

**H J R**

**16**

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER MJR 16

SPONSOR Foster

BILL TITLE Medical benefits for veterans

DATE REFERRED 4-29-89

HEARING SCHEDULED

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED ✓

SPONSOR CONTACTED

INTERESTED PARTIES CONTACTED

Jeff Morrison - Dept of Mil/Vet. Affairs 4600

OTHER

# Alaska State Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE  
**RICHARD FOSTER**  
BOX 1028  
NOME, ALASKA 99762  
PO BOX V  
JUNEAU, AK 99811  
(907) 465-3789



**STAFF**  
DR LARRY LABOLLE  
JOHN WALSH, CPA  
LIZ WALTERS

## House of Representatives

February 5, 1990

Senator Pat Pourchot  
Chair, State Affairs  
Room 504 Capitol Bldg.  
Juneau, AK. 99811

RE: HJR 16 - Relating to medical benefits for veterans

Greetings Senator Pourchot:

Please consider this request to calendar HJR 16 in your committee.

I have attached a copy of the proposed resolution for your convenience. If you have any questions, please call the office - 3789.

Thank you.

  
Richard Foster

Encl: 1

BY FOSTER, GRUENBERG, NAVARRE,  
GRUSSENDORF, SHARP, ZAWACKI, GOLL,  
MENARD, SHULTZ, M.DAVIS, C.DAVIS,  
COLLINS, HUDSON, BOUCHER, CATO,  
ULMER, BARNES AND KOPONEN

1 IN THE HOUSE

2

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

Relating to medical benefits for veter-

6

ans.

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

8

WHEREAS comprehensive health care is a benefit that veterans have  
9 earned through their service to our country; and

10

WHEREAS comprehensive health care benefits for veterans have histor-  
11 ically included coverage for the costs of heart transplants when medically  
12 necessary or desirable; and

13

WHEREAS the federal Veterans Administration is currently reviewing its  
14 policy of covering heart transplants for veterans under their health bene-  
15 fits, and this coverage may be restricted or eliminated; and

16

WHEREAS restricting or denying heart transplant coverage to veterans  
17 would unfairly deny to them their right to comprehensive health care;

18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that heart transplant  
19 coverage should remain part of the comprehensive health care package that  
20 is available to veterans.

21

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,  
22 Vice-President of the United States and President of the United States  
23 Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the United States House of  
24 Representatives; Edward J. Derwinski, Administrator of Veterans Affairs;  
25 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
26 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
27 Alaska delegation in Congress.

## FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Medical Benefits for veterans  
 Sponsor: Foster et.al.  
 Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Components: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
---------	--	--	--	--	--	--

REVENUE						
---------	--	--	--	--	--	--

**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Jim Nordlund, Professional Assistant  
 Division: House HESS Committee

Phone: 465-3759  
 Date: 4-13-89

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Still in S.A*

1 IN THE SENATE

BY ADAMS

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to medical benefits for veter-  
6 ans.

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

8 WHEREAS comprehensive health care is a benefit that veterans have  
9 earned through their service to our country; and

10 WHEREAS comprehensive health care benefits for veterans have histor-  
11 ically included coverage for the costs of heart transplants when medically  
12 necessary or desirable; and

13 WHEREAS the federal Veterans Administration is currently reviewing its  
14 policy of covering heart transplants for veterans under their health bene-  
15 fits, and this coverage may be restricted or eliminated; and

16 WHEREAS restricting or denying heart transplant coverage to veterans  
17 would unfairly deny to them their right to comprehensive health care;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that heart transplant  
19 coverage should remain part of the comprehensive health care package that  
20 is available to veterans.

21 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle,  
22 Vice-President of the United States and President of the United States  
23 Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the United States House of  
24 Representatives; Edward J. Derwinski, Administrator of Veterans Affairs;  
25 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
26 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
27 Alaska delegation in Congress.

## HJR 16 Veterans' Medical Benefits

Sponsor: Foster, Gruenberg, Navarre + 15 others

HJR 16 urges Congress to maintain Heart Transplant Coverage for Veterans in their comprehensive health care package.

Vet's Admin is currently reviewing heart trans policy and considering restricting or eliminating.

ASK SANDRA: Fos

History ~~Status~~ of Bill in House: Vote

Contact: Foster

Div. of Vet. Affairs - State

Vet. Group?



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## House

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

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot, Chairman  
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Rep. Richard Foster *RF*

DATE: April 29, 1989

RE: HJR 16

I respectfully request that HJR 16 be considered for placement on the calendar for hearings before the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Thank you for considering this matter.