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Resolution

STATE OF ALASKA

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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PHONE: (907) 465-3250

OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION

August 22, 1989

The Honorable Kay Brown
Alaska State Representative
3111 C Street, Suite 435
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Representative Brown:

In response to the August 17 telephone request received by me on behalf of both yourself and Representative Ellis, I am forwarding a rough draft of a possible legislative resolution calling for a statewide 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging as a precursor to Alaska's participation in the national 1991 White House Conference on Agency.

As I explained to your staff, aging advocates around the country have been anticipating that President Bush would use his statutory power to "call" for the White House Conference at any time since last May. It is now expected that he will call for the conference in time for the Congress to include an appropriation for the federal activities in its current budget package (to include money to the states for sending state delegates to the national conference). Therefore, we could see an announcement from the White House any day.

As you know from constituent questions you have received, Alaskan seniors are vitally interested in this Conference, and in whether Alaska will also hold a statewide aging conference as was done in 1981. The OAC appreciates your interest in possibly sponsoring an enabling resolution. The Commission had already planned to seek the Governor's endorsement and a FY 91 budget increment for this work, but we are of course, also willing to assist and cooperate with supportive legislative initiatives.

You asked what our budget increment or a fiscal note on a resolution would look like. At this time my estimate is still a little

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rough, but I would project the following necessary expenses, based on the effective date in the draft resolution:

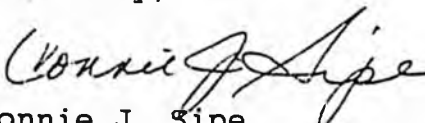
A temporary Associate Project Coordinator, Range 18 A full time for 10 months	\$ 43,000
A temporary Clerk-Typist III, Range 8, full time for 10 months	25,500
Accommodations and meals (Partial payment) for 400-500 participants at university housing, Fairbanks (* note)	75,000
Contract with conference planning service at university	18,000
Per diem and travel for Steering Committee, OAC staff	5,500
Conference Speakers/Guests	25,000
Travel and registration Stipends to state conference delegates (as needed)	50,000
OAC/Staff committee phone, postage, printing, advertising, supplies	8,000
TOTAL:	\$ <u>250,000</u>

(* Note: trying to keep cost to each participant to \$150 plus travel.)

I have also enclosed a copy of ~~Title II of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987, the authorizing legislation for the 1991 White House Conference.~~ I hope that this information and the draft resolution will be of assistance to you, in your decision of whether to sponsor such a resolution.

If our office can be of any further assistance, please call me, or in my absence from August 25 to September 5, call Fran Toland in the Juneau office.

Sir rely,


Connie J. Sipe
Executive Director

Enclosures (2)
cc: Older Alaskans Commissioners



Older Alaskans Commission

Box C
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0209
907/465-3250

August 10, 1989

Dear Legislator:

The Older Alaskans Commission has received inquiries from several legislators and senior organizations regarding the status of the 1991 White House Conference on Aging, and what Alaska is doing to prepare for this event. It seemed appropriate to send out a general statement about this upcoming event of such importance to older Alaskans and to all older Americans.

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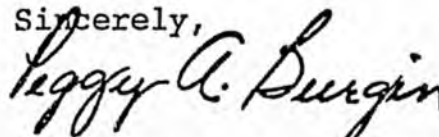
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If you or your constituents have any questions about the White House Conference, please call me, or our staff office in Juneau. The Commission hopes that we can anticipate your support in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Peggy Burgin, Chairperson
Older Alaskans Commission

cc: Governor Cowper
All Legislators
All Municipal Senior Commissions
All Elders Conferences
All OAC Grant Service Providers
AARP, Alaska Chapter
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Senator Pat Pourchot

August 29, 1989

Ms. Peggy Burgin
Chairperson
Older Alaskans Commission
P.O. Box C
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0209

Dear Peggy:

Thanks for providing me with a status report of the 1991 White House Conference on Aging. I hope that you will continue to keep me apprised of developments on the federal level as it occurs.

This background information, combined with the Commission's assistance, will greatly assist the Legislature during budget deliberations on providing state funding for participation in the conference. I will do all I can to secure an appropriation next year.

