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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: February 27, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3-18-91

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HCR 11

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

ALASKA WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

Establishing the Alaska Women's Task Force.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____ 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) _____

zero fiscal note Leg. Affairs Agency

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Gene Kubina</i>					
<i>W. Sprunt</i>					
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<i>E. Bruckman</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Gene Kubina</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Gene Kubina
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

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

NCR 11
HB 170

March 1, 1991

The Honorable Walter Hickel
P.O. Box A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Hickel:

The Alaska Women's Commission has a number of projects that they are presently working on for FY'91. We are asking that you strongly consider retaining Ruth Lister through the completion of the following projects:

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for rural women: In final draft stage, printing in
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Governor Hickel, as you can see, the above projects are very
important to the families of this state; and we are sure that you
would not want them dropped or lost in the shuffle during
transition.

Hence, our request for retention of Ruth Lister to assist in the
transition process and assure that these projects reach fruition.

We would appreciate being advised of your decision, with regard
to this request, and informed of your plans for this Commission.

Sincerely,

Betty Davis

~~Alfred Kozan~~
Cedric Sturgis
Jay Brown
Mike Thomas
~~James ...~~
Betty Breckman
Joe Deacon
Frank ...
Dart ...
Richard ...
Susan M. Kubana
Lynn Huffman

John Ellis
Frank Ulmer
Bill ...
Tom Meyer
Muel ...
John ...
Sam ...
Jay ...
Frank ...
John ...

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Chiff Davidson
Betty Johnson-Kanopy
Chris L. Davis
Keith Beckley
Ben Davidson
Don M...
George...
Bill Hudson
Jim Durca

David Donley

CC: D. Max Hodel, Chief of Staff
Don Tanner, Boards & Commissions
Bruce Kendall, Legislative Liaison

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Noreen Blair	AAUW 789-3567(w)	maybe
Susan Smalley	United Methodist Women 283-7469 105 Linwood Lane Kenai, AK 99611	
Carol Sturgelewski	Commission Member (new) 581-2419 P.O. Box 271 Unalaska, AK 99685	
Dorothy Jones	1st Commission Sociologist 277-0201-W 694-2055-H 20130	no
Heather Flynn	Assembly person 272-5392	out of town
Mya Oxley	Exec. Dir. Childcare connect. 278-2273	no
Nicole Fagan	Pres. Women's Lawyers 276-1969	maybe
Jeff Richardson	writer and advocate 248-6295	
Evelyn Tucker	Information officer past Commission 274-0588	yes
Eileen Self	AFDC & Welfare issues 561-5373 522-1740	yes
Jan Foster	346-1154 Ask Ann for issue	yes
Michael Shephard	Self/Perserverence Theatre 364-	
Joan Schenider	Coalition of Labor Union P.O. Box 1587 Kenai, AK 99611	letter
Tay Thomas	346-3468	
Karen Headland	272-6139	

Contacts for Women's Task Force

	Representing	Testify
Linda Freed	Commission Member 486-5314 - H 486-5736 - W	yes
Meg Gaydosik	Commission Member 452-2468	yes
Marsha McKenzie	CDV & AAUW 465-4356	yes
Eleanor Davenport	BPW 465-2901	
Lucy Hudson	BPW 586-7400	pon
Emma Witmark	Tlingit/Haida 586-1432	
Lupita Bothello		
Dixy Weiss	League of Women Voters	
Kathleen Harrington	Commission Member 562-5893	yes
Theda Pittman	Women's Political Caucus 276-0528	yes
Larry Schaefer	Commission Member 829-2258	send letter
Merrit Helferich	Commission Member 474-7790	yes
Ann Sponholtz	Majority Office 561-7621	assisting with #'s
Ruth Lister	563-6757 Or 455-6886	
Betty Carlson	AARP 243-2976	yes
Lucille Santos	Commission Member DOE	yes
Nancy Berg	BPW or Rotary 800-327-2571	yes



Alaska State Legislature

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS
committee name

committee on HCZ 11 , dated 3/13/91
bill/subject

I APPOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO TESTIFY ON THIS
IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION IN PERSON. UNFORTUNATELY,
I HAVE JUST COME DOWN WITH A FLU AND I HAVE JUST
HAD A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE
ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION AND FEEL THAT HCZ 11 IS
ONE WAY TO SALVAGE THE IMPORTANT MISSION AND FUNCTIONS
OF THE COMMISSION. AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
MY COMMITMENT TO THE WORK THE COMMISSION WOULD DO
HAD NOT END WITH MY "DISMISSAL". I BELIEVE THAT THE
GOVERNOR'S READY HAND HAS DELIMITED THE USEFULNESS AND
PRODUCTIVITY OF THE COMMISSION. YOU ONLY HAVE TO REALIZE
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS STOPPED ALL THE WORK OF THE
FORMER COMMISSION AND FIRED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO

UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNOR MILNER
DOES NOT WANT THE
COMMISSION TO FUNCTION

Signed: [Signature]

Testifier

SELF

Representing (Optional)

S.R. 3295 WOODY WAY, KODIAK, AK 99615

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO: HCR 11

Revision Date: _____
Title: Establishing the Alaska Women's
Task Force: _____
Sponsor: Representative Koponen
Requestor: House State Affairs

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council
Component: Council & Subcommittees

COMPONENT SERIAL NO: 783

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	115.3	57.7	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	14.7	7.4	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	28.0	14.0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	1.0	.5	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	5.0	2.5	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	164.0	82.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	164.0	82.1	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	164.0	82.1	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The following is requested to adequately support the Alaska Women's Task Force:

Prepared By: Pamela A. Sloops, Director
Division: Administrative Services

Pamela A. Sloops

Phone: 465-3850
Date: 3/14/91

Approved By: Warren W. Endicott, Executive Director
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

Warren W. Endicott

Date: 3/14/91

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

PERSONAL SERVICES

1. Staff is requested as follows to assist the Alaska Women's Task Force.

Secretary - Range 15A	
\$2,745 x 12 months =	\$32,940
\$32,940 x 42% benefits =	<u>\$13,987</u>
	\$46,927

Administrative Officer - Range 21A	
\$4,155 x 12 months =	\$49,860
\$49,860 x 37% benefits =	<u>\$18,567</u>
	\$68,427

115.3

TRAVEL

It is anticipated there will be 2 meetings of the 10 member Alaska Women's Task Force.

2 meetings x 10 members = 20 airfares	
20 airfares x \$436 = \$8,720	
2 days per diem x 20 = 40	
40 days x \$100 = 4,000	

12.7

Staff Travel - \$2,000

2.0

CONTRACTUAL

Advertising - advertising of public notice of meetings; Office Space and Professional Services - \$28,000.

28.0

SUPPLIES

Miscellaneous office supplies - \$1,000.

1.0

EQUIPMENT

Miscellaneous office and computer equipment - \$5,000.

5.0

Hickel fires executive chief of Women's Commission

By MATT KOHLMAN
Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU—The state Women's Commission continued its ride on a political roller coaster Monday as Gov. Walter J. Hickel fired its executive director, and the newly appointed chairwoman resigned.

Ruth Lister said she was replaced as executive director by Glenda Ralls of Anchorage, a homemaker who worked on Hickel's election campaign.

The governor last week fired and replaced all but one of the 21 members of the Women's Commission and the Commission on Children and Youth.

Hickel spokesman Harry Gamble said he was unable to confirm Ralls appointment. He said he had no background information on Ralls, including her resume.

Lister, who headed the commission for more than two years, said the move was a political decision. She said she had hoped to remain until year's end to finish several projects.

Meanwhile, Brenda Itta-Lee of

Barrow said she submitted her resignation as chairwoman of the new Women's Commission. She said she does not want to be part of a commission that might be disbanded soon.

