

HCR

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)  
Date Referred: February 19, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3-7-91

The JUDICIARY Committee considered:

HCR 7

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

RATIFY BILL OF RIGHTS BICENTENNIAL

Proclaiming 1991 to be the Bill of Rights Bicentennial year in Alaska.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HCR 7 (Jud)  the same title  
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1  zero fiscal note Education

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

	Check appropriate column:	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
<i>W. Dale Douley</i>				
<i>Mark Stanley</i>				
<i>Terry Martin</i>				
<i>W. G. ...</i>				

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 Chairman's Signature

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Rep. M.A. Miller and  
Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska

RE: HCR No. 7; Bill of Rights Bicentennial

Dear Friends,

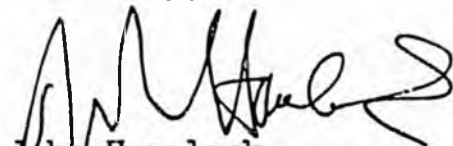
One report after another, confirming the crisis in American education, has stressed the central role, in the success of the American enterprise, of instruction in civics. The threat posed to our future by the failure of new generations to understand fundamental principles is grave.

I would hope that instruction in the meaning of the Bill of Rights is already underway in all our schools, for every class, every year. However, the bicentennial year poses a special opportunity to remind all, young and old, of the central nature of the concept of individual rights to our democracy.

Too many Americans equate democracy only with majority rule, yet the American Republic was founded on the principle that minorities of opinion and interest within a majority must have their rights respected as a restraint on majoritarian absolutism. Constitutionalism and the Bill of Rights are the prime virtues of the American system.

I urge your support for HCR 7.

Sincerely,



John Havelock  
(Chair, Commission to Celebrate the U.S. Constitution.)