It should be an exciting and educational event and the information gathered will provide a rare opportunity to ascertain the status and future needs of older Alaskans and Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat", written over a faint, larger outline of the signature.

Senator Pat Pourchot

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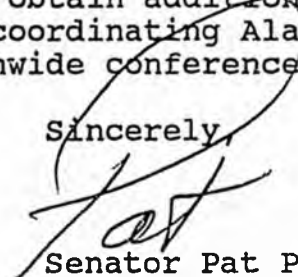
Thanks for your letter of August 8 concerning the 1991 White House Conference on Aging.

I, too, share your need to send qualified and knowledgeable representatives from Alaska to the nationwide conference.

Senior groups, such as OPAG and others, need to stress the importance of this conference and the benefit Alaskans will experience as a result. It is a good idea that you are bringing it to our attention during the interim so that we will be well informed when the budget is prepared for the 1991 fiscal year.

I will do all I can to help obtain additional funding for the purpose of planning and coordinating Alaska's activities and role in the nationwide conference.

Sincerely,


Senator Pat Pourchot

*How all is
going well -
Pat*



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(907) 276-1059 (Toll free 800-478-1059)

August 8, 1989

Senator Pat Pourchot
3111 C Street, Suite 545
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Pat:

A compilation of an April 27, 1989 report prepared for the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives (Serial No. 101-E) lists findings which authorize the 1991 Conference on Aging. It also states "there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1989, 1990 and 1991 to carry out this title."

As you will recall, OPAG was instrumental in creating community and statewide awareness of issues and in the planning and implementation of Alaska's 1981 state conference which preceded that White House Conference. The needs and issues facing older citizens were crucial a decade ago. Today they are critical and impact all ages and economic groups.

Appropriate legislative and administrative action assuring adequate funding for an Alaska Conference on Aging must be implemented in early 1990 if we are to send well-informed delegates representing senior citizens from rural and urban areas to these deliberations.

Should you wish additional information please feel free to contact me or OPAG Director Vera Gazaway at your convenience.

Sincerely,

ROSE PALMQUIST
President
Older Persons Action Group, Inc.

RP:bj



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September 13, 1989

Senator Pat Pourchot
3111 C Street, Suite 545
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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Dear Pat:

Thank you for pre-filing a house concurrent resolution to provide funding for an Alaska Conference on Aging.

We commend you for this action and urge other legislators to join you as co-sponsors. Many crucial issues facing the aging population must be addressed at local and state levels if there is to be a meaningful dialogue at the 1991 White House Conference on Aging. Positive action on your request sets the stage for preliminary planning and preparation to begin.

Sincerely,

ROSE PALMQUIST
President
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cc: All legislators

P.S. - Thanks also for supporting my application to be on the Older Alaskan Commission - The gov. seems to be hesitating -

RP

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Senator Pat Pourchot

September 19, 1989

The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box 1009
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear Jay:

It is anticipated that President Bush will authorize a national White House Conference on Aging in 1991. This conference, held once every decade starting in 1971, provides for a unique forum for seniors from each state to participate in the policy of Congress established through the Older Americans Act.

Prior to the conference, it is imperative that Alaska is adequately prepared for the agenda so that we can gain better insight on senior issues and relay our experiences to others.

In that effort, I have pre-filed the enclosed resolution which would direct the Older Alaskans Commission, as the state's designated State Unit on Aging, to plan for and assist in Alaska's role for the national conference. A fiscal note would accompany the resolution to provide necessary funding for Alaska's effort. A Senior Voice article is enclosed which explains the status and format of the conference.

Please let me know if you would be interested in co-sponsoring this resolution by calling my office at 561-7623. A similar resolution will be introduced in the House by Representative Kay Brown and Johnny Ellis.

Sincerely,


Senator Pat Pourchot

Enclosures

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September 11, 1989

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Executive Director
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Dear Connie:

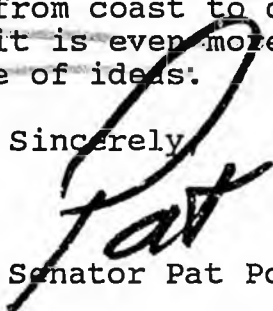
It is my understanding that you mentioned in a recent senior gathering, the introduction of a resolution which will be introduced in the House and Senate, by Representative Brown and me, respectively. I appreciate your courtesy by including both resolutions in your speech.