Gamble denied rumors that the administration had decided to merge the women's and children's commissions into a "family commission."

"That would take legislation," he said. "That's a possibility, but at this point no plans have been put in motion to do that."

The idea that Hickel might merge the commissions was enough to discourage Itta-Lee.

"I'm not criticizing the governor for what he's doing," she said. "It's just that I'd like to put forth my energies to something that would be permanent in nature rather than just for four months."

Itta-Lee said she agrees with Hickel that the commission should strengthen its focus on the family. She said she might consider another board appointment on a long-term basis.

Gamble called Itta-Lee's resignation unfortunate. Itta-Lee is a special assistant to the superintendent of the North Slope Borough School District.

Don Tanner, Hickel's director of

boards and commissions, would not release Itta-Lee's resignation letter because he wanted to talk to her first, Gamble said. The letter became a public record when she submitted it.

The administration has only supplied eight resumes for the 21 people appointed to the two commissions.

Gamble said applicants are required to submit resumes only for positions that need legislative confirmation.

Hickel's dealings with the two commissions have some legislators worried, especially with the way many of the state boards and commissions have been overhauled.

"It begins to look like Mayor Daly's making appointments the way desks are cleaned out," said Rep. Niilo Koponen, D-Fairbanks. "It's beginning to look more like a political spoils system than an attempt at getting the best people."

Koponen has sponsored a resolution that would create an Alaska Women's Task Force that apparently would take the place of the fired commission.

He also is one of 29 lawmakers who had signed a petition by late Monday, asking Hickel to retain Lister through the completion of projects she has been working on.




LISTER



Carol Benjamin

minister of women
Abbott Loop Christian Center
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October 15, 1990



ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

ATTENTION: Ruth Lister

Dear Ms. Lister:

Saturday it was my pleasure to be an attendee at the WOMEN AT THE CROSSROADS Seminar at International Inn. Congratulations on a very outstanding job and service to the women of our community.

I don't know how you got my name and address to be invited but I am very grateful that you did; please put me on your permanent mailing list.

The choice of speakers for the entire day was excellent; the price was unbelievably low for the quality of food and content that we received...your punctuality in the time-table of the day was perhaps unprecedented in the field of women's meetings!

All that to say...you did a great job and have my personal thanks for ALL OF THE ABOVE.

Very sincerely,



CAROL BENJAMIN
ABBOTT LOOP CHRISTIAN CENTER

Carol Benjamin
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February 20, 1991

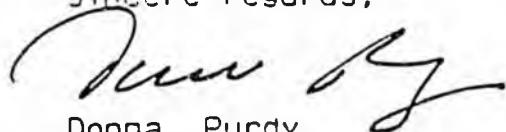
Ms. Ruth Lister
Alaska Women's Commission
3601 C Street #742
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Ruth:

On behalf of our Foundation, thank you so very much for being one of our Key Note Speaker Welcoming Reception community sponsors January 11th at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. Your involvement and those you made outreach to also be involved was greatly appreciated.

We estimate that 150 persons attended this event alone. Approximately 3500 persons in total attended the four days of our MLK Citywide Celebration. We look forward to your continued participation in our upcoming years events and in helping us actualize Dr. King's dream here in Anchorage.

Sincere regards,



Donna Purdy
1991 Coordinator



STATE OF ALASKA - OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
OFFICE OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Anchorage EEO Field Office, 3601 C Street, Suite 380, Anchorage, Alaska 99508, (907) 563-0679

WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR

February 25, 1991

Ms. Rebecca Napoleon, Commissioner
Alaska Women's Commission
3601 C Street, Suite 742
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Ms. Napoleon:

We want to extend our warm felt thanks for assisting us in the production of the Elizabeth Peratrovich Commemoration.

This undertaking was made possible because of your commitment and technical expertise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. F. Gutierrez".

Gilbert F. Gutierrez
Program Coordinator

Oct. 25 '90

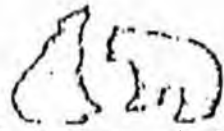
Dear Ruth Lester,

Just wanted to say "thanks"
for providing the atmosphere to
"learn how to survive."

Attended the Crossroads
Conference for older women. Now I
have started the notebook for the
financial management of the future.
This is recommended by the Premier
Financial Management.

The sessions, food, discussions
were most helpful.

Sincerely,
Carol Carey



Names sent
11-2-90

Older Alaskans Commission

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

To: Ruth Lister c/o gov's office
Alaska Womens Commission
FAX 561 4356

From: Ann Turner Olson
Older Alaskans Commission

Hi Ruth - I thought Saturday
went outstandingly well!
Good job!
I'd get a copy of the list
of participants + addresses -
I want to send announcement
of the older worker public hearing
on 11/28 - Thanks
Ann

JEWELL
535 Macenta Lane
Diamond Bar, CA



Sent with a
\$30 check - Nice lady - -

Alaska Women's Commission
3601 C Street, Suite #742
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Attler: Billie Harvey

Dear Billie Harvey,

I want to thank you so much
for sending two copies of the poster
"Honor in Alaska History". My great
Aunt Nell Scott was thrilled with the copy
we framed for her 90th Birthday. We also
enjoyed reading the copies of articles you
sent with them. I hope the enclosed
check will go towards furthering your
efforts to preserve the history of your
great state. Thank you,
Lorraine Jewell

STATE OF ALASKA

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

August 22, 1990

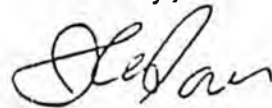
Ruth Lister, Executive Director
The Alaska Women's Commission
3001 C St., Suite 742
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Ruth:

I wanted to let you know how valuable your publication "Its About Time: Welfare Recipients Talk About Welfare Reform" has been to us as we plan for the new JOBS program. One of our goals is to develop a holistic, client-centered program and the insights in your report, along with our own client advisory group's comments, have become a guiding force. Thank you so much for sponsoring this project and for distributing the results so widely. I look forward to continued input from clients in the forums you will be organizing and I appreciate the opportunity to participate.

Keep the communications coming!

Sincerely,



Irene E. Downs
JOBS Project Manager

IED/mm

**Alaska State Legislature
Representative Niilo Koponen**

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POSITION PAPER

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11
"Establishing the Alaska Women's Task Force"**

The Alaska Women's Commission was formed to conduct studies and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the roles and status of Alaskan women. The Commission has fulfilled its mandate efficiently and effectively, concentrating on legislation, employment, civil and legal rights, and issues relating to the family. Contrary to popular perception, so-called "women's issues" are of critical concern to all Alaskans' issues such as day care, health care, equal treatment and opportunity, and personal freedom.

The Alaska Women's Commission has been the preeminent voice advocating attention to these vital concerns in Alaska. Now, the Hickel administration is working overtime to silence that voice.

In order to preserve the function of the Commission and to maintain an important link between Alaskan women and state lawmakers, I have proposed the creation of the "Alaska Women's Task Force," under the aegis of the Legislature. This Task Force would continue the work of the Commission, protected from the politically hazardous climate of the Governor's Office.



STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503

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ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

I. IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN:

The Alaska Dept. of Labor's recent research shows that women's average wages are only 62% of men's. Not only are women concentrated in lower paying occupations, but women still earn 15% less than men in the same occupations. Women make up 46% of Alaska's labor force. Training and employment opportunities are needed so that women may achieve and maintain a decent standard of living for themselves and their families, and so that societal goals of equality and justice are met.

1. Work and Families:

- ✓ Advocate for job-protected leave for employees for the birth or adoption of a child, care for sick family members or their own illness.
- ✓ Promote job sharing, flexible work schedules and benefits for part-time employees.
- ✓ Support federal tax credits and changes in social security to benefit parents who are not employed outside the home.

