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LETTER of INTENT

It is the intent of the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs that the first medallion and/or citation be awarded to the family of Army Sergeant David Q. Douthit, an Alaskan killed in action by Iraqi troops in the war to liberate Kuwait.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ivan M. Ivan".

Ivan M. Ivan, Chairman
House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 188

Revision Date: _____
Title: Citations & Medals to Alaskan residents in Persian Gulf crisis.

Department Affected: Military & Veterans AffairsBRU: Veterans AffairsComponent: Veterans ServicesSponsor: Rep. FosterRequestor: House DMVA

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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	67.3					
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	67.3					

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE	12.5					
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	67.3					
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached page

Prepared By: Jeff MorrisonPhone: 465-4600Division: Administrative Support & ServicesDate: 13 March 91Approved by Commissioner: MG Hugh L. Cox III *by J Morrison*Agency: Military and Veterans AffairsDate: 13 March 91

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FISCAL NOTE TO HB 188
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

The bill as drafted provides for the issuance if both medals and citations. There are three expenditure elements to the fiscal note: advertising and administration; medallion production costs, and citation production costs. In addition, the fiscal note is based on the assumption that surplus medallions will be sold at a profit to generate revenue to the state. If the legislature wishes to not allow the sale of surplus medallions, this fiscal note will need to be revised.

The fiscal note is based on a maximum number of 1500 potential recipients. The position paper for HB188 supports a statistical projection of about 1200 Alaskans serving in the Persian Gulf conflict. The use of 1500 as a working figure is intended to cover a possible margin of error in estimating.

EXPENDITURE INFORMATION

Advertising and Administration: 22.0

These expenses are for advertising in military publications and other publications to inform the potential recipients of the medals and citations of the need to apply for them, and the procedures to apply for them (\$20,000). The contest to design the medal will be contracted out to a veterans organization for \$2,000.

Medallion production costs: 37.8

Fiscal note assumes the production of 2000 each 2 ounce silver medallions (about 2" diameter). Die casting is \$1800. Unit costs of medallions includes: \$3.00 striking cost; \$3.00 packaging and shipping; and \$12.00 silver (2oz. @ \$6.00/oz).

Citation Production costs 7.5

Fiscal note is based on unit cost of \$5.00 for citation and presentation folder, for 1500 citations.

TOTAL EXPENSES 67.3

REVENUE INFORMATION 12.5

Revenue is based on selling an estimated 500 surplus medallions at a wholesale selling price of \$25.00. The retail value of a 2 oz. silver medallion would be about \$35.00. Selling the medallions wholesale would still generate a profit of about \$5.00 per unit, and would also reduce administrative time and effort that would be faced if the medallions were to be sold retail by state employees. Overproducing the medallions would also ensure that there were sufficient numbers of medallions if the number of medallions exceeded the estimated maximum figure needed of 1500.

Notes to press release:

FOSTER

Juneau, Rep. Richard Foster, D-Nome, today introduced legislation that would honor Alaskans who served in the war against Iraq by awarding them a state medal of honor and an official citation.

"This bill reflects our appreciation for the sacrifices and contributions our military personnel have made in the conflict with Iraq," said Foster, a two term Viet Nam veteran. "Alaska is home to over 70,000 veterans of previous military conflicts, the highest rate per capita for all America," Foster estimates "and there may be as many as 1500 service men and women from the Iraq conflict."

"It is my hope that the first medal and citation will be awarded to the family of Army Sgt. David Douthit of Soldotna," Foster stated. Sgt. Douthit is the only Alaska known to have been killed in the Iraq conflict.

HB 188, co sponsored by Rep. Ivan Martin Ivan, D-Bethel and Rep. Max Gruenberg, D-Spenard, instructs the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to present a medal and citation to all Alaskan residents assigned to the conflict. The Disabled American Veterans Association has pledged support of this measure and indicates a willingness to assist in medal design competition. Following distribution, the Department will prepare a listing of all recipients for permanent recording in the State of Alaska Archives.

HOUSE BILL NO. 188**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY REPRESENTATIVES FOSTER, Ivan, Gruenberg, Choquette, C.Davis, Sharp, Moyer, Kubina, Ulmer, R.Phillips****Introduced: 3/6/91****Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs, Finance****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the issuance of citations and medals to members of the armed forces
2 serving in the conflict with Iraq."

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

4 * Section 1. MEDALS AND CITATIONS. (a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
5 shall award a medal and issue a citation to a resident of the state who serves in the armed forces of the
6 United States during the conflict with Iraq.

7 (b) An individual is not eligible for an award or citation under this section unless the individual
8 is assigned to an active duty station in the Persian Gulf and nearby areas, including the Mediterranean,
9 Turkey, and Israel, in response to the United States' conflict with Iraq.

10 (c) The department shall make an award under (a) of this section within 90 days after the
11 individual honorably leaves the duty station that qualifies the individual for an award under (a) of this
12 section.

