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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7) Date Referred: February 8, 1991 FURTHER REFERRALS: Health, Education and Social Services Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4-26-91

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered: HB 122

HOUSE BILL NO. 122 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES

"An Act relating to qualifications for a longevity bonus; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:
be replaced with CS HB 122 (STA) 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 Admin - Pioneer Benefits fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note _____ zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

	Check appropriate column:	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
	<i>Gene K...</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<i>David ...</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tom ... if amended</i>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>E. Bruce ...</i>				
<i>Max ...</i>	<i>F...</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Gene K...
Chairman's Signature

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. CSHB 122

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: May 1, 1991

Title: Longevity Bonus Qualifications

Sponsor: Representative Taylor

Requestor: Representative Taylor

Department Affected: Administration

BRU: Division of Pioneers' Benefits

Component: Longevity Bonus Program

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	43	43	43	43	43	43
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	676.1	840.7	883.3	925.8	966.3	1,003.5
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	719.1	883.7	926.3	968.8	1,009.3	1,046.5

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	719.1	883.7	926.3	968.8	1,009.3	1,046.5
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	719.1	883.7	926.3	968.8	1,009.3	1,046.5

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1PFT	1	1	1	1	1
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

The Division staff is reduced by one PFT position in FY 92. This bill will increase the workload beyond the FY 92 staffing capabilities. The division requests one PFT Retirement and Benefits Technician II. Attached page has Grant calculations.

Prepared by: Barbara Bathomy
Division: Pioneers' Benefits

Phone: 465-4400
Date: May 1, 1991

Approved by Commissioner: Millet Kellen
Agency: Administration

Date: 5/2/91

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

Fiscal Note Amendment
CSHB 122
April 30, 1991

Figures show that in FY 91 3.7% of eligible recipients did not receive the bonus. Alaskans not currently on the program may return to the program with the more lenient "medical" absences.

This fiscal note is based on the assumption that 30% of the bonuses now forfeited would be payable under CSHB122. Under this assumption, annual program grant costs would increase by 1.11%. FY 92 would only be effected for ten of the twelve month.

	Current Program costs (in thousands)	0.0111 (thousands)	Amendment	Total
FY 92	\$62,648.0	\$579.5	\$ 96.6	\$ 676.1
FY 93	64,921.0	720.6	120.1	840.7
FY 94	68,201.0	757.1	126.2	883.3
FY 95	71,485.0	793.5	132.3	925.8
FY 96	74,610.0	828.2	138.1	966.3
FY 97	77,483.0	860.1	143.4	1,003.5

Assumptions on which the calculations of this fiscal note are based:

1. All absences prescribed or ordered by a physician are included. The maximum length of qualified absences are the first continuous 90 days of the medical treatment.
2. The amendment does cover immediate family members of a recipient who is receiving nonelective inpatient or outpatient hospital services or is suffering from a terminal illness or condition.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 122

Revision Date: _____

Department Affected: Administration

Title: Longevity Bonus Qualifications

BRU: Division of Pioneers' Benefits

Component: Longevity Bonus Program

Sponsor: Representative Taylor

Requestor: Representative Taylor

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	1,835	1,931	2,015	2,180	2,265	2,348
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	1,878	1,974	2,058	2,223	2,308	2,391

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1PFT	1	1	1	1	1
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Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
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Prepared by: Barbara Bathony *Barbara Bathony*
Division: Pioneers' Benefits

Phone: 465-4400
Date: 3-12-91

Approved by Commissioner: Millet Keller *Millet Keller*
Agency: Administration

Date: 3/14/91

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

- Admin FN + Position -

Fiscal Note HB 122

Longevity Bonus Qualifications

Sponsor: Representative Taylor

March 1, 1991

Fiscal Year	Longevity Bonus Recipients	Recipient* Medical Absences	Resident** Medical Absences	Total Recipient/Resident Medical Absences:	Total Cost
1992	22260	412	200	612	\$1,835,430
1993	23396	433	211	644	\$1,930,878
1994	24331	450	222	672	\$2,015,023
1995	26714	494	232	727	\$2,180,002
1996	27673	512	243	755	\$2,265,123
1997	28634	530	253	783	\$2,348,076

In FY 91, 3.7% of eligible recipients did not receive the bonus. There are an additional 1,000 Alaskan residents over 65 not on the program now who could qualify for a bonus if the bill is adopted. This fiscal note is based on the assumption that 50% of the bonuses that are currently forfeited would be paid under HB 122 and that 20% of the additional Alaskans not on the program now qualify for a medical absence if advised by a physician. The estimates of recipients are based on AK DOL statistics of 65 years of age and older.

- * 50% of recipients now forfeiting bonuses who would be eligible to receive bonuses under HB 122
- ** Department of Labor estimates there are 23,000 Alaskans over 65 years of age. The Longevity Bonus sent out approximately 22,000 IRS 1099 Miscellaneous Income forms for 1990. Approximately 20% of those Alaskans not yet on the Program (23,000 - 22,000) are estimated to be eligible to receive the bonus for medical absences.

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Alaska State Legislature

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House of Representatives

ROBIN L. TAYLOR
MINORITY LEADER

SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 122

I introduced HB 122 in direct response to the bewilderment expressed by longevity bonus recipients over the loss of their bonus at a time of greatest need.

Current state law provides no allowable reason for a recipient to be out of state for more than 30 days without the loss of their bonus check, including absences for medical reasons. HB 122 would correct this inequity and assure our seniors of this added income when they need it the most.

This bill is not about the duration of time a bonus recipient can be out of state for vacations, etc. It addresses only absences for medical treatment and is not related to other measures currently under consideration that would allow seniors to be away for longer periods than presently allowed. The bills extending the time allowed out of state do not allow a recipient to receive the bonus during any absence. HB 122 would allow a senior to be gone for medical reasons and still receive the longevity bonus.

It is patently unfair to deprive our seniors of their bonus checks when they face a medical crisis serious enough to require them to leave home for treatment.

I am sure the Division of Pioneer Benefits can develop regulations requiring the necessary documentation from a doctor to avoid abuse of this new provision.

On behalf of senior citizens from across Alaska, I urge the committee to move this bill with a "do pass" recommendation.


Robin L. Taylor

- Sponsor Statement -

Letter of Intent

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force ~~fund~~ ^{encourage and aggressively solicit} ~~state~~ ^{monetary} contributions from individuals & companies in support of this Task Force. ~~Private sources will, reduce into the budget in~~ An amount corresponding to the amount collected.

intent

at
budget appropriation

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUCKMAN

TO: CSHB 122()

Page 1, lines 5 - 8:

Delete all material and insert:

"(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a recipient continues to qualify for bonuses during the first 90 days of continuous absence and upon return to the state if the recipient is otherwise qualified and is absent

(1) upon the orders of a physician for the purpose of receiving medical treatment;

or

(2) to provide care for a member of the recipient's immediate family who is receiving nonelective inpatient or outpatient hospital services or is suffering from a terminal illness or condition."

Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives



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SESSION

P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-2995

Representative Dave Choquette

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Gene Kubina
Chair, State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Dave Choquette *JAVE*
Chair, Longevity Subcommittee

DATE: April 19, 1991

SUBJECT: Committee Substitute for HB 122

Attached is the work draft of the CS for HB 122 which was drawn up by the Longevity Subcommittee.

Thank you.



CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 122 ()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TAYLOR, G.Phillips, M.A.Miller

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to qualifications for a longevity bonus; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 47.45.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a recipient who is absent from the state upon the
6 orders of a physician for the purpose of receiving medical treatment and who is otherwise
7 qualified continues to qualify for bonuses during the first continuous 90 days of absence and
8 upon return to the state.

9 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1991.

1991 LEGISLATION
POSITION PAPER
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Division Pioneers' Benefits Bill Number HB 122

Bill Title An Act relating to qualifications for the Longevity Bonus program

Position Statement: Explain briefly what bill does, its impacts and Department's position, i.e.
a) support, b) do not support, c) neutral or d) oppose.

The bill introduces a great possibility to defraud the system. It is very easy to obtain a physician's statement from treatment needs. It also will become very difficult to outline what is medical treatment. The bill does not introduce a time limit and therefore, a person could presumably receive the bonus for an unlimited time while out of state. From the division's experience with verifying medical absences this bill would create a nightmare for the administration and verification of medical absences, a very time consuming additional workload. The division also predicts a possible large number of increased recipients who now do not receive the bonus and are now out of state for much of the time due to medical or health necessity.

APPROVED:

Director Barbara Bathony Division Pioneers' Benefits
print name

Signature Barbara Bathony Date 3/14/91

Commissioner Millett Keller

Signature Millett Keller Date 3/14/91

(For more information, call Barbara Pritchett 465-2200)

Rev. 1/23/91

Gentlemen, I heartily agree with
the following. My name is

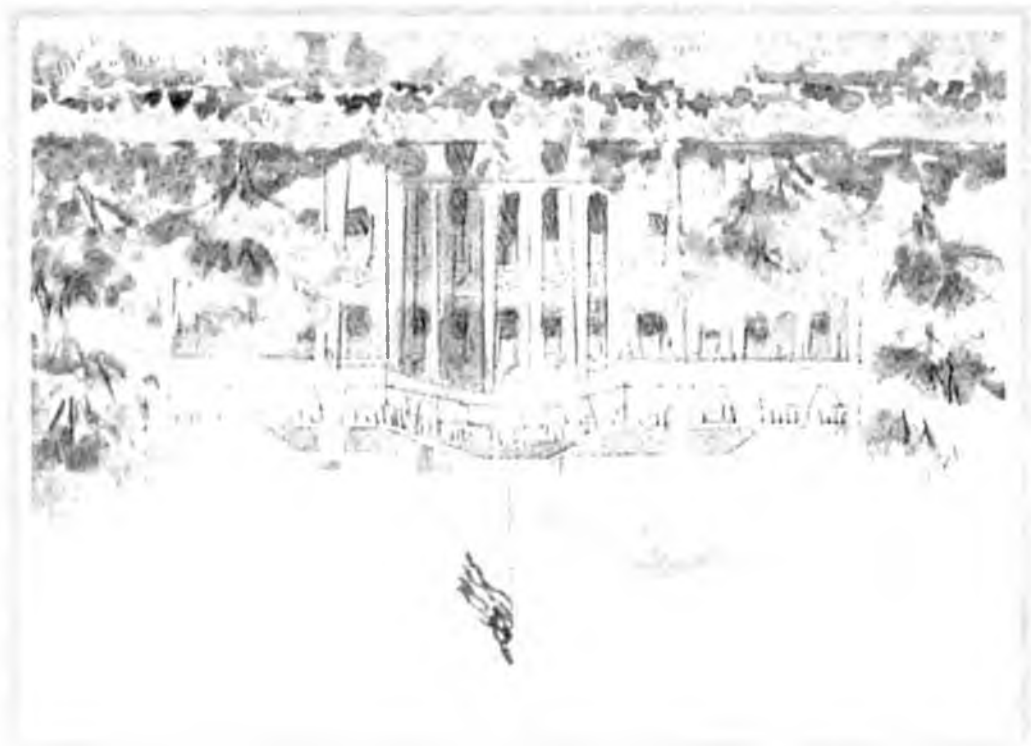
Donna E. Yarnell age 82. I have
lived in Ketchikan for 39 years and
have been a registered voter for
many years. We need the
longevity.

Rep. Gene Rubin, Chmn. 3/12/91

The purpose of this note is to urge
the State Affairs committee to move
HB 122 out, recommending passage
as soon as possible.

My name is ROBERT E. YARNELL,
age 71, resided in Ketchikan
since January 1959, and have
been an practicing registered voter
since eligibility.

Very truly yours,
Robert E. Yarnell



YARHELL
Box 5520
METTUKAN, AK. 99901

"The White House"

by Margaret Huddy

The Capitol Collection
National Republican Congressional Committee
Washington, DC
1989

MAR 13 1991

Rep Gene Kelina (Chairman)

Dear Sir -

Please support Robert Taylor
bill 122 on the Longevity Boxes Bill

Sincerely

HENRIETTA S. APPLEMAN
WRANGELL, ALASKA
99929

MAR 15 1991

March 11, 1991

State Affairs Committee,

My husband & I are both Senior Citizens & we are both in favor of House Bill 122. We ask that you move the bill out with a recommendation for passage.

We have always felt that being penalized on your longevity bonus for medical reasons has not been right. This is when a person needs help the most.

So please, do your best in having this bill passed.

Sincerely

Mr & Mrs. Dennis Barlow

P.O. Box 72

Wrangell, Ak - 99929

MAR 12 1981

Doris J. Burrow
1270 Water St.
Ketchikan, AK. 99901

Dear Committee members,

I'm three months from my 75th birthday and on a very limited income. Please consider House Bill #122. I had a heart attack last April and had heart surgery 15 days later. Then my dear husband of 53 years died on the operating table on September 21, 1990. I'm so thankful to have the Longevity Bonus and this bill should be passed. It isn't fear being old!

Thank you all.

Doris J. Burrow

P.S. I would have written each of you separately but that takes a lot of postage. Thank you all very much.

Muskegon - 1991

Attention:

APR 02 1991

Members of the State
Affairs Committee.
Rep. Gene Kubisa.
Rep. Tom Meyer.

As a recipient of the
Longevity Bonus. I too am
interested in the House
Bill 132, and hope it
will be scheduled for hearing.

I don't think it is fair
to our Senior Citizens to
have our Bonus taken away
for health reasons. Please
move the Bill 132 out
with recommendant for
passage -

Theresa Grant
Box 291

Theresa - 99929

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MAR 13 1991

March 11, 91
Ketchikan ak.

Rep. Gene Kubina
Juneau
Alaska

Dear Mr. Kubina

I am writing this letter to you to ask you to move the House Bill 127 with a recommendation for passage

We need to able to seek medical help outside the state sometime and should not lose our Tax gravity Bonus.

Thank you

Carla Mosher and
Alaska resident Floyd Mosher
for 53 yrs 1762 Street and
Ketchikan ak.