2. Non-traditional Jobs:

- ✓ Advocate for improved training and access to non-traditional jobs for women.

3. Education:

- ✓ Work to eliminate discrimination in teaching practices and curriculum materials on the basis of gender and race.
- ✓ Advocate for programs for at-risk youth and parenting teens.
- ✓ Increase access to post-secondary education by low-income women and displaced homemakers.

4. Child Care:

- ✓ Promote affordable, accessible, quality child-care and adequate compensation for childcare providers, including health benefits.

5. Women in Business:

- ✓ Develop programs which assist women entrepreneurs and low-income women through training, access to capital and marketing support.
- ✓ Cosponsor women in business conference

6. Child Support:

- ✓ Advocate for fair enforcement of child support orders.
- ✓ Complete research on child support.

7. Pay Equity and Affirmative Action:

- ✓ Support legislation on comparable worth.
- ✓ Promote pay equity and affirmative action in the public and private sector.

II. IMPROVE LEGAL STATUS AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF WOMEN:

Lack of adequate health care, high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault, substance abuse, and high divorce rates are all survival issues for women in Alaska. For many, the barriers these problems create seriously affect all aspects of their lives.

1. Pregnant and Parenting Teens:

- ✓ Distribute Commission report.
- ✓ Advocate for prevention programs and parenting support for teens, including transitional living.

2. Health and Safety:

- ✓ Advocate for prenatal and healthy baby services to 185% of poverty.
- ✓ Support increased funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
- ✓ Promote comprehensive health curriculum in schools.
- ✓ Advocate for universal health insurance.
- ✓ Support increased funding to address health problems in rural areas.

3. Substance Abuse:

- ✓ Promote culturally sensitive treatment models for women that include and address domestic violence and sexual assault issues.
- ✓ Continue to address and advocate for comprehensive services to prevent FAS and FADE.

4. Support for AFDC Recipients:

- ✓ Address systemic change to protect recipients rights and to help recipients achieve self-sufficiency.
- ✓ Support adequate funding for JOBS, making it available to all volunteers.
- ✓ Hold meetings to provide information and support for AFDC recipients.

5. Legal Protections for Women:

- ✓ Revise and distribute *Women's Legal Rights Handbook*.
- ✓ Work with the legal community and legislature to address problems stated by women in the areas of divorce, custody, visitation, insurance, domestic violence and sexual assault.
- ✓ Support increased funding for Alaska Legal Services.

6. Older Women:

- ✓ Cosponsor conference for mid-life and older women, addressing health and economic issues, including financial management and access to employment training.

7. Minority Women:

- ✓ Coordinate conference for minority women, addressing employment, education, leadership, family and cultural issues.

8. Incarcerated Women:

- ✓ Work with Dept. of Corrections to address needs of women for rehabilitative services and contact with children.

III. INCREASE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND ABILITIES OF WOMEN:

Women are, in many ways, the "glue" that holds families and communities together. Through their personal changes and choices, through speaking out in their community and through their work in the public sphere, women are leaders in change.

1. Women's Hall of Fame:

- ✓ Promote visible role models of women in leadership through selection and induction of women into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame.

2. Rural Women:

- ✓ Sponsor Leadership in Sobriety Conference for rural women.
- ✓ Promote and support subregional conferences.

3. Assist Women on AFDC to Advocate for Themselves:

- ✓ Produce and distribute booklet.
- ✓ Coordinate mentoring program.

4. Assist Women to Develop Political Skills:

- ✓ Produce and distribute booklet on advocating for children in the school system.
- ✓ Sponsor workshops and groups that support women's thinking and promote leadership.
- ✓ Provide information so that women can advocate for their needs with agencies and the legislature.

TELECOPY COVER SHEET

HER 11

Ketchikan Legislative Information Office

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TO: House State Affairs Com. FAX: 415-2864 PHONE: 415-4963

FROM: Ketchikan 210 PHONE: _____

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House State Affairs
committee name

committee on HCR-11, dated MAR. 18, 1991
bill/subject

RE: HCR-11

I am writing in support of HCR-11. I feel it is vital for women to continue to have a forum in which to express their concerns around family issues. In these times of change, it is all too common for women to be single, head-of-household, and totally responsible for raising children. The reality of these families is often bleak and surviving intact is their ultimate issue.

The Alaskan Women's Task Force would provide a stable avenue where family issues could be heard and articulated. Advocacy for the well being of all Alaskan families would be insured. Without a strong voice and direct line to the legislature, women are in danger of remaining handicapped by biased and unequal laws. This in turn affects the ability of women to provide the highest quality of life for their families, and contribute to Alaskan society in a productive manner.

Please support HCR-11. Thank you for listening.

Signed: Carmen Pantz
Testifier

Concerned Citizen
Representing (Optional)

727 Deermount
Address

225-6563
Phone No.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House State Affairs
 committee name
 committee on HCR-11, dated 3/18/91
 bill/subject

This letter is in support of HCR-11. Recent moves by the governor pertaining to "The Alaska Women's Commission", demonstrate the need for an advocacy group that is not vulnerable to a hostile administration.

The administration has condemned the actions and efforts of The Women's Commission, saying they represented radical feminist views only. I fail to see how equal pay for equal worth, domestic violence issues, and child protection issues, to name just a few are considered "radical feminist views".

Instead, the administration is supporting a "radical mens group", which under the guise of the "Alaska Family Support Group", promotes views of a family in ONLY the most traditional context. A "traditional family", is a personal viewpoint. True families are as diverse in their structure as the individuals who comprise them, yet this group believes only one type of family (man as the head of the household) is worthy of advocacy and protection.

I urge you to consider ALL families needs and not limit your support to one type at the detriment of all others. I believe ACR-11 is our best chance for representation by all family groups.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Doherty
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March 11, 1991

To Whom It May Concern:

I support House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 which would establish the Alaska Women's Task Force.

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I am all too aware of the high rates of incest, spousal and child abuse and sexual assault in our state. The women in Alaska, and their children, also lack services for health care, vocational retraining, legal services, and child care services. The results of these problems and lack of services are far reaching. Women who are ill, who lack child care services and vocational training are less likely to get off of welfare. Children who live in unsafe, substandard housing may be more at risk for medical problems and abuse of chemicals. When over 50% of child support orders are not paid, those women and children struggle even more to attempt to live decent lives.

Alaska needs a Women's Task Force to continue the work began by the Women's Commission.

Respectfully,



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February 27, 1991

Representative Niilo Koponen
Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Koponen:

The Alaska Women's Commission is very concerned that the administration's proposed FY92 budget will have a serious and disproportionately negative impact on women and families.

Women in Alaska are earning only 62 cents to the dollar earned by men. We should be doing everything we can to assist women, especially single parents and displaced homemakers, to achieve economic equity and to fully participate in all sectors of the labor force. We know what is needed: education and training, affordable, quality child care, safety from violence, and policies that support women and children. If we underfund these areas we will be paying much more for increased public assistance, medical, and social service costs.

What is the impact of increasing capital expenditures and decreasing the operating budget? According to the Dept. of Labor, 88% of jobs in the construction industry are held by men, and in many occupations there are labor shortages. Cutting \$100 million from the operating budget will result in over 3500 lost jobs (direct and indirect), most of which are held by women earning too little to spend their earnings out of state. Shifting \$100 million to the capital budget creates only 1360 jobs according to Scott Goldsmith of ISER. During past construction booms, up to 21% of unemployment insurance payments went out-of-state (1984). Since importing workers will be easier and faster than retraining Alaskan workers, and since the budget has not included specific plans for retraining Alaskans, particularly as it impacts women, we can expect major economic dislocation.

