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N.B. Usera

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Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

May 7, 1992

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The House State Affairs Committee has considered the appointment of Nancy Bear Usera to the position of Commissioner of Administration.

The following members recommend as follows:

Do Recommend

Do Not Recommend

No Recommendation

<u>Eugene G. Kubina</u>	_____	_____
<u>Scott Buchanan</u>	_____	_____
<u>Michael W. Hill</u>	_____	_____
<u>Tom Meyer</u>	_____	_____
<u>Jimmy Carter</u>	_____	_____
<u>David [unclear]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[unclear]</u>	_____	_____

Sincerely,

Representative Gene Kubina, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee



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The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

The House State Affairs Committee has considered the appointment of Nancy Bear Usera to the position of Lieutenant Governor, if the Office of Lieutenant Governor becomes vacant.

The following members recommend as follows:

Do Recommend

Do Not Recommend

No Recommendation

Eugene A. Kubina

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E. Grussendorf

Michael W. Mill

Tom Meyer

David MacArthur

Sincerely,

Gene Kubina

Representative Gene Kubina, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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April 2, 1992

The Honorable Gene Kubina, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Kubina:

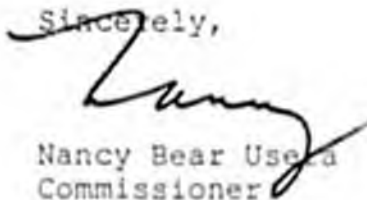
When I was before the State Affairs Committee last week, a couple of questions were posed in connection with the committee's discussions on succession. Specifically, the committee was interested in knowing whether or not the State has a written policy concerning the Governor and Lieutenant Governor traveling together on the same plane, and what the third order of succession would be if the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor's designee were killed in a common accident or other disaster.

In looking into these areas, I find that there is no written policy on the Governor's air travel. However, my understanding is that, in practice, Alaska's Governors and Lieutenant Governors historically have attempted to avoid traveling on the same plane; and that on the rare occasions where it has occurred, it has generally been inadvertent.

With respect to the third order of succession, the Department of Law advises that neither the Constitution or Alaska law address the question of succession to the office of the Governor if the Governor had named a single successor and that individual, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor died simultaneously. Accordingly, absent any other designations by the Governor, my understanding is that the legislature or the courts would be required to address the matter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before the State Affairs Committee. If additional information or clarification is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Nancy Bear Usefoote
Commissioner

NBU/nl

cc: Paul Fuhs
Legislative Liaison
Office of the Governor

January 23, 1992

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Grussendorf:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080 and Article III Sections 25 and 26 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Nancy Bear Usera

COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Darrel J. Rexwinkel

In accordance with AS 44.19.040 and Article III Section 13 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following name for legislative confirmation to the position noted:

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, IF THE OFFICE
OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BECOMES VACANT
Nancy Bear Usera

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,

S/S Walter J. Hickel

Walter J. Hickel
Governor

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NANCY BEAR USERA

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- 10/91 to present Commissioner, Department of Administration, State of Alaska. Maintaining interdepartmental management and liaison in matters of finance, personnel, labor relations, procurement, data processing, risk management, and retirement and benefits programs. The department also administers the State's telecommunications, pioneers' homes, longevity bonus, and municipal grant programs.
- 1/91 to 10/91 Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of Alaska. Oversight of State employment service, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and labor relations programs. Oversight of enforcement of laws and regulations dealing with job safety; hours of work; wages; work conditions; and the collection and analysis of labor and population statistics.
- 1984 to 1/91 President/CEO, Alaska Credit Union League and Affiliates, a trade association representing all of Alaska's state and federally chartered credit unions.
- 1981 - 1984 President, U2, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in legislative advocacy, conference management, volunteer management, and fund raising.
- 1977 - 1981 Project Consultant, Credit Union National Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1972 - 1977 Vice President, William S. Bergman Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C., a multiple association management firm representing national trade and professional associations.
- 1969 - 1972 Executive Assistant, Campaigns USA, Inc., Washington, D.C., a firm specializing in public relations, legislative advocacy, fund raising, campaign and management services.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Board Member, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Board Member, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
Member, State Bond Committee
Member, Student Loan Corporation
Member, Women Executives in State Government
Board Member, Credit Union National Association and Affiliates
Member, Association of Credit Union League Executives
Member, CUNA Governmental Affairs Committee
Member, ACULE NCUA Structure Task Force
Member, ACULE Legislative Response Task Force (1990)
Member, CUNA Federal Legislative/Regulatory Subcommittee (1988)
Member, ACULE, League Services Delivery Committee (1988)
Member, CUNA Human Resource Development Committee (1987)
Member, ACULE League Services Development Committee (1986)

Nancy Bear Usera

CIVIC AFFILIATIONS:

Board Member, Commonwealth North, an Alaska leadership public policy forum
Member, Commonwealth North, Committee on Federal/State Relations
Member, Commonwealth North, Community Education Committee
Co-Author, Going Up In Flames, the Promises of Alaska Statehood
Board Member, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
Member, Legislative Committee, AEDC
Chairman and Member, Anchorage Municipal Budget Advisory Commission (1983-89)
Subcommittee Chairman for Cost Containment, Mayor's Task Force on Fiscal
Policy (1988)
Treasurer, Anchorage Parent Teacher Association (1984-85)
Board Member, Council of Community School Associations (1982-84)
President, Huffman Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (1982-84)

PERSONAL DATA:

Attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Licensed insurance agent, life/health and casualty/property
Birth Date: October 9, 1949
Marital status: Divorced with three children
Health: Excellent



PERS NEWSBREAK

Alaska Public Employees'
Retirement System

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Nancy Bear Usera Commissioner

Commissioner Nancy Bear Usera comes to the Department of Administration from the Department of Labor, where she had been Commissioner since January 1991. She was the first woman to hold the post of Commissioner of Labor.

Prior to her appointment to Labor by Governor Hickel, Commissioner Usera served as President of the Alaska Credit Union League, a trade association which represents all of Alaska's state and federally chartered credit unions. She had been with the Anchorage based league since 1984.

Originally from Washington, D.C., Usera was vice president of a management/lobbying firm representing special interest



national trade associations before Congress and federal regulatory agencies.

She has three boys - Michael, age 14, James, 13, and Phillip, 11, who reside with her in Juneau.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Should the longevity bonus program be needs based?
2. Why was the one year residency requirement added to the longevity bonus program? Was it not intended originally to benefit the old-timers. The Courts ruled that a longer time requirement was unconstitutional.
3. If the general fund is unable to sustain the expenditure for the program, what are some alternatives?
4. Should the age requirement be raised?
5. Should the amount be changed?

ADDITIONAL INFO ON OPAG STUDY

OPAG is compiling current information on the impact of retirees on the Alaskan economy to update their April, 1991 study. It appears that the \$635,349,865. figure will increase by 3 to 4 percent. This figure does not include retirees' income from the Permanent Fund Dividend, the Longevity Bonus Program, or the property tax exemption.