MAR 12 1991

M

P.O. Box 3102
Ketchikan A.K.
Mar 11 '91

Dear Rep. Kubina -

Please move HB 122 out, with
a recommendation for Passage. It
is a shame for people to lose their
bonus because they have to go
South to the hospital.

Cecil M. Owens

MAR 15 1991

Don Silvester

Box 967

Wrangell, Or. 97929

State Affairs Committee

Rep. Gene Kubina

March 13, 1991

Dear Chairman,

I am writing concerning the
House Bill 122 that Bob Taylor has
introduced. I urge passage of the
bill. My father & Mother in law
lost over three thousand dollars
last year in the treatment of cancer
just when they need it.

Sincerely,
Don Silvester

MAR 18 1991

Ernest Smeltzer 3/15/91

298 Sunset Dr. N.

Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

To the members of the State Affairs Committee
I support Representative Taylor's House Bill
122.

There are times, when people must travel
out of State for medical treatment, Not
provided in most of our Communities in
Alaska (Ketchikan included)

I am retired now, but when I was
Employed, a severe leg fracture, sent
me out of State for over three months.

As people get older, they are prone to
more illness, Many requiring outside
medical help. The Longevity Bonus at
these times would be greatly appreciated.

I sincerely hope you will give consid-
eration to Representative Taylor's
House Bill # 122

Thank you

Ernest Smeltzer

MAR 18 1991

To: Rep. Gene Kubina
Rep Tom Moyer
Rep Betty Bruckman
Rep. Don Choquette
Rep Max Siegenberg
Rep. Larry Baker & Mary Miller

From:
Ray & Margareth Smith
P.O. Box 815
Wrangell, AK 99929
March 15, 1991

House State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Members of the State Affairs
Committee.

Please move bill no 122
with recommendations for passage

House Bill 122 would insure elderly
would receive money when they
need it most, as most on
social security or small pensions
and you know if doctor recommend
medical treatment outside, they
usually tried all special help
& can use little help. & leave age 65.
we are 68 + 74. Thank you, Margareth Smith
Ray & Smith

March 11 - 1991

Representative Gene Kubina
Box V
Juneau, Alaska - 99811

MAR 12 1991

Dear Mr. Kubina,
It is my understanding that House
Bill 122, introduced by Representative
Robin Taylor regarding an amendment
to the qualifications for the
longevity bonus, is currently in
the House State Affairs Committee

Will you please do what you can
to move the bill out soon with
the recommendation FOR passage.
We need this!

Senior Citizens should not be
penalized by forfeiting their
longevity bonus checks if they
are absent from the State of
Alaska for medical treatment.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Betty J. Stensland
PO Box 3014
Ketchikan, Alaska
99901

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MAR 12 1991

March 9, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman

Please move House Bill 122
out and recommend that it
passed.

Seniors need help and
to be penalized because we
seek medical care is
a bunch of baloney -

Thank you in advance

E. W. Williams
7418 So. Tongass
Ketchikan
Alaska

MAR 15 1991

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

M

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: MIKE & FRANCES SALAMANCHUK
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 1733 SOUTH TONGASS HIGHWAY
CITY: KETCHIKAN ZIP: 99901
PHONE: 225-4889
BILL NO: HB 122
SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
MESSAGE: PLEASE GET HB122 OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR PASSAGE

FOMID: 08153712
DATE: 91/03/14
TIME: 15:37:12
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BRUCKMAN
CHOQUETTE
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BAKER
M.A.HILLER
C.DAVIS
TAYLOR

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBIHA

MAR 15 1991

NAME: GLEN L. HUFF

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 3062

CITY: KETCHIKAN

ZIP: 99901

PHONE: 225-8711

BILL NO: HD 122

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES

MESSAGE: PLEASE MOVE THIS BILL OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR
PASSAGE.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: WILLARD M. REESE
TITLE: LONGEVITY BONUS RECIPIENT
ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 5555
CITY: KETCHIKAN ZIP: 99901
PHONE: 225-2068
BILL NO: HB 122
SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
MESSAGE: I AM FOR REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR'S HB122 BECAUSE IF A PERSON NEEDS
MEDICAL TREATMENT (HE OR SHE) CAN STILL RECEIVE THE LONGEVITY BONUS. THE BONUS
WILL HELP PAY THE MEDICAL BILLS.

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H.A.MILLER
HOYER
H.W.MILLER
TAYLOR

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: JOHN REESE
TITLE: LONGEVITY BONUS RECIPIENT
ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 5555
CITY: KETCHIKAN ZIP: 99901
PHONE: 225-2068
BILL NO: HB 122
SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
MESSAGE: I SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR'S HB122. A PERSON WHO IS ABSENT
BECAUSE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE HIS BONUS. JUST WHEN
A PERSON NEEDS THE MONEY IT IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM.

MAR 18 1991

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HOYER
H.W.MILLER

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: KAYE BAKER
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: PO BOX 55659
 CITY: NORTH POLE
 PHONE: 488-2455
 BILL NO:
 SUBJECT: LONGEVITY BONUS
 MESSAGE: PROBLEM WAS CREATED BY THE COURT BECAUSE IT'S CONTRADICTIONARY TO THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF THE LONGEVITY PROGRAM, WHICH WAS TO REPAY IN PART THE OLDER WHO HAD ESTABLISHED THIS COUNTRY. COULD THIS RULING BE CHANGED? THANK YOU.
 EOM/CLS

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

MAR 18 1991

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: KATHERINE B. LEWIS
 TITLE: SENIOR CITIZEN, 44 YEAR RESIDENT
 ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 8754
 CITY: KETCHIKAN
 PHONE: 225-0725
 BILL NO: HB 122
 SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
 MESSAGE: I AGREE WITH ROBIN TAYLOR'S BILL RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF THE LONGEVITY BONUS BEING CONTINUED WHILE A PERSON IS SOUTH ON THE RECOMMENDATION A PHYSICIAN FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. OTHERWISE, THE NECESSITY TO BE OUT OF ALASKA WOULD CAUSE THE PERSON UNDO HARDSHIP.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: DONALD STEIN/CHIEF MEMBER
 TITLE: ALASKA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS WATCH
 ADDRESS: PO BOX 10904
 CITY: FAIRDANKS ZIP: 99710
 PHONE: 455-6208
 BILL NO: HJR 1
 SUBJECT: RIGHT TO KEEP AND DEAR ARMS
 MESSAGE: ALASKA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS WATCH SUPPORTS HJR1. THANK YOU. EOM/CLS

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

MAR 18 1991

NAME: ROBERT C. LEWIS
 TITLE: COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN, 50 YEAR RESIDENT
 ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 8754
 CITY: KETCHIKAN ZIP: 99901
 PHONE: 225-0725
 BILL NO: HB 122
 SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
 MESSAGE: TO THOSE OF US WHO MUST GO SOUTH FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, IT SEEMS COUNTER PRODUCTIVE THAT WE SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR BEING OUT OF STATE. ROBIN TAYLOR'S BILL IS A GOOD ONE, LONG OVERDUE. IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A "MUST PASS".