Enclosed, for your review, is a copy of the Senate Concurrent Resolution, along with correspondence to Commission members notifying them of my intention to introduce the measure and work for its enactment.

Please let me know when you hear of any news from the federal level so that I can work with the Commission and other seniors in order to beef up our efforts at the state level.

The national conference will provide a unique forum to improve and examine senior issues from coast to coast. ~~As our senior population is growing, it is even more imperative that we benefit from these exchange of ideas.~~

Sincerely,


Senator Pat Pourchot

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Kay Brown

Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives

TO: House Members
FROM: Representative Kay Brown *efm*
DATE: September 1, 1989
SUBJ: Alaska Conference on Aging

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Please find attached a copy of a resolution in support of an Alaska Conference on Aging that Representative Ellis and I have pre-filed for the coming session.

As you can see by the attached article from the Senior Voice, Alaska will be called upon along with all the other states to participate in the 1991 White House Conference on Aging. The attached resolution expresses support for this conference and directs the Older Alaskans Commission to plan and coordinate a statewide Alaska conference in preparation for the national White House Conference.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Eric Myers of my staff at 561-7627.

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BROWN AND ELLIS

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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2 talents, the need to assure all older Americans access to affordable health
3 care, comprehensive long-term care, suitable housing, opportunities for
4 continued productivity and employment, and the need to foster the fulfill-
5 ment and dignity of older Americans; and

6 WHEREAS the state will be called upon to send delegates from among its
7 citizens to the national 1991 White House Conference on Aging who will
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12 Aging to allow older Alaskans and other interested citizens and public
13 officials to meet and discuss issues related to aging in the state and in
14 the nation, and to choose delegates to represent the state at the White
15 House conference; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct
17 the Older Alaskans Commission, created by the legislature in 1981 and the
18 state's designated State Unit on Aging for all purposes under the Older
19 Americans Act, to plan and carry out the 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging
20 and to coordinate and cooperate, as requested, with the federal Administra-
21 tion on Aging in planning for and assisting with the 1991 White House
22 Conference on Aging; and be it

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24 its planning for both the state and the White House conference with all
25 local and state organizations whose members are older Alaskans or whose
26 purpose is to serve older Alaskans, including organizations for retirees
27 who may be younger than age 60, all local senior citizen commissions,
28 regional conferences of Native Alaskan elders, and with all government
29 agencies serving older Alaskans; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should develop a
2 method of choosing voting delegates to both the state and the national
3 conferences from among major senior or retiree organizations and from local
4 or regional senior groups, so that, as far as possible, the interests of
5 all Alaskans on the issues of aging may be fairly represented at the state
6 and the White House conferences; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should offer
8 planning assistance and information to local or regional areas that may
9 choose to conduct local aging forums before the statewide Alaska Conference
10 on Aging; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should appoint an
12 ad hoc steering committee, consisting of commission members and others, to
13 assist the commission in the planning, coordination, and conduct of the
14 Alaska Conference on Aging, and the members of the steering committee
15 should serve without compensation, but should be entitled to per diem and
16 travel expenses authorized by law for commission members; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should hire tempo-
18 rary or project staff and enter into those contracts necessary to carry out
19 the intent of this resolution, including contracts for group accommoda-
20 tions, transportation, and meal services for delegates to the Alaska Con-
21 ference on Aging, or for stipends for delegates to be awarded on an equita-
22 ble basis as needed to ensure reasonable affordability and access of all
23 chosen delegates to the state conference; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission submit a report of
25 the activities and findings of the Alaska Conference on Aging, of the
26 activities of the Alaska delegation to the White House conference, and of
27 any resulting proposals for legislation to the governor and the legislature
28 by March 1, 1992.

OPINION

OAC asks Cowper to support 1991 conference

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Gov. Steve Cowper by Peggy Burgin, chair of the Older Alaskans Commission. Burgin asked that we share it with Senior Voice readers.