Economic development must include all low income people as part of planning policy. AFDC should continue to be targeted by the Dept. of Labor as a priority project. As development creates new jobs, training programs like JTPA should be adequately funded and have first source of referral agreements for some of these jobs. State employment training programs should be working with the private sector and agencies that are receiving funds and contracts as part of economic development. Women and minorities must be part of the economic development planning process so that their needs, concerns and vision are incorporated.

The JOBS program, which assists AFDC recipients to obtain education and training for employment, is a critical part of welfare reform and should be a major piece in the state's economic development planning. In FY92, participation in JOBS is required to increase from 7% to 11% and the state program will operate 12 months instead of 9 months. Yet 2.5 positions will be cut from DHSS Alaska Work Programs staff. No additional JTPA funding is included despite the fact that JTPA is the only source of post-secondary and on the job training for JOBS clients apart from self-initiated Pell grants, and despite the fact that this commitment to JOBS by JTPA will displace others seeking their services. In addition, there are no new JTPA funds for the unemployed parent program. No state match is being proposed for the regional non-profits serving Alaska Natives and at least one, CITC in Anchorage, has decided to turn JOBS back to the state due to inadequate funding. Additional funds are also needed for support services such as tuition for clients who don't qualify under other programs and for transportation. Support services funds are inadequate now.

In FY91 DHSS decided that 90% of participants in JOBS had to be from target groups. The Federal government only requires that 55% of funds go to target groups (teens in high school, recipients under 24 without a high school diploma or GED or significant work experience, recipients who have been on AFDC 36 out of the last 60 months, and recipients whose youngest child is 16 or 17). Many women who want to volunteer are not being given that opportunity. If they are very motivated and get guidance and funding, they can try to self-initiate training or education (although probably not through JTPA). But in most places they can't get day care assistance and, of course, they cannot afford to pay themselves for child care. So they will stay on welfare.

Child care should be one of our top priorities. Unless the Day Care Assistance Program is adequately funded we are creating an untenable situation for eligible parents (95% women). Many will have to go on welfare. The Child Care grant program is integral to quality child care and should also be fully funded, not cut. These programs are absolutely basic. Not only will families be severely affected by the cuts, but forcing families to go on AFDC costs the state a lot more. It also creates labor shortages in entry level and lower paid jobs, already a problem.

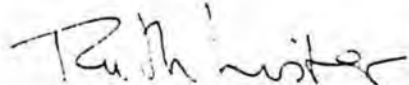
The proposed cuts to the education budget are alarming. Alaska graduates only 66% of students, compared to 75% nationally. When the Women's Commission studied school dropout for young women, overwhelmingly they felt no one cared. Cuts to education will mean fewer school counselors and nurses, and cuts to alternative programs for at risk youth. Education is the key for women and minorities to attain economic equity. The average wage for a woman high school graduate in Alaska is \$15,100/year: for men it is \$23,900. Even with 4 years post-secondary education, women earn only \$21,300/year, over \$10,000/year less than men. Disparities also exist on the basis of race.

Child sexual and physical abuse, and discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age and class, were the two major causal factors cited by young women for school drop-out. The proposed budget eliminates \$1.6 million in child abuse prevention grants and cuts suicide prevention grants by \$180,000. Alaska ranks 43rd in the nation in teen violent death rate. Many other children's services have been cut. By making these cuts we would be telling our children and youth that no one cares. Increases, not cuts, are needed here.

Safety for women and their children is a critical issue. Cutting the domestic violence and sexual assault programs is a major step backwards. Again, what we need is increased funding. Alaska has one of the highest rates of violence against women in the nation, and it is increasing here, as it is elsewhere in the country. Lack of safety affects all aspects of women's lives. Proposed cuts to the court victims witness program and to Alaska Legal Services will also negatively impact women.

It is very important to take a broad view of what we are doing with the budget. If we want healthy families and adequate employment for all who choose to work, then there are many pieces to this puzzle. We cannot leave out one sector of the population or ignore a desperate area of need. Everyone must be part of the planning and part of the solution. I urge you to hold social justice and economic equity as your bottom lines in decision making on the budget.

Sincerely,



Ruth Lister
Alaska Women's Commission



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VIA FAX 463-3454
February 20, 1991

The Honorable Walter J. Hickel
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Dear Governor Hickel:

On January 21st of this year, I wrote requesting a meeting with you to discuss the role of the Alaska Women's Commission in your administration. This letter was written after three weeks of trying to obtain information about the Commission's budget from both your boards and commission liaison, and your chief of operations. Neither of these individuals was ever able to provide me with any information regarding the status of the Commission, either from a budgetary or a policy standpoint.

Although I have never received a response to my letter of January 21st, I did receive a fax from the Commission's vice-chair on January 24th, sent to her by Max Hodel, informing the Commission that we could expect to receive funding cuts. Unfortunately, the letter did not indicate the magnitude of the cuts, and I first learned of their magnitude from the media. It is with interest, that I have read in my local newspaper, your statement that the budget cuts may have occurred too hastily.

As you must be aware, the Commission feels that the funding level recommended in your budget will not allow the Commission to accomplish our stated activities for FY92, nor carry on any meaningfully productive work. As an organization that represents more than fifty percent of the residents of this State, we believe that adequate funding is not only essential, it is imperative. We urge you to consider restoration of the Commission's budget, as you reportedly revise the administration's budget through the supplemental budget process.

I am again requesting a meeting with you to discuss the perceived role of the Alaska Women's Commission in your administration. I will be in Juneau on March 7 and 8, 1991 and could be available to meet with you then. The Commission's spring meeting has been scheduled for March 24 and 25, 1991, and we would like to be adequately prepared to plan for the future.

To this end we require that Mr. Max Hodel or Mr. Malcolm Roberts be available at our March meeting, to provide the full Commission with information on the role of the Alaska Women's Commission in the Hickel administration. We have set aside time on the agenda at 9:00 am on Monday March 25, 1991 for this discussion. We fully expect to see one of these two gentlemen at our meeting.

I am available by phone, in order to confirm a meeting with yourself on either March 7 or 8, or to confirm which of your two staff members will attend our meeting on March 25th. My work number is 486-5736 and my home number 486-5314.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Freed

Linda L. Freed, Chair
Alaska Women's Commission

c.c. Alaska Women's Commission Members
Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature
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REPORT ON KEY CONCERNS: MID-LIFE AND OLDER WOMEN

On October 13, 1990, 155 women attended Women at the Crossroads, a conference for mid-life and older women. The steering committee for the conference identified economics and health as the two chief concerns to be addressed at the conference. The following workshops were given at the conference:

- Health Issues for Mid-life and Older women
- Long Term Care: Legal, Personal and Financial Concerns
- Employment Issues: Career Change, Discrimination, Re-entry into the Work Force
- Personal Finances and Retirement Planning
- Starting a Small or Home Business

The conference participants had two opportunities to talk about themselves and their lives. They talked about what was good and what was hard for them being a mid-life or older woman and what were their key concerns. It is our hope that this information will give legislators and administrators a better understanding of the special needs of older women in Alaska.

Key Concerns:

- lack of health insurance
- inadequate retirement income, fixed income and rising costs
- job discrimination
- lack of financial security
- poverty
- health problems, physical limitations
- dependency on spouse or government
- affordable housing (also need for congregate and intermediate housing and being able to live at home)
- loneliness, lack of support system, depression
- quality of life: living and dying with dignity
- caring for elderly parents, disabled spouse
- negative societal view of older women
- lack of understanding of finances
- fear of institutionalization
- need for job training, meaningful work

Pro-family?