POHID: 00124234
 DATE: 91/03/15
 TIME: 12:42:34
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: MICHAEL DURKE
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 4003 MINNESOTA DRIVE, #36
 CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99503
 PHONE: 562-6089

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: INCREASED FUNDING FOR INFANT LEARNING
 MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT \$3.6 MILLION INCREASE FOR INFANT LEARNING PROGRAM IN THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL BUDGET. HOUSE MEMBERS--SUPPORT HB 191. ALSO, PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF HB 79. SENATE MEMBERS-- SUPPORT SB 52 AND SB 65. WE HAVE A CHANCE TO RADICALLY IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES. PLEASE ACT NOW. /BM

POMID: 03094347
 DATE: 91/03/15
 TIME: 09:43:47
 LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

MAR 18 1991

NAME: LOREN CROXTON
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: BOX 1410
 CITY: PETERSBURG ZIP: 99833
 PHONE: 772-3622

BILL NO: HD 122

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
 MESSAGE: PLEASE PASS HB122 OUT WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION. ILLNESS IS AN AFFLICTION FOR WHICH NO ONE SHOULD BE PENALIZED.

POMID: 15092422
 DATE: 91/03/15
 TIME: 09:24:22
 LIONAME: PETERSBURG LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: LEONARD HOFFITT

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P O BOX 748

CITY: PALMER

PHONE: 745-3384

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MESSAGE: SAME JUDICIAL ADVISORS AND BOARD (COMPANY STORE) IN CHARGE DIV OF AGRICULTURE THAT LOANED ABOUT \$100,000 TO SUPPOSEDLY HELP A DISCRIMINATED DAIRYWOMAN, THEN SOON DESTROYED THAT WHOLE DIARY (STATE INVESTMENTS) BECAUSE DAIRYWOMAN HADN'T OFFERED ANY FINANCIAL PLAN. NOT PRUDENT BUSINESS - SO HAS TO BE DISCRIMINATION. CITIZENS' ARBITRATION BOARDS WOULD UNBURDEN LEGISLATURE.

ZIP: 99645

POMID: 14132556

DATE: 91/03/14

TIME: 13:25:56

LIONAME: MAT-SU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: ELYSE GUTTENBERG

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 81622

CITY: FAIRBANKS

PHONE: 455-6805

BILL NO: HB 170

SUBJECT: MOVE WOMEN'S COMM. TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIVE KOPONEN'S COMMITMENT TO WOMEN'S ISSUE THROUGH HB 170. THE NEEDS OF MANY MUST NOT BE ADDRESSED SOLE THROUGH THE POLITICAL OPINIONS OF A FEW. THANK YOU.

ZIP: 99708

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POMID: 07132601

DATE: 91/03/14

TIME: 13:26:01

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: MS. MARION SPENCER
 TITLE: VOC. ED. SPECIALIST
 ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 871350
 CITY: WASILLA
 PHONE: 746-9200

ZIP: 99607

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: ED. SPECIAL PROJECTS/STUDENT LEADERSHIP

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE VOCATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SKILLS ESSENTIAL FOR PREPARING ALASKA'S YOUTH FOR SUCCESSFUL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES. STUDENTS ARE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DEVELOP AND PRACTICE THESE SKILLS IN THEIR SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND IN STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

POMID: 14132044

DATE: 91/03/14

TIME: 13:20:44

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

MAR 15 1991

NAME: ALICE THOMPSON
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 2430 FIRST AVENUE
 CITY: KETCHIKAN
 PHONE: 225-4824

ZIP: 99901

BILL NO: HB 122

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES

MESSAGE: PLEASE MOVE HB122 OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR PASSAGE. EMERGENCY TREATMENT REQUIRING ABSENCE FROM ALASKA IS NOT USUALLY OF ONE'S CHOICE, BUT RATHER BECAUSE SPECIALISTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY. MY MEDICAL ABSENCES HAVE BEEN NO VACATION. I BELIEVE THIS BILL TO BE FAIR TO US ALL.

POMID: 08133208

DATE: 91/03/14

TIME: 13:32:00

LIONAME: KETCHIKAN LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

MAR 15 1991

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: MR. WARREN MORRISON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 240054

CITY: ANCHORAGE

PHONE: 373-3127

ZIP: 99524

BILL NO: HB 64

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I WOULD URGE YOU TO PASS THE HUNTER HARASSMENT BILL. /CHR

POMID: 03151009

DATE: 91/03/14

TIME: 15:10:09

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DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: GILBERT MC LEOD

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 141 BRYANT, RM 218

CITY: KETCHIKAN

PHONE: 225-0844

ZIP: 99901

BILL NO: HD 122

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES

MESSAGE: I AM FOR THIS BILL.

POMID: 08160536

DATE: 91/03/14

TIME: 16:05:36

LIONAME: KETCHIKAN LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

MAR 19 1991

NAME: JAMES LEASK
 TITLE: LONGEVITY BONUS RECIPIENT
 ADDRESS: 127 INMAN STREET
 CITY: KETCHIKAN
 PHONE: 225-4892

ZIP: 99901

BILL NO: HB 122

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES

MESSAGE: I THINK A LONGEVITY RECIPIENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO GET THEIR BONUS CHECK IF THEY ARE SEEKING MEDICAL TREATMENT OUT OF THE STATE. I AM FOR REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR'S BILL AND ACT RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR A LONGEVITY BONUS IF THEY ARE ILL.

POMID: 00121746
 DATE: 91/03/18
 TIME: 12:17:46
 LIONAME: KETCHIKAN LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: BROTHER TOM PATHOR
 TITLE: GASOHOLIC
 ADDRESS: PO BOX 124
 CITY: CLAM GULCH
 PHONE: N/R-

ZIP: 99568

BILL NO:

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: IS POLITICS THE REASON FOR OUR CONTINUED HIGH GAS PRICES ON THE KENA PENINSULA? IN ANCHORAGE THE GAS PRICES ARE BELOW A DOLLAR A GALLON, WHILE HERE THERE IS ONE STATION AS LOW AS \$1.35. IF OUR LEGISLATORS WERE TO LOOK INTO IT, THEY COULD PROBABLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PRICES.

POMID: 13121721
 DATE: 91/03/18
 TIME: 12:17:21
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: DALE H. FULJU
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 5631
CITY: KETCHIKAN
PHONE: 225-2646
BILL NO: HB 10
SUBJECT: AK. MARINE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY CREATED
MESSAGE: I DO NOT SUPPORT HB10.

ZIP: 99901

POMID: 08134329
DATE: 91/03/14
TIME: 13:43:28
LIONAME: KETCHIKAN LIO

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GRUSSENDORF

JONES

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

MAR 15 1991

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

NAME: CONRAD R. MATHER
TITLE: LONGEVITY RECIPIENT
ADDRESS: 1067 B WOODLAND AVENUE
CITY: KETCHIKAN
PHONE: 225-2961
BILL NO: HB 122
SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUSES
MESSAGE: I SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR'S BILL AND ACT RELATING TO
QUALIFICATIONS FOR A LONGEVITY BONUS. (A) OF THIS SECTION, A RECIPIENT WHO
ADSENT FROM THE STATE BECAUSE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REC
THE BONUS. THIS BILL IS IMPORTANT TO ME. I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL.