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If you or your constituents have any questions about the White House Conference, please call me, or our staff office in Juneau. The commission hopes that we can anticipate your support in this important endeavor.

Peggy Burgin, chairperson
Older Alaskans Commission

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September 11, 1989

Ms. Rose Palmquist
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Dear Rose:

After further considering what role I can take in more actively supporting steps on the state level for the 1991 White House Conference on Aging, I have prepared for introduction a resolution encouraging Alaska's participation through the Older Alaskans Commission. Enclosed for your review is a copy of the Senate Concurrent Resolution. It will be read across the Senate floor on the first day of session next year at which time appropriate committee referrals will be announced. A fiscal note will be prepared to adequately support the implementation of this resolution.

Representative Kay Brown has also prepared for introduction a similar House resolution which Representative Joanny Ellis has co-sponsored. It is our anticipation that either one of these bills will be enacted by the Legislature. I know that we can count on your support for this resolution and welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have to strengthen Alaska's participation in the national conference.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat".
Senator Pat Pourchot

Enclosure



Alaska State Legislature

Official Business

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

November 9, 1989

Vera Gazaway, Editor
SENIOR VOICE
Older Persons Action Group
325 East 3rd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501


Dear Vera,

Please find enclosed a brief article that we would like to offer for the next edition of the Senior Voice concerning the 1991 White House Conference on Aging.

If you have any questions concerning the article, please let us know (Brown: 561-7627 or Pourchot: 561-7623).

Sincerely,


Senator Pat Pourchot


Representative Kay Brown

enclosure

11/8/89

RESOLUTION SUPPORTS CONFERENCE ON AGING

by Senator Pat Pourchot and Representative Kay Brown

Alaskans, as well as citizens nationwide, are anticipating the imminent announcement from President Bush authorizing the 1991 White House Conference on Aging. Starting in 1971, this conference has been held once every decade. Delegates from each state in the nation are invited to participate in the conference, to review and develop appropriate national policies affecting America's seniors.

In anticipation of the President's call for the 1991 conference and to assist with Alaska's participation, we have taken the initiative to prepare for introduction a House and Senate Concurrent Resolution in support of Alaska's participation in the national conference. The Resolution, which will be introduced at the beginning of the next legislative session, directs the Older Alaskans Commission to take the lead in coordinating Alaska's involvement in the White House Conference.

As in 1981, prior to the national conference, Alaska will have its own state convention in order to assess Alaskan needs, select representatives for the national conference, and to provide policy guidance to the Alaska delegation. A fiscal note will accompany the resolution to provide the Older Alaskans Commission with the needed funding for this effort.

The White House Conference on Aging provides a unique opportunity to gather seniors across all walks of life from the many diverse regions of our country to formulate national and state policies that are responsive to the circumstances of America's elderly. Affordable health care,

comprehensive long-term care, suitable housing, and opportunities for continued productivity and employment are examples of the various important issues the 1991 White House Conference is expected to address.

We hope we can count on your support for the Resolution as it proceeds through the legislative process this session. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at our Juneau offices (Senator Pourchot: 465-3712 or Representative Brown: 465-4998).

Kay Brown (House District 12) and Pat Pourchot (Senate District H) represent Downtown Anchorage in the Alaska State Legislature.

Jeanne - 741

This bill filed w/ Senate
Secretary 8:00 AM 1/3/90

get FN from Eric Q.

Reynold

HES + Fin

HB
HCR 38

Eric - no FN piece
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Jeanne - 741

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Call Peggy Bergin

BY SEN. POURCHOT, Kelly, Duncan, Uehling, Sturgulewski, Szymanski, Holford, Faiks, Rodey, Fahrenkamp, Frank, Jones

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13 assist the commission in the planning, coordination, and conduct of the
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26 activities of the Alaska delegation to the White House conference, and of
27 any resulting proposals for legislation to the governor and the legislature
28 by March 1, 1992.