What a serious agenda might include

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What did the previous commission do that the administration found objectionable? Hickel press aide Harry Gamble couldn't say.

Specifically what might the new commissioners do differently? Again, the press aide couldn't say.

Absent an explanation, you have to wonder. Gov. Hickel courted the conservative vote. Coming from him, "strengthening families" sounds like code for "Dad brings home the bacon; Mom stays home with the kids."

That family model is fine, but it's not the only one around. Nor is it necessarily ideal for every family.

It's legitimate to ask what the state can do to support the traditional family. But it's most certainly not legitimate to stop there.

Families in modern life take many shapes and forms. Strengthening families means supporting families the way they are. It doesn't mean forcing them to become something they aren't.

State policies that strengthen families would:

- Ensure that every parent who works can find and afford good day care.
- Give parents who work the right to take job-protected leave to care for their new children.
- Make sure all families can get the health care they need without risking bankruptcy — especially pregnant women and young children.
- Refuse to permit divorced or absent parents to escape paying adequate child support.
- Encourage teen-agers not to have children before they're ready for the responsibility of raising them.
- Try to prevent child abuse and speedily protecting children who are abused.

Many of these issues were on the agenda of the commissioners that Gov. Hickel sacked. If his new appointees are serious about strengthening the family, these issues will be on their agenda, too.

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Hickel made a mistake in firing commissioners

Dear Editor:

I read with dismay articles about the dismantling of the Alaska Women's Commission. Gov. (Walter J.) Hickel is making a mistake by firing a fine group of women who have been working to better the lives of thousands of Alaskan women.

Who are the women they advocate for? They are mothers who are the victims of failed or destructive marriages; they are the children of abusive or neglectful parents; they are the cream of the unfortunate crop who have been left behind by society or misfortune but who have enough strength of spirit to ask for assistance and try to make a come back.

They are you, Ermalee, and me, after an illness, a round of bad luck, or time spent with a hurtful or abusive person.

And almost every one of them without exception is given the strength and will to survive from the love and concern she has for her children.

(And what is) Hickel's reaction to the Alaska Women's Commission? He is asking each of the commissioners to resign because he supports family values.

My first reaction is how dare he question the family values of the women who seek help - for them-

selves and for their children - from the commission. Who is he to question the values of the women who serve on the commission which is devoted to promoting women's and children's interests?

After a reflective pause, I realize he is not a mean man, so the only explanation for his actions is ignorance. "Forgive them Lord, for they know not what they say."

I will forgive Hickel and I will pray for Hickel's enlightenment, for his ability to understand that everyone yearns for the security and success that he has found with his family. But that in a world of limited resources and free competition, a whole lot of people - mostly women, children and minorities - get left out in the cold.

To pretend they do not exist is not promoting family or Christian values.

Deborah R. Bonito
Juneau

Staff angered by Hickel's cuts to youth, women's agencies

By BRIAN S. AKRE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUNEAU — Gov. Walter J. Hickel completed a wholesale political housecleaning of two more state boards: the Alaska Women's Commission and the Governor's Interim Commission on Children and Youth.

"It is my feeling that the new appointees will more closely reflect the attitude of my administration and place a greater emphasis on the strength of the family," Hickel said in a news release Monday.

The Women's Commission has strug-

gled for survival in recent years. Critics charge its views do not accurately represent those of Alaska women, and that it champions primarily liberal and feminist causes.

Hickel's fiscal 1992 operating budget proposes an 85 percent cut in the commission's budget, which would eliminate its staff and leave only enough money for members to attend meetings.

The dismissed members issued a news release Monday criticizing Hickel.

"The governor's wholesale replacement of this commission indicates an attempt to create a public body that is

only reflective of the views of the current administration," the release said. "This process discourages debate."

The commission, created by the Legislature in 1978, is charged with researching the needs of the state's women and advocating for equal treatment and opportunities.

Linda Freed of Kodiak, the commission's chairwoman, said she was disappointed but not surprised by Hickel's move. She said members got word of their dismissal in brief letters last weekend.

"The commission as it was consti-

tuted represented a broad spectrum of interests in this state, and I think we were doing a good job," she said.

Harry Gamble, Hickel's acting press secretary, said the governor will ask the new women's and youth commissions to meet jointly to address family issues. Hickel campaigned on strengthening families, "and these two commissions are going to be a mechanism to help him focus on doing that."

Freed rejected Hickel's suggestion that the Women's Commission did not represent families.

"Most of the people on the commis-

sion had children," she said. "We are members of families. What is it that the commission has done that hasn't supported families?"

Freed said she requested a meeting with Hickel twice in the last month to discuss the budget cuts and what the administration had in mind for the commission, but she got no reply.

Commission member Kathleen Harrington, an Anchorage homemaker, said the former members will continue to advocate for women.

Harrington said she was offended at how Hickel handled the dismissals.

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SJR 20	LIMIT TERMS OF LEGISLATORS	(S) JUD	02/25/91

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M E M O R A N D U M

FEB 26 1991

To: Representative Kubina
From: Representative Niilo Koponen 
Re: HB 170 and HCR 11
Date: February 27, 1991

I would appreciate the House State Affairs Committee scheduling HB 170 and HCR 11 concerning the Women's Commission at your earliest convenience.

HB 170 places the Commission under the purview of the Legislature; HCR 11 creates a task force which would carry the same responsibilities as the Commission. This latter measure should preserve the function of the Commission should the other bill fail to receive the Governor's approval.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or my aide, Shari Paul at 4992.

Thank you.



SENATOR FRED F. ZHAROFF

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All legislators

FROM: Senator Fred F. Zharoff 

DATE: February 26, 1991

RE: Constituent request

The attached letter -- by Ms. Linda Freed of Kodiak -- is a followup to a letter I distributed yesterday. Ms. Freed requested that I also provide copies of this letter to all the members of the legislature.

S.R. 3295 Woody Way
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February 25, 1991

Governor Walter J. Hickel
State of Alaska
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Dear Governor Hickel:

I have written you two letters, in as many months, requesting a meeting with you to discuss the role of the Alaska Women's Commission in your administration. I have never received a written response to either of these letters, yet today I received a "dismissal" letter from you, stating that my "service on this Board in no longer required.."

My only indication as to why I and other Commissioner members have been dismissed is based on comments by your spokesperson. As I understand it, you believe that the Commission did not represent "traditional family values."

Governor Hickel, I am a wife and the mother of two. My son Andrew is 3 1/2 years old and my daughter Maggie is 14 months old. My husband and I, like many Alaskan parents both work, in order to pay for things like groceries, utilities, and our mortgage. We also want to ensure that our children have the opportunity for a quality post-secondary education. My husband and I are lucky, we both enjoy our jobs and would choose to work even if we didn't feel it was an economic necessity, as it is for most working parents.

Governor Hickel, my family is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Kodiak. In addition, my husband and I have been involved in a number of community organizations over the years, including the St. Mary's Parish Council, the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, the Kodiak Arts Council, the Kodiak Womens Resource and Crisis Center

and the Kodiak Public Broadcasting Corporation. We give both our time and money to these and other community organizations in order to enrich our community and to provide a positive role model for our children.

Tell me Governor Hickel, what is it about my lifestyle or attitudes, that you believe conflicts with the concept of "traditional family values". More to the point, perhaps you could define, for me and the residents of the State what you and your administration mean by the term "traditional family values". I happen to live in what is commonly defined as a traditional family unit, but many women in this State do not.

Does your administration's focus on "traditional family values" mean that these women will not be represented by "your Alaska Women's Commission"? How about the many children in this State that do not live in traditional family units, are they too going to be forgotten, by "your Children and Youth Commission", as it focuses on a type of family unit that is becoming a minority in this society.