ZIP: 99901

POMID: 08134559
DATE: 91/03/14
TIME: 13:45:59
LIONAME: KETCHIKAN LIO

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TAYLOR

JONES

MAR 12 1991

PO Box 7135
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
March 10, 1991

Dear Sir:

Please move HB 122 out of Committee, and recommend it for passage.

Yours truly

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Thompson

Arthur J. Thompson

Dear Sir: MARY 4/4/91

Please see that H.B. 122 comes out of committee with a recommendation for passage. I have a heart problem ^{causing} necessity of traveling to SEATTLE for back heat & dental problems. I have been a member of 22 years since 6/34/38 & feel that if medically necessary I should be able to continue my longevity benefits.

*Mary McDonnell
655 S. Pt. Higgins NT.G
Ketchikan, AK 99901*

I HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA FOR 69 YEARS & HAVE HAD BOTH CANCER & NEAR SIGHT IN SEATTLE, I FEEL THAT AWARD FOR THOSE NEEDING MEDICAL ATTENTION "OUTSIDE" IS ONLY FAIR!
*Sincerely,
Bill McDonnell*

MAR 20 1991

WE THE UNDERSIGNER WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THIS BILL OUT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR PASSAGE.

We also do not favor the proposed changes in the age of eligibility or a reduction in the bonus itself.

NAME	ADDRESS
Mary Ketchikan	P.O. Box 3217, Ketchikan, AK 99901
Elsie M Johnson (Sailman)	P.O. Box 3117 Ketchikan Alaska 99901
Cecilia A Cuthbertson (Sailman)	P.O. Box 3422 Ketchikan Alaska 99901
Maurin Atkinson (Sailman)	P.O. Box 2422 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Kore M. Duesch (Sailman)	Rt. 2-374 Apt 7 Ketchikan Alaska 99901
John L. Lewis (Sailman)	970 S Harbor Ketchikan AK 99901
Howey D Black " "	2708 Harbor Apt 2 Ketchikan, AK 99901 (Sailman)
Bernard J. ... (Sailman)	Box 374 Ketchikan 99901
Clyde D Frost (Sailman)	Rt 2 Box 374 Ketchikan 99901
... Thompson	Box 3025 Ketchikan AK 99901
Dorothy M ... (Sailman)	P.O. Box 3263 Ketch. AK 99901
Bernie E. Meyer (Sailman)	P.O. Box 5834 Ketchikan, AK 99901
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... (Sailman)	Box 3122 Ketchikan AK 99901

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

Introduced: 2/8/91

Referred: State Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to qualifications for a longevity bonus; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 47.45.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a recipient who is absent from the state upon the
6 advice of a physician for the purpose of receiving medical treatment and who is otherwise
7 qualified continues to qualify for bonuses during the period of absence and upon return to the
8 state. A recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when the recipient expects to
9 be absent from the state or is unexpectedly absent from the state for medical treatment and shall
10 provide the commissioner with an address to send bonuses to during the recipient's absence.

11 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1991.

Wrangell Senior Citizens Protest
 Cutting into our life line the
 Longevity Bonus.

3-7-91

Dear

Being apprehensive over the latest news,
 of the peril of the Alaskan Elderly, today under
 the new people, in power of our lives.

The new Governor, should stop playing a clown to
 his state wide audience.

He is no longer funny.

In protest I am signing my name over his latest
 chuckle.

To chop the fingers of the ailing aged.
 Naively, we thought he would help, so we would all
 be prouder, of our country, and not play games,
 which he is so busy doing.

Please vote no, on his bill to cut into our
 "security line" the longevity Bonus, of \$250.00 a mo.

Then please vote yes on House Bill 122 and let it
 move on out, with recommendation for passage.

age -			age
Robert T. Wallace	71	Margaret D. Smith	61
Marjorie Wallace	82	Ray M. Smith	7
Thomas J. Howard		James Alvin	
Marjorie DeHaven	74	Stanley Irvingston	
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Sadie Campus		Inene Ingle	73
Gene Gordon	65	Lee Byrd	60
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Bert Cooper		Joseph B. Bigelow	75
		Edward P. Churchill Sr.	68

MAR 14 1991

Mary

Rep. Gene Kubina
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Mr. Kubina:

I am in favor of House Bill No. 122 and would like to see it moved out with the recommendation that it be passed.

Hopefully it would be carefully administered so that people would not abuse it, if it should be passed.

Sincerely,

Norma Anderson

Norma Anderson
2729 Tongass #306
Ketchikan, Ak 99901

3/12/91 .

3/29/91

APR 16 1991

Dear Representative Gene Kubin,

I am writing to ask you to please move House Bill 122 out and approve its passage.

I have lived and worked in Alaska ~~for~~ for 65 years (born in Alaska also) and will be relying on the ~~long~~ longevity bonus as part of my income when I am too old or sick to work.

The doctors in Alaska cannot always cure ailments locally but must send patients south for ~~some~~ treatment. ~~The~~ Receipt of the bonus should not hinge on physical presence but on residency. ~~and~~ ~~the~~ If I must go South for medical reasons and cannot return within 30 days I will surely be needing my bonus.

Sincerely,

Henz Antonson

MAR 13 1991

P. O. Box 9623
Ketchikan, Ak.
99901

9 March 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
P. O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

REF: House Bill 122

Dear Rep. Kubina,

I respectfully request that your Committee approve HB 122 which is in your Committee and return it to the floor with recommendation for passage.

Inasmuch as I am a new cancer patient I expect much of the treatment required will be outside of Alaska.

Respectively,

Carl H Brown Sr
Carl H. Brown, Sr.

Sybil M. Brown
Sybil M. Brown

MAR 13 1991

2335 4th Ave.
Ketchikan, Alaska
March 11, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina, chairman
House State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

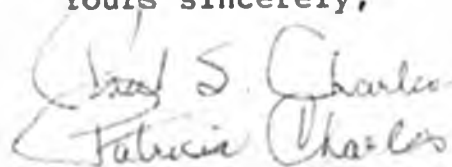
Dear Chairman Kubina, Vice Chairman Tom Moyer, and
Committee Members Betty Bruckman, Dave Choquette, Max Gruenberg,
Larry Baker, and Mary Miller.

We sincerely hope that you will give your early and fa-
vorable consideration to House Bill 122.

As members of the "longevity" generation, we know that
many seniors are very dependent on their longevity bonus in-
come. Loss of the income while the recipient is required
to be out of the state for medical care would be real hard-
ship for many.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul S. Charles". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Charles

MAR 19 1991

DAVIDSON'S

PAT & WES
RT. 2 BOX 303
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901

March 16, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
17th Legislature
P.O.Box U, Juneau Ak. 99811

Representative Kubina:

We respectfully request that action be expedited on House Bill
122, introduced by Representative Robin Taylor correcting an
inequity concerning loss of Longevity Bonus eligibility when out
of Alaska for medical treatment.

We request that this bill be moved out of committee with
recommendation for passage.

Sincerely ,

Wesley G. Davidson
Wesley G. Davidson
Patricia Davidson
Patricia Davidson

MAR 18 1991 3/9/91

Rep. Gene Kubina, Chair
STATE Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Ref: HB 122; Please share this letter with other
committee members.