MEMO

Mellie Terwilliger

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9-17-89

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Senator Pat Pourchot

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 1990

TO: Senator Jay Kerttula, Chair
Special Subcommittee on Senior Citizens

FROM: Senator Pat Pourchot *Pat*

RE: Hearing on SCR 36

Thank you for scheduling, SCR 36, "Relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging and a national White House Conference on Aging in 1991", for a hearing before the Special Subcommittee on Senior Citizens this coming Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

I would greatly appreciate your taking up SCR 36 as the first item on the agenda due to a 4:30 p.m. meeting on Mental Health Trust Funding in which I and Connie Sipe (who is also testifying on SCR 36) are involved.

Thanks for your consideration, Jay.

OPINION

OAC asks Cowper to support 1991 conference

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Gov. Steve Cowper by Peggy Burgin, chair of the Older Alaskans Commission. Burgin asked that we share it with Senior Voice readers.

Dear Governor Cowper:

The Older Alaskans Commission has received inquiries from several legislators and senior organizations regarding the status of the 1991 White House Conference on Aging, and what Alaska is doing to prepare for this event. It seemed appropriate to send out a general statement about this upcoming event of such importance to older Alaskans and to all older Americans.

Under the Older Americans Act, the President may call for the conference on aging to be held. President Bush is expected to announce his call for a 1991 conference within the next month. Congress will then be asked to include one-time funding to the Administration on Aging to plan and conduct the national conference.

The White House Conference, if convened, will take place in late 1991. Prior to the conference, the national aging network will be in-

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- Burgin

involved in a year of pre-conference related events. Before the 1971 and 1981 conferences, each state held a state-level conference on aging to select the state's delegates to the White House Conference and to formulate each state's position on the topics to be discussed in Washington, D.C.

The Administration on Aging will look to the designated state unit on aging, the Older Alaskans Commission, to coordinate and plan the pre-conference activities here in Alaska. Al-

though the OAC may be the conduit of some federal funding for the expenses to send Alaska's delegates to the national conference, state level activities must be funded by each state.

The commission hopes that it will be possible to convene an Alaskan conference on aging, perhaps in late spring 1991.

The Older Alaskans Commission has already made a commitment to seek a one-time budget increment for fiscal year 1991 from Governor Cowper and the 1990 Legislature. OAC staff has started long-range planning to estimate what will be needed and to lay the groundwork for involving all parts of Alaska's aging network in this once-in-a-decade event.

If you or your constituents have any questions about the White House Conference, please call me, or our staff office in Juneau. The commission hopes that we can anticipate your support in this important endeavor.

Peggy Burgin, chairperson
Older Alaskans Commission

State lawmakers support 1991 aging conference

by Pat Pourchot and Kay Brown

Alaskans, as well as citizens nationwide, are anticipating the imminent announcement from President Bush authorizing the 1991 White House Conference on Aging. Starting in 1971, this conference has been held once every decade. Delegates from each state in the nation are invited to participate in the conference, to review and develop appropriate national policies affecting America's seniors.

In anticipation of the President's call for the 1991 conference and to assist with Alaska's participation, we have taken the initiative to prepare for introduction a House and Senate Concurrent Resolution in support of Alaska's participation in the national conference. The resolution, which will be introduced at the

beginning of the next legislative session, directs the Older Alaskans Commission to take the lead in coordinating Alaska's involvement in the White House Conference.

As in 1981, prior to the national conference, Alaska will have its own state convention in order to assess Alaskan needs, select representatives for national conference, and to provide policy guidance to the Alaska delegation. A fiscal note will accompany the resolution to provide the Older Alaskans Commission with needed funding for this effort.

The White House Conference on Aging provides a unique opportunity to gather seniors across all walks of life from the many diverse regions of our country to formulate national and state policies that are re-

sponsive to the circumstances of America's elderly. Affordable health care, comprehensive long-term care, suitable housing, and opportunities for continued productivity and employment are examples of the various important issues the 1991 White House Conference is expected to address.

We hope we can count on your support for the resolution as it proceeds through the legislative process this session.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at our Juneau offices (Senator Pourchot: 465-3712 or Representative Brown: 465-4998).

Pat Pourchot and Kay Brown represent downtown Anchorage in the Alaska State Legislature.



