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SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER SCR 57

SPONSOR Pearce by request/Rules

BILL TITLE Pt. Woronzof

DATE REFERRED 4.25.90

HEARING SCHEDULED 5.2.90

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED SAV ✓

SPONSOR CONTACTED ✓

INTERESTED PARTIES CONTACTED

✓ Begich, Mark

✓ AWWU

✓ Loren Lemaw

✓ Sen. Pearce

OTHER

Alaska State Legislature

Sen. Pat Pourchot, Chairman

Sen. Jan Parks, Vice Chairman
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Senate State Affairs Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate State Affairs Committee Members
FROM: Senator Pat Pourchot
RE: Wednesday, May 2 Committee Hearing
DATE: May 1, 1990

On Wednesday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Beltz Room the Senate State Affairs Committee will hear the following bills:

SB 552, An Act relating to intrastate long distance telephone competition; permitting deregulation of a class of utilities or a utility service by the Alaska Public Utilities Commission; and providing for an effective date.

Introduced as a State Affairs CS, this bill requires the APUC to adopt regulations authorizing and establishing intrastate long distance telephone competition by February 14, 1991. The legislation is intended to be substantially similar to both ballot initiatives on intrastate competition which have been certified for the November 1990 ballot, thereby removing both initiatives from the ballot. If the legislation is found by the Lieutenant Governor to be substantially similar to only one or neither of the initiatives the legislation would be repealed.

SB 206, An Act relating to intrastate competition in telecommunications; continuing the existence of the APUC and providing for an effective date.

Sponsored by Senator Frank, this bill requires intrastate long distance competition. All long distance telephone companies, except Alascom, would be exempt from regulation under AS 42.05. Alascom could be deregulated by the APUC if it no longer has market power.

SB 384, An Act relating to election campaigns. I have requested this bill in State Affairs Committee again, for the purpose of proposing amendments which would bring the campaign finance provisions into conformity with the proposed Ethics Act. The major provisions of the bill, unanimously passed by our committee, are: prohibition of state and local governments from using public funds to support a candidate or initiative, prohibition of post-elections contributions for a set period, prohibition of use of campaign funds as personal income, limitation on use of surplus campaign funds and closure of the pre-election reporting gap for contributions.

CSHJR 56 (SA), Relating to the promotion of a nuclear weapons-free treaty for the arctic and subarctic. Introduced by Representative Kopononen, this resolution calls for efforts towards agreements between the United States, the Soviet Union and other nations establishing the arctic and subarctic regions as nuclear weapons-free zone and to ban nuclear weapons and weapons

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: 4/25/90

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
INTO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs

Committee considered

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Endorsing renewal of the Point Woronzof NPDES permit with a variance from secondary wastewater treatment requirements.

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____ same title
- attached amendment(s) new title
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department(s)/Date:

Department(s)/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

appropriation-no fiscal note

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Jan Fiska

Al Adams - No Rec

Chair: Signature and Recommendation

INTRODUCTION

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MOA is applying for a renewal of its NPDES permit and 301(h) variance from secondary treatment. This renewal application is the culmination of a very extensive monitoring program and 3 years of work to comply with the Clean Water Act and its 1987 amendments, the Water Quality Act of 1987. MOA staff and our consultants, CH2M HILL, have met six times in Seattle with EPA Region X staff and two times in Washington, D.C. with EPA Headquarters staff. These very productive meetings have helped MOA direct its renewal efforts in the proper direction to meet all the federal requirements for primary effluent discharge to marine waters.

The State of Alaska adopted revisions to the water quality standards for fresh and marine waters in 1987. We met numerous times with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) staff in Anchorage, Juneau, and Seattle to be able to comply with all of ADEC's requirements for discharge to marine waters.

Continuation of the 301(h) variance to the secondary treatment requirements of the federal regulations is of utmost importance to the MOA. A secondary treatment plant would cost MOA over \$100 million to build and would be very expensive to operate and maintain, with virtually no measurable benefit to the receiving water, the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet.

The receiving water and environs of the Knik Arm are atypical of estuaries. Knik Arm's extreme tidal range (average of 30 feet), current ranges of 3 to 5 knots, and typical sediment loads of 1,000 mg/l result in a capacity to easily assimilate MOA's treated wastewater effluent. No impacts have been measurable from the existing discharge to the very sparse biological community or to the minimal recreational uses of the area. The Knik Arm of upper Cook Inlet provides an ideal situation for discharge of nonindustrial primary effluent without harm to the environment.

MOA proposes to make a minor improvement to its discharge by adding reducers to the three existing discharge ports. This improvement is required because the effluent flow rate increase predicted in the 1984 permit application has not occurred. The reducers will provide increased discharge velocity into Knik Arm.

This permit renewal application demonstrates that the treatment plant discharge will comply with all federal and state requirements for discharge of primary effluent to the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet.

— RENEWAL OF THE NDPES PERMIT AND
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TREATMENT BY CH2M HILL APRIL 1990 —

— submitted for the ANCHORAGE WATER
AND WASTEWATER UTILITY —

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