Dear Chairman;

I encourage your quick review of HB 122 and to
move it out with a do pass.

The concept of the bill has great merit. Today's
medical technology is not available at every medical
unit. We should be able to seek the medical
care, especially if we have a life threatening
medical concern, where there is the best medical
personnel and equipment to deal with a moment
by moment crises.

Thank you,

C.G. FADER, Longevity Bonus Recipient
Box 5794
Ketchikan AK 99901

March 15, 1991

MAR 19 1991

House State Affairs
Representative Kusina, Chairman
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Chairman Kusina and Committee,

I wish that you would move H. B. 132 out of Committee with a recommendation for passage. Here in Wrangell we have no choice but to go out of the State when our doctors send us for medical treatment. In many cases both husband & wife have to go to care for each other before & after treatment. We also have no choice when the doctors there tell us we have to stay for more treatment.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request and please pass this bill.

Sincerely,
Paul Fennimore

Paul Fennimore

Mr & Mrs Paul Fennimore
Box 452
Wrangell, Alaska 99939

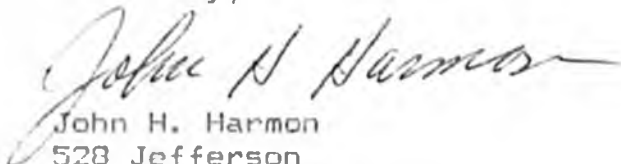
March 18, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina
P.O.Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Kubina,

I am in complete agreement with Rep. Robin Taylor in regard to Bill HB 122. So many people in Alaska have to go south for medical reasons. I can't understand why they should be penalized if they have to stay south for over 30 days when this is a time they need the longevity check more than ever! I urge you and your committee to do all you can to get this Bill passed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



John H. Harmon
528 Jefferson
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

MAR 12 1981

2949 S. Tongass Hwy.
Ketchikan, AK 99901
March 11, 1991

Representative Gene Kubina
State Affairs Committee
P. O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Kubina:

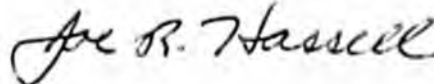
Being a 43-year resident of Alaska, and 66 years of age, I would appreciate it very much if you would help me and other people in the longevity program to get House Bill No. 122 moved out of the House State Affairs Committee, so that it can be acted upon favorably.

I believe that the current amount being paid to recipients should be continued, and that the age requirement be left at age 65. I would also like you to work towards an annuity program for future 65-year-olds, as has been suggested in the past.

Many of my friends think the same way that I do on this matter, and I would be happy to circulate a petition to be signed by those in favor, if you so desired.

Thanking you in advance, I am-

Yours truly,



Joe R. Hassell

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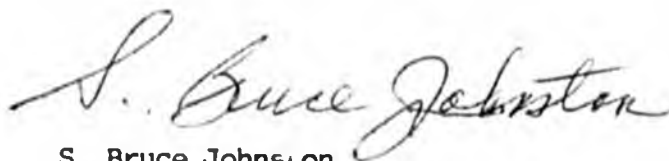
Wrangell, Alaska 99929
March 14, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina, chairman
House State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V. Juneau, AK 99811

I am concerned about the Longevity Bonus Program.

Please move House Bill 122 out with a recommendation for Passage.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Bruce Johnston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

S. Bruce Johnston
P.O. Box 315
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Testimony on HB #122

by Michael J Kirk

April 26, 1991

p 1 of 2

before:

(I) Re: Alaska Pioneer Longevity Bonus

(II) Purpose of Testimony:

(A) To hone-up the existing Law as to:

- ① Prevent abuse by some recipients
- ② To humanise the law on behalf of those recipients who observe the law,

(B) Method of achieving purpose

① Clarify intent of existing Law

② Empower competent officials

ⓐ to sanely administer the law

ⓑ by means of a sane appeals process (including by)

1. justly responding to just requests

2. justly meting out "justice" to abusers

Thank you, Michael J. Kirk

PB Box # 208446

Juneau, Alaska, 99802

OVER for addendum

Addendum to the Testimony
of Michael J Kirk
April 26, 1991
re HR 122

Addendum: A brief philosophical preamble clarifying the goals of the Pioneer Longevity Bonus Act would seem in order to clarify for administrators and recipients alike that:

(A) The Sabbath was made for mankind not mankind for the Sabbath

(B) The letter of the law (and its administrators) exist to implement the spirit of the law -- not to pervert the spirit of the law by abusing recipients of the law under the guise of the law.

(C) ^{PS} It may be to let a for this witness to receive his benefit -- but may be I will be helping others who are less assertive and/or less street wise."

MAR 15 1991

From:

Howard V. Long
Juanita A. Long
P.O. Box 843
Wrangell, AK 99929

March 12, 1991

To: State Affairs Committee

Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman

Reps. Tom Moyer, Betty Bruckman, Dave Choquette, Max Gruenberg
Larry Baker, and Mary Miller

We are contacting you as members of the State Affairs
Committee about House Bill 122.

As recipients of the Longevity Bonus we know that for many of
us it means the difference between living on our own or
requiring State aid.

If we require medical treatment out of state that exceeds
thirty (30) days, the loss of our Longevity Bonus in addition
to medical and transportation costs would be a crippling
blow.

We ask that you move House Bill 122 out of your committee
with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Howard Long
Juanita A. Long

MAR 14 1991

130 Bryant St. #108
Ketchikan, AK 99901
March 13, 1991

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Att: Gene Kubina and Tom Moyer
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairmen:

I have just received a letter from Rep. Robin Taylor describing the present status of the bill to protect the Longevity Bonus Program.

I have been out of town for over a week, but I was pleased to know that a bill to correct a major inequity in the Longevity Bonus Program has already been introduced in this year's Legislature and that it has been sent to three committees.

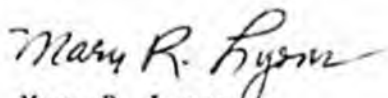
I hope I am not too late to urge you to move the bill out of committee with a recommendation for passage. I am sure you can understand what a misfortune it is for a senior citizen to lose his/her longevity bonus because they had to leave the state for medical reasons.

I work in the hospital here, and I know how frequently patients have to be transported to Seattle for an indeterminate length of time. And also what an additional crisis it is for the family of the patient at the possible or real loss of this income each month.

Likewise the delay and the paperwork required to reinstate the patient afterwards is just an additional source of anxiety and burden

Therefore, I hope you give consideration to the needs of the elderly in time of serious illness and recommend an immediate passage of this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mary R. Lyons

MAR 13 1991

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3940 Alaska Avenue, Apt. #1
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
March 12, 1991

State Affairs Committee
Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman
Rep. Tom Mover, Vice Chairman
Reps. Betty Bruckman, Dave Choquette,
Max Gruenberg, Larry Baker,
Mary Miller

As recipients of the Longevity Bonus, we are respectfully asking you to support House Bill 122, move the bill out and recommend it FOR passage.

When our doctors recommend our travelling out of state for medical care it is sometimes beyond our control to return in thirty days and we are still in need of the \$250.

