning.

The attached table provides the adjournment information for the legislative sessions since 1971. You will note that additional details are provided for specific House and Senate adjournments, where appropriate. During the first session of the Ninth Legislature in 1975, for example, the House adjourned at 11:59 pm on June 6th (after passing 12 bills), was called to order at 12:11 am on June 7th, and adjourned at 2:43 am on June 7th (after passing 4 bills).

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I hope this information is useful. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Attachment

TABLE 1

HISTORY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE: 1971 - 1986

<u>Legislature/Year</u>	<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Date/Time of Adjournment</u>	<u>Number of Bills Passed During Final Day</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Seventh/1971	House	5/11/71; 3:26 am	8	Adjourned 5/10 at 12 midnight (18 bills passed); call to order 5/11 at 12:01 am.
	Senate	5/11/71; 3:23 am	2	Adjourned 5/10 at 11:59 pm (11 bills passed); call to order 5/11 10am
Seventh/1972	House	6/18/72; 12:59 am	4	Adjourned 6/17 at 11:59 pm (17 bills passed); call to order 6/18 12:15am
	Senate	6/18/72; 12:50 am	3	Adjourned 6/17 at 11:59 am (12 bills passed); call to order 6/18 12:01am
Eighth/1973	House	4/7/73; 5:50 pm	20	Adjourned 4/6 at 11:59 pm; call to order 4/7 at 12:08 am.
	Senate	4/7/73; 5:45 pm	13	Adjourned 4/6 at 11:59 pm; call to order 4/7 at 12:05 am.
Eighth/1974	House	4/26/74; 8:25 pm	30	
	Senate	4/26/74; 8:21 pm	25	
Ninth/1975	House	6/7/75; 2:43 am	4	Adjourned 6/6 at 11:59 pm (12 bills passed); call to order 6/7 12:11 am
	Senate	6/7/75; 2:30 am	6	Adjourned 6/6 at 11:58 pm (22 bills passed); call to order 6/7 12:15 am
Ninth/1976	House	6/1/76; 8:14 am	14	Adjourned 5/31 at 12:45 am June 1st (26 bills passed 5/31); call to order 6/1 at 3:09 am.
	Senate	6/1/76; 8:19 am	9	Adjourned 5/31 at 11:55 pm (25 bills passed); call to order 6/1 1:45 am.

TABLE 1 (Continued)

<u>Legislature/Year</u>	<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Date/Time of Adjournment</u>	<u>Number of Bills Passed During Final Day</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Fourteenth/1985	House	5/12/85; 10:52 pm	37	
	Senate	5/12/85; 9:42 pm	34	
Fourteenth/1986	House	5/12/86; 11:59 pm	32	An additional 19 bills were passed after House clock was stopped at 11:59 pm; Representatives actually left House chamber 5/13 about 3 am.
	Senate	5/12/86; 11:54 pm	44	An additional 10 bills were passed after Senate clock was stopped at 11:54 pm; Senators left Senate chamber 5/13 about 3 am.

Source: House and Senate Journals: 1971 - 1986.

Prepared by the House Research Agency, June 1986.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Proposing an amendment...
... duration of a regular session.
Sponsor: Senator Frank
Requestor: Senate State Affairs

Affected Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council
Components: Session Expenses, Legal Services
Admin. Serv., Public Serv., Leg. Salaries & Allow

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>
TOTAL OPERATING	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>	<1,000.0>

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)

CSSJR 63 (State Affairs) reduces the length of the legislative session from 120 days to 100 days. The estimated daily cost of the session is \$50,000 a day. If the session is reduced by 20 days a savings of \$1,000,000 is calculated.

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Approved By: Warren Endicott, Executive Director *Warren Endicott*
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency Date: 4/11/90

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 ... duration of a regular session. _____
 Sponsor: Senator Frank Components Session Expenses, Legal Services
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Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>
TOTAL OPERATING	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>	<1,500.0>

POSITIONS:

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

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