Alaska State Legislature

SENATE

Official Business

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Memo

To: Sen. Uehling, Chair Senate Finance

From: Sen. Pourchot *JP*

Subject: Bill Scheduling--SB 237 Lapse of Cap Projects;
SCR 36 Conference on Aging

I would again respectfully request scheduling of the above two bills. SB 237 was heard in Finance last year and has not received any further attention. The bill has numerous co-sponsors and would make long-needed changes in the reappropriations process.

SCR 36 was heard in the Senate Special Committee on Seniors and I waived the bill through State Affairs. It has widespread support of seniors and our colleagues.

I would greatly appreciate your help in getting these bills up quickly. Thank you.

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Senator Pat Pourchot

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 18, 1990

TO: All Representatives

FROM: Senator Pat Pourchot *Pat*

RE: SCR 36 - "Relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging and a national White House Conference on Aging in 1991."

Title II of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987 authorized the third decennial White House Conference on Aging to be held in 1991. As in 1971 and 1981, seniors nationwide will be involved in a year of pre-conference planning. In preparation for the national conferences, Alaska held state conferences in both 1971 and 1981 to assess Alaskan needs and to provide policy guidance to the Alaska delegation.

As our senior population continues to grow, the needs and issues facing older Alaskans will impact all ages and economic groups. Affordable health care, comprehensive long-term care, housing, and employment opportunities are among the issues that will be addressed at both the state and national conferences.

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- 4) Hire temporary support staff and enter into contracts necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution.

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5) Submit a report to the governor and legislature in 1992 on the activities, findings and legislative proposals of the state and national conferences.

The bill carries a fiscal note of \$ 183,600.

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Senator Pat Pourchot

September 11, 1989

Ms. Peggy Burgin
Chairperson
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Dear Peggy:

When you wrote to me on August 10 about the status of the 1991 White House Conference on Aging, I replied to you that I would do all I can to secure a state appropriation to assist in Alaska's preparation for the national conference.

As I have considered the matter in more detail, given the importance of an event of this magnitude, I concluded that one step I could offer was to introduce a Senate measure to support the Commission's work for the 1991 conference. A copy of the Senate Concurrent Resolution is enclosed for your review. It has been prefiled and will be read across the Senate floor on the first day of session next year at which time appropriate committee referrals will be announced. A fiscal note will be prepared to adequately support the implementation of this resolution.

Representative Kay Brown has also prepared a House companion resolution which Representative Johnny Ellis has co-sponsored. Together, we intend to urge our colleagues in support of passage of either of these resolutions in order to necessitate appropriate steps for a successful Alaskan participation in the conference.

I look forward to working with you and the Commission and welcome your support along with any suggestions you may have for the resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Senator Pat Pourchot

Enclosure
cc: Members, Older Alaskans Commission

REVISION DATE: 2/6/89

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 18, 1990

TO: Representative Ben Grussendorf, Chair
House Rules Committee

FR: Senator Pat Pourchot *Pat*

RE: Request for scheduling of SCR 36 for a vote on the Floor

SCR 36, relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging and a National White House Conference on Aging in 1991, passed the House Finance Committee today unamended. The bill carries a fiscal note of \$183,600.

SCR 36 directs the Older Alaskans Commission to plan and coordinate a statewide Alaska conference in preparation for the national white House Conference. The purpose of the state conference is to select delegates to the White House Conference and to formulate positions on state and national issues related to aging. The conference will be open to all Alaskans.

As the bill is now ready to go to the Floor, I would greatly appreciate your scheduling SCR 36 for a vote as early as possible.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Special Committee on Senior
Citizens and Pioneers
Senator Jay Kerttula, Chair
Senator Jim Duncan
Senator Rick Uehling
Senator Pat Pourchot
Senator Lloyd Jones
Senator Pat Rodey
Senator Jack Coghill

DATE: 1/25/90

FR: Senator Pat Pourchot

RE: SCR 36, "Relating to an Alaska Conference on
Aging and a National White House Conference on Aging in
1991"

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- 5) Submit a report to the governor and legislature in 1992 on the activities, findings and legislative proposals of the state and national conferences.

The bill carries a fiscal note of \$ 250,000.