Your attention will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arnold F. Ludwigen
Arnold F. Ludwigen

Thelma N. Ludwigen
Thelma N. Ludwigen

MAR 14 1991

Norman MacDonald

11 March 1991

332 Madison - Lower Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

State Affairs, Committee
Rep. Gene Kubera, Chairman and members
Box V
Juneau AK 99811

Being on a limited income of Social Security and Longevity Bonus we urge you to move out House Bill 122 with a recommendation of DO PASS.

To travel to Anchorage for medical treatment would be financially impossible. It is less expensive to fly to Seattle plus many of us have family or friends to stay with.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, we are

Norma K MacDonald

MAR 20 1991

Ketchikan, Alaska
Mar. 18, 1991

Representative Gene Kubina
Chairman: State Affairs Comm.
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Kubina;

I am writing you in regard to
the passage of Bill 122, that
would allow people who are receiving
longevity bonus not to be penalized
if they are out of state because
of serious medical reason -
having been sent out because
they were unable to receive
that treatment here in the state
of Alaska -

This happened to us two years
ago. My husband had to have radiation
treatments - 3 1/2 months - resulting
in 34 treatments. He passed
away a week after those treatments
were completed. The cheapest
rent near the Virginia Mason Hosp.
was \$650.⁰⁰ per month. If anyone
needed that money - it was us -
then - and it was taken away

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March 13, 1991

Dear Rep. Gene Kubina -

Please move House Bill no. 122
out with a recommendation for passage.

yours truly -

Margaret M'Dermott
626 Anderson Dr.
Ketchikan, AK
99901

P.O. Box 5416
Ketchikan, AK 99901

March 20, 1991

Honorable
Representative Gene Kubina
Chairman, State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811 Re: Robin-Taylor Bill #122

Dear Representative Kubina:

My husband and I being senior citizens and gratefully receiving the Longevity Bonus support and urge the passage of House Bill 122. We are thankful we have not been in a position requiring medical absence in which we would lose the financial assistance the Longevity Bonus contributes to our livelihood each month; however, should circumstances result in medical treatment and absence from the State over 30 days we would hope HB 122 would have corrected the adversities which would result should this bill not pass.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Robert E. and Edith H. Nelson

MAR 13 1991

March 12, 1991

2843 Longass #3

Ketchikan, Ak. 99901

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Representative Gene Keebus
State Affairs Committee

P.O. Box V

Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Representative Keebus:

We urge you to recommend passage of House
Bill 122.

There are some medical problems which cannot
be corrected in the state and it is at this
time that the Longevity Bonus is most needed.

Sincerely,

Wendell & Marjorie Petcher

Rep. LENE KUBRINA (CHAIRMAN)

1 Tom Meyer (VICE CHAIRMAN)

Dear Sirs,

We thank you & Robin Taylor for this
advancement in this very controversial subject.

We are hesitant to do or don't - things secrets
go along, & if anything a bit tighter most
of the time - However you people seem to moving
in the right direction.

Thanks. For this opportunity to say (Go For it)

Sincerely, Ethan D. Peltier Sr.
& Wife Joyce Peltier (Sino)

Box 525

Winnipeg Alaska 99829.

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

Introduced: 2/8/91

Referred: State Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to qualifications for a longevity bonus; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * Section 1. AS 47.45.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a recipient who is absent from the state upon the
6 advice of a physician for the purpose of receiving medical treatment and who is otherwise
7 qualified continues to qualify for bonuses during the period of absence and upon return to the
8 state. A recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when the recipient expects to
9 be absent from the state or is unexpectedly absent from the state for medical treatment and shall
10 provide the commissioner with an address to send bonuses to during the recipient's absence.

11 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1991.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs Committee
 committee on Longevity Bonus, dated April 1, 1991
 bill/subject

Mr. Chairman -

I believe the longevity bonus payments should be discontinued, immediately.

If existing safety nets for persons over 65 years of age are inadequate to provide shelter, food and essential medical care for a number of people, then surely old age assistance, etc. could be beefed up in those cases.

I particularly resent references to seniors as having "earned" a bonus, because of "building Alaska". Whatever our reasons for coming and staying, we were neither improvident nor shiftless, and we certainly did not expect this or any other generation to "pay" us for having been fortunate enough to come here. It is most offensive to hear such "justifications" being advanced for the paying of the longevity bonus.

I am 66 years old and I receive the bonus; I pass it on in charitable contributions. I came to Alaska in 1948 and I have enjoyed living and working here, except for moments such as this when I see it as my duty to speak up.

Thank you extending ^{me} the courtesy of comment.

Signed:

Roxolana E. Pomeroy

Testifier Roxolana E. Pomeroy
myself

Representing (Optional)

2824 Kimberlie Court, Anchorage, AK 99508

Address

561-0651

Phone No.

MAR 15 1991

Phyllis C. Ramiskey
524 Buren Rd
Ketchikan, Ak 99901
March 13, 1991

Members of the State Affairs Committee;

I would like to ask you to move

House Bill 122 out with a recommend-
ation for passage. I approve of what
Representative Robin Taylor is trying to do
in regards to helping longevity bonus
recipients who need to be out of state for
medical reasons. It's bad enough having
to be away from home when one is ill
much less having to worry about the possibil-
ity of losing part of ones income. All of our
towns in Alaska can't support the specialists
one sometimes needs, so we have no choice but
to go south. The majority of us who live in
Southeast Alaska have either friends or family
with whom one can stay in the southern 48
which helps to defray some of the expense. Thank
you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Phyllis C. Ramiskey

APR 0 2 1991

James W. & Lola M. Sande
910 Jackson St.
Ketchikan, Ak 99901

March 26, 1991

Hon. Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Kubina,

We are Longevity Bonus Recipients and we

request that you move House Bill #122 out of committee

with a recommendation for passage.

Yours truly,

James W. Sande
James W. Sande
Lola M. Sande
Lola M. Sande

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March 15, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina, chairman
State Affairs Committee
House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Rep. Kubina:

As twenty-five year residents
of Petersburg we request that you
move House Bill 122 out with a
recommendation for passage.

My request is very personal
because my wife has MS (multiple
sclerosis), and extended care out-
side of the State could be a possi-
bility sometime in the future.

Your consideration will be
appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

D. W. Schultz
D. W. Schultz
Box 715
Petersburg, Ak.

APR 10 1991

KATHRYN L & LIBERO STELLA
1345 JUDSON ST.
LONGMONT, CO. 80501

Longmont, CO.
April 4, 1991

Dear State Affairs Committee Member:

I am writing to encourage you to move HBL22 out of committee with a recommendation for passage!

My husband and I have lived in Wrangell for over 39 years. We started drawing Longevity Bonus back when you had to be 65 and live in Alaska at least 25 years. When we came to Colorado because I had a very bad cornea infection in 1983, I had already made two trips by plane to Juneau to see an ophthalmologist. We decided to come here where we could stay at my sister's, as the Juneau doctor said I might want to consider a transplant. We were here five months (we were allowed six months out of state at that time). Other than losing \$2500 and having very poor vision in one eye, it wasn't such a big deal. But, because of my eye, we have had to come here many times to be treated: Oct. '83 to Feb. '84----5 months

1985-----2 months

Sept. to Nov. 1986-----2 months

Jan/ '87 to May '88-----17 months (Had cornea transplant June '87,
bad infections , swelling and inflammation)

Oct. '88 to June '89-----8 months

Feb. '90 to July '90-----4½ months (Had second cornea transplant.