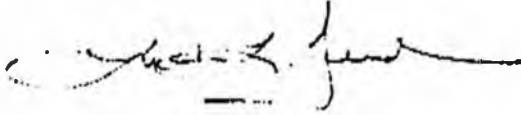
Perhaps, the truth Governor Hickel, is that I and other Alaska Women's Commission members were "dismissed" not because we don't embody "traditional family values", but because we believe in the equality of all individuals.

I am proud to consider myself a feminist, which I define as a person who believes that men and women are equal. As a feminist I have committed myself to working towards achieving equality for all people regardless of their sex, ethnic origin, or economic status. Governor Hickel, I want both of my children to have opportunities for a quality education and economic success, not just my son. I want both of my children to have the opportunity to use their unique talents as they mature, not just my son. I want all the children in this State to have these opportunities, not just my children.

I am disappointed and angry that the Governor of this State apparently equates "traditional family values" with the continued inequality of women, and that "traditional family values" are being used as an excuse to limit women's options and opportunities,

rather than to support and encourage women in this State and the people that matter to them, their families.

Sincerely,



Linda L. Freed
former Chair of the Alaska Women's Commission

c.c. former Alaska Women's Commission
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TESTIMONY OF BARBARA BAKER ON HCR 11/0817
BEFORE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 18, 1991

I have come in support of HCR 11, as a board member of the Alaska Women's Resource Center and as a concerned individual.

Recent events have shaken my belief that Alaska is a place where there is concern about equality of opportunity and a true interest in the betterment of Alaskans. Proposed cuts to essential social service programs and the redirection of the Alaska Women's Commission signals a return to "traditional ways" which silenced half of the state's population, ignored the problems of domestic violence and sexual assault and allowed women and their children to suffer in poverty following divorce.

HCR 11 responds to these concerns. It provides a continued voice in the political process and continues the vital research necessary to insure that government policy is founded on fact instead of belief. It recognizes that paid staff are essential to securing a statewide network for information. And, only through the development of an Alaska Women's Task Force can the public be assured that a fair and unbiased assessment be rendered as to the status of women and their families.

The Alaska Women's Resource Center is proud of its collaboration with the Alaska Women's Commission throughout its existence. Several projects were done in tandem and the Commission's research has been beneficial in directing the focus of the Women's Resource Center's programs. We offer this same support and collaboration to the proposed Alaska Women's Task Force.

Only through a continued focus on women can the state continue to achieve greater economic equality for Alaskans and a society that respects all citizens, not just the "traditional".



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TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS RE: HCR 11
MARCH 18, 1991

Mr Chairman, Committee members. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to the establishment of the Alaska Women's Task Force. My name is Jan Foster and I am speaking today on behalf of the 250 members of the Alaska Division of the American Association of University Women.

Since the 1970s when a Status of Women commission was only an idea, AAUW has been a strong supporter of the Alaska Women's Commission. Now we find ourselves unable to continue our support for the Commission in its current form.

Established in 1978 to improve the status of women in education, employment, health, homemaking and civil and legal rights, the Alaska Women's Commission has accomplished much. AAUW and the Commission have many mutual goals and have a long history of cooperation. Research, education and legislative advocacy are common objectives. AAUW and the Commission have co-sponsored many forums to provide opportunities to explore the many roles of women in Alaska and to provide opportunities for the education and advancement of women. AAUW and other organizations worked with the Commission to establish LAWS, a vehicle for the dissemination of important information regarding pending legislation and the legislative process. In light of the accomplishments of the Commission, it is with a heavy heart I now testify in favor of a different vehicle to achieve these goals.

The current budget proposed by the Governor includes only \$30,000 to cover travel expenses for Commissioners. There is no provision for staff funding although the current Director, Ms. Ralls, indicates an Executive Director and Assistant will perform certain duties on a part time basis and as volunteers if necessary. This might be admirable if it were not so appalling that during the first week of this arrangement, one of the duties performed was to prepare a mailing for the Governor's breakfast. It is not appropriate to sacrifice gains by the women of Alaska by reverting to social and economic patterns which belittle Alaska's women.

It is an essential need of government to have an unbiased source to provide professional research and a data base of information on issues of equity. The plight of Alaska's women is only marginally better than in the past:

- in 1980 women in Alaska earned 58 cents while a man earned a dollar; today that figure is 62 cents.
- in 1980 women held 11 seats in the state legislature, today women hold 14;
- in 1986, the Commission prepared seven bills addressing needs of women, today four are still pending;

In addition,

- the fastest growing segment of the population that lives below the poverty line are women and their children;
- Child sexual abuse and discrimination on the basis of gender and race are the major causal factors for young women dropping out of school (see AWC prepared Young Women of Alaska Speak Out about Dropping Out - Feb 90)
- Statistics indicate 43% of all homicides in Alaska are related to domestic violence and the rape rate is twice the national average.

The need for an advocate for Alaska's women is still strong. The problems experienced by women are magnified when support for vital human services is decreased by a state government looking for ways to reduce its budget. I commend your foresight in realizing that although the status of women in Alaska has improved in some areas, there is a continuing need for an official group to make recommendations regarding the opportunities, needs, problems and contributions of women in Alaska.

AAUW strongly urges you to establish the Alaska Women's Task Force with adequate funding to continue to improve the status of women in Alaska.

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What did the previous commission do that the administration found objectionable? Hickel press aide Harry Gamble couldn't say.

Specifically what might the new commissioners do differently? Again, the press aide couldn't say.

Absent an explanation, you have to wonder. Gov. Hickel courted the conservative vote. Coming from him, "strengthening families" sounds like code for "Dad brings home the bacon; Mom stays home with the kids."

That family model is fine, but it's not the only one around. Nor is it necessarily ideal for every family.

It's legitimate to ask what the state can do to support the traditional family. But it's most certainly not legitimate to stop there.

Families in modern life take many shapes and forms. Strengthening families means supporting families the way they are. It doesn't mean forcing them to become something they aren't.

State policies that strengthen families would:

- Ensure that every parent who works can find and afford good day care.
- Give parents who work the right to take job-protected leave to care for their new children.
- Make sure all families can get the health care they need without risking bankruptcy — especially pregnant women and young children.
- Refuse to permit divorced or absent parents to escape paying adequate child support.
- Encourage teen-agers not to have children before they're ready for the responsibility of raising them.
- Try to prevent child abuse and speedily protecting children who are abused.

Many of these issues were on the agenda of the commissioners that Gov. Hickel sacked. If his new appointees are serious about strengthening the family, these issues will be on their agenda, too.



House State Affairs Committee

Representative Gene Kubina, Chair

DATE: Mar. 18, 1991

PLACE: Capitol, Room 102

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
 *HCR 11 - Relating to Alaska Women's Task Force
 *HB 170 - Relating to Move Women's Comm. to Legislative Branch
 *HCR 12 - Relating to Susitna Basin Motorized Use Restrictions

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MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HCR 11 AND HB 170 TO CREATE AN ALASKA WOMEN'S TASK FORCE TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION. ITS WORK IMPROVING WOMEN'S LEGAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS IN ALASKA IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL ALASKANS.

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FRIDAY
SECTION **E** March 29, 1991

COMMISSIONERS

Mary McClinton,

Chair
Residence: Douglas
Age: 55
Marital Status: Married
Children: Five
(one stepchild)
Party: Democrat
Church: Mount Zion
Baptist Church
Occupation: Mental health worker
Professional experience: Youth counselor; correctional officer; job developer. Since 1973
Other activities: Juneau Women's Council
Education: Associate of Arts Degree
Interests: Make commission "less exclusive."
What qualifies me for women's commission role: "Fifty-five years should count for something."