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POSITION PAPER ON SCR 36

The Older Alaskans Commission supports the passage of SCR 36, which calls for the state to convene a 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging, to focus on senior issues of the 1990s and as a prelude to the anticipated 1991 White House Conference on Aging.

As of this date the status of the national conference is still uncertain, and seniors all over the country are awaiting President Bush's official call for this national forum in the tradition of the 1971 and 1981 White House Conferences on Aging.

Despite the uncertainty about the national conference, Alaska seniors have clearly voiced their desire that Alaska should hold its once-a-decade statewide conference on aging issues. The Older Alaskans Commission is joined in this request by the Older Persons Action Group and the Alaska chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Under the provisions of SCR 36, the Older Alaskans Commission would be charged to plan and conduct the statewide Aging Conference, with planning participation from representatives of Alaska's many local and state senior citizen organizations.

The OAC has asked for a fiscal note to fund this conference work. Records indicate that in 1981 the State spent \$ 120,000 to hold a large statewide conference for 400 senior delegates, and that one and a half full-time professional employees spent nearly a year on the conference and the attendant events in preparation for Alaska's participation in the White House Conference. Because the OAC staff is now one-third smaller than in 1986, the OAC needs a project employee and clerical support for FY 91 to carry out the tasks involved in planning and staging a high-quality conference on aging issues in the 1990s.

The OAC urges early passage of SCR 36.

Approved by:

Peggy A. Burgin
Peggy Burgin, Chair
Older Alaskans Commission

Reviewed by:

Frank Baxter
Frank Baxter, Commissioner
Department of Administration

Dated: January 22, 1990

Dated: 1/23/90

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Department of Administration
 Title: Relating to an Alaska Conference BRU: Older Alaskans Commission
on Aging
 Sponsor: Pourchot Components: _____
 Requestor: Pourchot

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	77.0					
TRAVEL	30.2					
CONTRACTUAL	141.0					
SUPPLIES	2.0					
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	250.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0		0	

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	250.0					
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	2	0				
PART-TIME	0	0				
TEMPORARY	0	0				

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Connie J. Side *Connie J. Side* Phone: 465-3250
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Analysis of Fiscal Note on SCR 36

In order to plan, organize, and carry out an Alaska Conference on Aging as described in SCR 36, the Older Alaskans Commission will need funds for staff, travel, and contracts.

OAC needs project staff to plan and present the 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging; funds to contract with national and international speakers; and funds for the conference, including the partial advance purchase of accommodation and food so as to keep the participants' cost within financial reach of aging delegates from around the state. The OAC will appoint a statewide planning committee to represent all seniors in the design of the conference.

Detail of Fiscal Note on SCR 36

FY 91

100 <u>Personal Services</u>	\$76,711
1 project coordinator(18c) (11 months)	
1 clerk typist III (8a) (11 months)	
200 <u>Travel</u>	30,200
Travel for planning committee/OAC staff	
"Scholarship" travel stipends for delegates (need)	
300 <u>Contractual Services</u>	141,000
Contract for conference planning	
Conference speakers and international guests	
Partial payment for accommodations/meals	
OAC telephone/postage/advertising	
Teleconferencing	
400 <u>Supplies</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	FY 91 TOTAL: \$249,911

Senate OKs almost \$200,000 for conference on aging

The Associated Press

JUNEAU — The Senate has approved almost \$200,000 for the Older Alaskans Commission to sponsor a conference on aging next year, in preparation for Alaska's participation in a national conference later in the year.

Delegates would be selected from retiree and elderly groups statewide, with the

meeting set for May 1991 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The White House Conference on Aging is set for late fall, said Connie Sipe, director of the Older Alaskans Commission.

Senators approved the funding without opposition Friday. Senate Concurrent Resolution 36 also requires

House approval.

Delegates at the state conference would choose representatives for the national meeting, where federal policies on the elderly will be reviewed and recommendations offered for congressional action.

The \$199,911 budget for the Older Alaskans Commission would go toward temporary staff to coordinate the conference, travel and meal costs for delegates, rentals at the university, speaker fees and other costs, Sipe said.