Did fine for nine months, then had infection.)

Jan. '91 to who knows?---The specialists here who refer to me as an unusual complex case, are now considering a third transplant.

That adds up to 41½ months (counting the three this time, so far) at a loss of \$,750 in bonus money. Worse yet, after the 17 month stretch, we were don. it, as the law had been changed and medical treatments that could have

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March 12, 1991

Joe & Alice Stanker
1712 1st Ave.
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Dear House State Affairs Committee:

We are having someone else write this letter for us. We are both living at home. Our ages are 91 and 87. We want to stay at home. A few years ago we had to be out of town for over 90 days because of medical reasons. We had the cost of our medical expenses and living expenses while we were out of town. We also had to maintain our home in Ketchikan. It did not matter that we were out of the state because of a medical illness, we lost our longevity for the entire year. We have needed our Longevity Bonus to meet our expenses and this loss was a hardship for us.

Please pass House Bill No. 122 and correct this hardship for us as well as many others in our age group.

Sincerely,

Alice Stanker
Joe Stanker

MAR 14 1991

REPRESENTATIVE GENE KUBINA
DOUCH V.
JUNEAU ALASKA 99811

DEAR SIR:

MARCH 12, 1991

My HAVING ESTABLISHED CONTINUOUS ALASKA
RESIDENCY OF MANY YEARS DURING THE TERRITORY
ERA, PRIOR TO STATEHOOD AND TO THE PRESENT TIME
I HAVE WITNESSED THE NEED AND APPRECIATION OF
THE LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM FOR ALASKA PIONEERS
AND MOST CERTAINLY HOUSE BILL # 122 IS VERY
IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE PART OF THE PROGRAM.

THANKS FOR YOUR INITIATING, SUPPORTING
AND MAINTAINING PROGRAMS FOR RETIRED
PIONEER ALASKA RESIDENTS.

SINCERELY

ROBERT STANKER

14416 N. TONGASS HWY

KETCHIKAN ALASKA 99901

PHONE (907) 247-2327

NOTE ATTACHED COPY
OF HOUSE BILL # 122.

Copies to:

Gov. WALTER HICKEE

REP. ROBIN TAYLOR

REP. GENE KUBINA

REP. TOM MOYER

REP. BETTY BRUGHMAN

REP. DAVE CHOQUETTE

REP. MAX GRUENBERG

REP. LARRY BAKER

REP. MARY MILLER

been done anywhere in Alaska and ~~was~~ done elsewhere was no excuse to be out of state. So, we were to pretend to be newcomers to Alaska and put in our 12 month waiting period. We have owned our home there for 38 years and owned our bakery there for 26 years. We appealed, but were still denied.

In the middle of our waiting period, I had to come back here again. In fact, that happened twice, causing us to lose another 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ months---another \$6000! Last year while we were here, I called Juneau and was told the law had been changed back, so we did start drawing after being in the state for a month.

We are fortunate that we have been able to pay our transportation and pay our own way here at my sister's. We certainly could not have managed in Juneau or Anchorage. I don't see how people on very low social security payments could do it.

I know I've been too long-winded, but I do want you to know that changes do need to be made. Please recommend this bill be passed as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Kathryn Stella
Liberio & Kathryn Stella *Liberio Stella*

REP. GENE KUBINA
POUCH V
JUNEAU ALASKA
99811.

MARCH 20 1991

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ROBIN TAYLOR'S BILL 122
REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO THE
LONGEVITY BONUS.

I HOPE YOU WILL MOVE THIS BILL
AND RECOMMEND IT BE PASSED.

I ALSO FEEL THAT SENIOR CITIZENS
SHOULD NOT LOSE THEIR BONUS
CHECKS IF THEY ARE OUT OF
THE STATE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.
I BELIEVE THAT ANY ONE SHOULD
HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO TO THE DOCTOR
OF THEIR CHOICE
WHERE EVER THAT
MIGHT BE

SINCERELY

Lloyd Stensland

Box 3014

KETCHIKAN ALASKA

99906

MAR 15 1991

Petersburg, Alaska

March 12, 1991

State of Alaska
Representative Gene Kubina, chairman
House State Affairs Committee
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Kubina:

Please honor this request to move House Bill 122 out of committee and recommend it for passage.

HB122 is important to Alaska's senior citizens. When we are ill and need medical attention, we, in the small towns and rural areas, are invariably sent outside for treatment. Thirty days is not often sufficient time and even 90 days is too short in many cases. These are the times we NEED extra financial help - not to be cut off.

I reiterate. Please recommend HB 122 for passage during the 1991 legislative session.

Thank you,

Evangeline J. Tate
Uman S. Tate
Meredith C. Eide

MAR 13 1991

3-12-91

Dear Sir:

Please move bill HB122 out with
the recommendation for passage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Theresa Thompson

Theresa Thompson
Box 3025
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Rep. Paul DUBOIS (Calif)
Rep. Tom MOYER (I. Carin.)

Dear Sirs

THANK you ~~much~~ For this (Bill No. 122.)
It will help me QHD, AS THE Seattle DRs ARE
concerned about H.P. Patients, & winter & snow
to longevity, which used to work out O.K. - But
this part too has. no effect on ~~or~~ one
outside travel & delays, which ~~costs~~ you over.
So Dep. SI THANK you again.

Alfred West

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HOUSE BILL NO. 122
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

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GRAND IGLOO
PIONEERS OF ALASKA

MAR 20 1991

ORGANIZED AUGUST 4, 1908



OFFICE OF GRAND PAST PRESIDENT

March, 17, 91

Petersburg Alaska

To

Members STATE Affairs Committee

Rep. Gene Rubina, Chairman

Rep. Tom Moyer, Vice Chair

Rep. Betty Bruckman.

Rep. Dave Choquette.

Rep. Max Gruenberg

Rep. Larry Baker

Rep. Mary Miller

Regarding H.B. # 122

On behalf of All Seniors
& Pioneers receiving the Bonus.

I would like to ASK, that
you move this Bill out of Comm.
with recommendation for passage
as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

Orval S. Warwick.

Past Grand President
Pioneers of Alaska

March 19, 1991

Rep. Gene Kubina
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Member of the State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in favor of bill HB 122. I understand that it is currently in the House State Affairs Committee, but has not been scheduled for a hearing. I hope that you move the bill out with a recommendation for passage.

I am a Widow and have lived in Alaska most of my life and now currently receive Longevity Bonus which I count on receiving each month.

Last year I was out of the State for major surgery and was gone for 5 days over my allotted time, I had to forfeit my check just when I needed it the most since I had no Health Insurance. Had I been gone 90 days I would have lost it for the year.

Thank you for your efforts in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Betty Wigg

Betty Wigg
P.O. Box 706
Wrangell, Alaska 99929