Carol Mikos,

Vice Chair
Residence: Anchorage
Age: 38
Marital Status: Married
Children: Three
Party: Republican
Church: Christian
Occupation: Homemaker
Professional experience: Statistician. 1977-79; 1985
Other activities: Campaign volunteer. Public speech topics include: home management (Abbott Loop Christian Center) and influence of television on children
Education: High school graduate. Three years of college
Interests: Domestic violence; sexual harassment
What qualifies me for women's commission role:



WOMEN'S COMMISSION

— in — TRANSITION

*Membership of panel shifts
toward homemakers*

By **ALYSON PYTTE**
Daily News reporter



When the new members of the Alaska Women's Commission met last Saturday, their first task was to clean house. The eight commissioners, who were appointed in early February by Gov. Wally Hickel, voted to fire former Executive Director Ruth Lister and to accept the resignation of Evelyn Tucker, the commission's information officer.

The scene was tense: Commissioners ignored repeated warnings by Liz Vazquez, the attorney general's appointee to the commission, that they might violate open-meetings law by firing Lister without her present.

They also ignored requests by former Vice Chair Linda Freed that the commission delay its vote for 20 minutes until Lister arrived to respond to the list of complaints: failing to file paperwork for more than a year, refusing to put some women on the commission's mailing list and "open hostility" to the Hickei admin-

Faye Hilsinger,

Member at Large
Residence: Kodiak
Age: 36
Marital Status: Single mother
Children: Two
Party: Democrat
Church: Southern Baptist
Occupation: Bookkeeper
Professional experience: Secretary; office manager. since 1975
Other activities: Volunteer, Kodiak Emblem Club (Ladies' Elks Club)
Education: High school graduate. Courses in word processing, data entry
Interests: Child support enforcement; drug and sex education for children
What qualifies me for women's commission role: Single mother and formerly battered wife



Barbara Tyndall

Residence: North Pole (Fairbanks)
Age: 42
Marital Status: Married
Children: Five
Party: Republican
Church: North Pole Assembly of God
Occupation: Homemaker/Teacher
Professional experience: Language disabilities teacher. Since 1988
Other activities: Committee woman in Republican Party
Education: High school graduate. Now completing journalism degree



Karen Byron

Residence: Wasilla
 Age: 40
 Marital Status: Married
 Children: Three
 Party: Republican
 Church: Midvalley
 Christian Center
 (Husband Richard is pastor)
 Occupation: Homemaker
 Other activities: Teacher's aide
 Education: High school graduate
 Interests: Family values
 What qualifies me for women's commission role: Wife and mother; church activities



Karen McGahan

Residence: Nikiski
 (Kenai Peninsula)
 Age: 47
 Marital Status: Married
 Children: Four
 Party: Republican
 Church: Peninsula
 Bible Fellowship
 Occupation: Homemaker/Sales clerk
 Professional experience: Sales clerk Since 1989
 Other Activities: Nikiski Community Council; Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly; Gov. Wally Hickel campaign volunteer. Sponsored legislation in Borough Assembly to ban abortions in hospitals on the Kenai Peninsula. Convicted of criminal trespass for blocking an abortion clinic
 Education: High school graduate. Some college courses
 Interests: Increase respect for homemakers
 What qualifies me for women's commission role: Political experience



istration.

When the meeting was finally over, Vazquez rolled her eyes and muttered under her breath: "We're going to get sued."

But Vice Chair Carol Mikos, who argued aggressively for Lister's immediate dismissal, brushed aside the legal issues — she had consulted three lawyers on her own — and said the commission had done the "decent and prudent thing."

"I think they tried to intimidate us," she said of the former commissioners and staff who attended the meeting. "They had us stereotyped the moment we walked in the door."

Mikos, who volunteers full time as the Anchorage commissioner, said she knew there would be a confrontation because she "felt hostility" from former commissioners and staff "toward a certain segment ... a segment of housewives."

And if there is one thing the new commissioners made clear in the course of their full-day meeting, it is that they won't tolerate homemakers being treated like "just housewives" anymore.

Please see Page E-2. **WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

STAFF

Glennenne Ralls,

Staff
 Residence: Anchorage
 Age: 41
 Marital Status: Married
 Children: Two
 Party: Republican
 Church: Abbott Loop
 Christian Center,
 Anchorage Christian Center and Mid-town Christian Center
 Occupation: Homemaker
 Professional experience: Sign language interpreter, home school teacher
 Other activities: Leader and Prayer/Action Chapter Leader for Concerned Women for America; pro-life activist. Statewide coordinator of volunteers for Gov. Wally Hickel's campaign. Sunday school teacher
 Education: High school graduate
 Interests: Restricting pornography
 What qualifies me for women's commission role: Volunteer experience



Interests: Educational standards; financial survival for single mothers
 What qualifies me for women's commission role: Raising a large family

Liz Vazquez, attorney

general's appointee
 Residence: Anchorage
 Age: 39
 Marital Status: Married
 Children: None
 Party: Republican
 Church: Episcopalian
 Occupation: Lawyer
 Professional experience: Attorney general's office; private practice; Treasury Department. Since 1977
 Other Activities: Equal Rights Commission; School Budget Advisory Commission
 Education: Law degree; college degree
 Interests: Legal issues; education; welfare reform
 What qualifies me for women's commission role: Legal background



Carol Sturgulewski

Residence: Unalaska
 Age: 34
 Marital Status: Married
 Children: One
 Party: Nonpartisan
 Church: St. Christopher
 by the Sea (Catholic)
 Occupation: Free-lance writer
 Recent professional experience: Writer and editor Since 1977.
 Other activities: President, Unalaska Senior Citizens; former Alaska Press Club president
 Education: College graduate
 Interests: Housing; health care; open meeting issues
 What qualifies me for women's commission role: Feature writing



Americans preoccupied with finding the flaws of the famous

By ANNE C. ROARK
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — When Rudolph Ekstein learned last month that his late friend Bruno Bettelheim had been accused of plagiarism, Ekstein was heartsick but not surprised.

Not that he ever doubted the integrity of the legendary child psychologist. What

struck the 78-year-old Viennese-born psychoanalyst was the seemingly inexorable need of Americans to diminish the great thinkers and leaders of their society.

"For some reason in this country, we have the need to tear down idols and heroes," Ekstein said in his office here. "In Europe, we build monuments to great men

when they die. Here, we try so very hard to find out what they did wrong while they were alive."

Countless Americans who approached hero status in life have fallen prey to excruciating examination after their deaths: Thomas Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Sinclair Lewis, K.L. Mencken, Elvis

Presley, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Fueled by incessant probing from scholars, an almost prurient curiosity within the media and a growing public cynicism, the nation seems preoccupied with the flaws of the famous.

Has hero bashing become a national pastime?

"It does seem to be (or,

the rise)," said Studs Terkel, author of "American Dreams: Lost and Found," "Hard Times" and other books on the American character.

"The problem is we (Americans) don't know who our heroes are," Terkel said. With some exceptions

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WOMEN'S COMMISSION: Wants to strengthen voice of homemakers

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Commissioner Karen McGahan described how a lawyer had pressed her to identify herself in court as a member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, instead of as a homemaker. He thought it gave her more credibility as a character witness.

"It takes more intelligence to be the latter," she quipped.

Mikos spoke of the "disrespect" she felt from feminists when she chose to stay home and take care of her children. "My philosophy is that women should be free to be whatever they want to be," she said.

Clearly the new commission is eager to strengthen the voice of women who choose traditional lifestyles. Most of the commissioners introduced themselves first as mothers, listing the names and ages of their children.

But the large number of homemakers on the commission, and the strongly conservative views of some, has left a number of legislators and former commissioners questioning whether the commission can serve the full array of women's interests in the state.

"This is a women's com-

mission, this is not a family commission," said Freed.

Only about 18 percent of women in Alaska are in "traditional" families in which the husband works and the wife stays at home with children, according to 1980 census figures, the latest available. Nationwide, less than 10 percent of women live in traditional families, according to 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women.

Ex-information officer Tucker said the new commissioners have no history of activism on causes advancing the status of women.

"On the whole, the women who were selected for the commission were women who had no connection at all with the women's movement, or women who were openly hostile and critical of the women's movement in the past," Tucker said.

State Rep. Niilo Koponen, D-Fairbanks, is concerned enough about the governor's selections that he introduced legislation calling for a separate task force to advise the legislature on women's needs.

He said he hopes the House and Senate will act on the bill before the close of this legislative session.

"These people may have felt underrepresented in the

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past," Koponen said. "But to have such a total shake-up and such a narrow base — I'm not sure the governor is going to get the input he needs to find out what the general public wants."

Mary McClinton, the new chairwoman, for years had the same complaint about the former women's commission. She testified in favor of dissolving the group before the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee in 1988 because of what she saw as its bias against women with conservative views.

The next year, McClinton lobbied for legislation, which subsequently passed, requiring the women's commission to include at least one homemaker.

Former members and staff of the commission said there was never any prejudice against women who stay at home. Gov. Steve Cowper chose commissioners to represent women in the different circumstances they live in — single, married, divorced, working and non-working.

The former women's commission had two members who identified themselves as homemakers: Florence Esmaikka, a married Native from Ruby who has her own

as well as adopted and foster children, and Kathleen Harrington from Anchorage, who is married and has four children.

The earlier commission had two other Native members as well — one single and one unmarried with children. Other commissioners included a Filipino woman who is single but takes care of her brother's children, a man, several married mothers who work, and a single professional woman.

Now, four of the eight commissioners are homemakers or were primarily homemakers and have just recently joined the work force. All but two of the eight commissioners are married mothers.

The exceptions are Faye Hilsinger, a single working mother, and Vazquez, the attorney general's appointee, who is married and has no children.

Two natives were appointed to the new 10-member commission: Pat Weimer of Ketchikan, who was not at the first meeting and said she intends to resign, and Brenda Itta-Lee of Barrow, who has already resigned.

What the changes in the commission's membership will mean for commission policy is unclear. So far, the new commissioners have on-

ly praised the former commission's activities, and they decided Saturday to go ahead with virtually all of the same projects.

Among them is a report on teen-age pregnancy that is scheduled to go to print in April. The commission also plans to continue work on a leadership and sobriety conference to be held in Bethel on April 24 and 25.

Commissioner Barbara Tyndall of North Pole, however, said later that the new commissioners were meeting for the first time and had little to base their decisions on other than the former commission's proposals. "We have not really made any decisions about what direction we will go in," she said.

Because of limited funding, Vice Chairwoman Carol Mikos said, the commission will continue to focus resources on "survival" issues, such as sobriety and domestic violence.

The key difference, Mikos said, is that the new commission will reach out to a "broader spectrum" of women's groups. The group that came to mind, Mikos said, was Concerned Women for America.

Concerned Women for America is a fundamentalist group that describes itself as designed "to preserve, protect and promote traditional and Judeo-Christian values." Among other things, the organization opposes abortion and the teaching of evolution and other "secular humanist" beliefs in schools.

Glennene Ralls, who has been hired to run the commission office, at least until she or another candidate is

that organization. Ralls was also statewide coordinator of volunteers for Hinkel's gubernatorial campaign.

Mikos said the new commission does not want to "alienate" feminists. "We can use this as an opportunity to work together," she said.

But former commissioners say the new commission has gotten off to a bad start in that regard. Harrington, Lister's lawyer, stood up near the close of the meeting Saturday and urged commissioners to "consider resigning from a commission for women that would treat women this way."

Harrington cited the commission's decision to fire Lister while she was not present. Lister has not decided whether to take legal action, but Harrington said she expects to continue receiving her \$50,000-a-year salary until the commission gets around to firing her according to proper procedures.

Attorney General Charles Cole did not return repeated calls for comment on the legality of the commission's action. Ralls said the commission planned a teleconference to resolve the issue.

Harrington also said the commission's two secretaries, Sue Peterson and Wilma "Billy" Harvey, had been asked by Ralls to clear out their desks the same day Ralls sent them flowers in honor of "Hire Older Alaskans Week."

The commission has offered to reinstate both women. Harvey said she has not decided what to do. Peterson said she no longer wants to work for the commission.

Peterson, who is 56 and was employed under a federally funded program for older workers, said she talked to Ralls after she was fired and said she was worried she would not be able to find another job because of her age. Peterson said Ralls responded: "Well, you know dear, you should dye your hair."

"I was not being nasty," Ralls said later of the ex-

DATEBOOK

Alaskan of the Year banquet

The 1991 Alaskan of the Year will be announced at the annual banquet Saturday at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. The selection was made by a statewide electorate of more than 60 former winners and members of the Alaskan of the Year Committee.

Former winners include Bob Atwood, Bob Bartlett, Gov. Wally Hinkel, Ernest Gruening, Bill Egan, Bob Reeve, Nick Begich, Ted Stevens, Howard Rock, Noel Wien, Elmer Rasmuson, Fred Machetanz, Al Bramstedt, Edith Bullock, John Butrovich, Evangeline Atwood, George Sullivan, Joe Usibelli, Larry Carr, Bill Wood, Irene Ryan, Bill Snedden, Bill Tobin, Carl Brady Sr. and Frank Reed Sr.

For more information, contact Elaine Atwood at 274-4900.

Films and fun Saturday

A host of films will be offered Saturday as part of the Chugiak-Eagle River Library and the Z.J. Loussac Library film series.

"The Remarkable Riderless Tricycle" will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Chugiak-Eagle River Library.

NAMES & FACES

Academy nominations

Sen. Frank Murkowski has announced his nominations to the United States Service Academies, including West Point Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

annual Easter party will include crafts for children of all ages.

"Myra" and "The Glitterball" will be offered from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Loussac Library.

The Muldoon Library will host a Spring Craft Fair beginning at 2 p.m. School-age children are invited to join in making a variety of colorful spring crafts.

In brief

• The Alaskan Rabbit Breeders Club will host a show Saturday at the Cottonwood Creek Mall in Wasilla. Entry time is 8 a.m.; judging will be from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be two shows, A and B. Cost per rabbit for show A is \$3, for both shows, \$4.50. Rabbits must be purebred. Information: Lori Schroppe at 345-7390.

• The Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 15 and Auxiliary No. 4 will host a Spring Break-up Ball, 8 p.m. Saturday at the Pioneer Hall. Tickets, \$5 per person, are available at the door. Members of Auxiliary No. 4 are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres. Information: Marguerite Grau at 563-7216.

• An Easter Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Chugiak Elementary School. An Easter egg hunt for children ages 12 and younger will be at 11 a.m. Saturday on the school playground. Information: Daryl at 688-3484 or Kay at 688-2677.

Academy.

Anchorage area nominations include: Eugene Akers, D. Victor Alexander, A. Dana Kelley, Jeremiah Stephen and Robert Schmidt to Air Force; Jeff Fondy, Richard Green, Kurt Krueger, Len Warner, Todd Byerly and Eyrn Richards to Navy; Donald Kallio Jr., Jeff Lentler and Lawrence Long to Army; Jason Graham, Kurt Krueger, Jennifer Spencer and Len Warner to Merchant Marine.

The respective academies will designate finalists for each appointment by summer.



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