13 (d) The department shall use voting lists and other reliable indicators to determine whether an
14 individual is a resident of the state.

1 (e) The department shall consult with appropriate veterans' organizations in the state when
2 designing the form of the medal and the citation.

3 (f) Before January 1, 1993, the department shall submit a report listing the medal and citation
4 recipients under this section to the Department of Administration for placement in the state archives.

5 * Sec. 2. This Act is repealed January 1, 1993.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

POSITION PAPER
HB 188

Summary of Bill: This bill requires the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to issue citations and medals to Alaskan residents who served in the Persian Gulf conflict.

Background: A statistical approach to estimating the number of Alaskans involved in the Persian Gulf conflict leads to a rough estimate of about 1200 Alaskan residents who would benefit from the provisions of this bill. The two methods used are as follows:

1. The 1990 census lists the population of the United States as 248,710,000, and Alaska as 550,000. The number of American men and women serving in the Persian Gulf, according to newspaper reports, totaled about 540,000. Assuming that the ratio of Alaskans in the Persian Gulf is the same as the percentage of Alaskans in the total U.S. population, there would be about 1194 Alaskans of the 550,000 service personnel in the Persian Gulf.
2. The Juneau Empire recently listed the names of 60 residents who were serving in the Persian Gulf. The 1990 census lists the Juneau population as 26,751, and the Alaska population as 550,000. Assuming that the ratio of Alaskans serving in the Persian Gulf is the same as the ratio of Juneau residents serving in the Persian Gulf, there would be 1233 Alaskans stationed in the Persian Gulf.

A medal issued by the State of Alaska is not permitted to be worn on the military uniforms of the United States armed forces. Unless further clarified through legislative intent or direction, the medal to be issued would be in the form of a medallion, rather than a military decoration or award.

Impact of Legislation on Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: DMVA would administer the bill. We would obtain the names of eligible residents through advertising and other public relations efforts. If SB152 becomes law (bonus for Persian Gulf veterans), we would work closely with the Department of Revenue to obtain names of eligible Alaskans. We would contract with a veterans organization to design the medal, which would be done on a competitive basis open only to Alaskan veterans. So far, the Disabled American Veterans has expressed an interest in performing the service of administering a contest to design the medal. An attached fiscal note details the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation.

Departmental Position: This is an appropriate way to recognize the efforts of the men and women who served in the Persian Gulf conflict, and we believe that the public would support such a gesture by the State of Alaska. The legislature may wish to consider making the provisions of the bill applicable to survivors of men or women killed in the Persian Gulf conflict.

A further suggestion we offer is to amend the bill (if deemed necessary) to make it possible to sell additional copies of the medallion to the public to generate revenue. It is likely that there would be sufficient demand to sell as many as 500 of the medallions to interested investors, perhaps more. This would enable the net cost to the state to be less.

Approved: _____

J. Morrison
for MG Hugh L. Cox III

Date: 3/13/91

Alaskan falls in battle

Soldotna man, father-to-be, killed in action

By TOM KIZZIA
and JAY BLUCHER
Daily News reporters

Army sergeant David Quentin Douthit, a 24-year-old father-to-be and graduate of Soldotna High School, has been reported killed in action against Iraqi troops. He is the only Alaskan known to have been killed in the war to liberate Kuwait.

Douthit died Wednesday, the day the cease-fire was announced, according to his family. He was crew chief on an M-2 Bradley, a tracked armored personnel carrier, was based at Fort Lewis, Wash., and assigned to the 134th Armored Detachment. Few other details of his death were available Saturday.

U.N., Iraqi military leaders meet

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Daily News wire services

ALLIED-OCCUPIED SOUTHERN IRAQ — Allied and Iraqi commanders met at a heavily guarded desert site near the Kuwaiti border today for the first talks to forge a permanent truce in the Persian Gulf War.

Inside a large tent, U.S. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Saudi Lt. Gen. Khalid bin Sultan, commander of the Arab forces, sat across a table from two Iraqi military officers, who were not immediately identified.

As reporters were allowed inside before the talks began,

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Family members in Soldotna received official notice Friday afternoon from two full-dress military officers, who said Douthit was "killed in the line of duty

while engaging the Iraqi enemy" and was pronounced dead on arrival at the nearest medical facility. The family was told more details would be available later.

The Pentagon had not yet officially listed Douthit among service members

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Sgt. David Douthit (a corporal when this photo was taken)

ALASKAN: Soldotna man killed in action during Persian Gulf War

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killed in action, but a spokeswoman noted a lag time of some 24 hours after notification of family members. On Saturday, the Pentagon had set the number of U.S. service members killed in action in Operation Desert Storm at 97, though the Pentagon had only listed 87 names so far. Non-combat deaths were set at 64.

"It just seems so unreal," Douthit's sister, Angela Hollier of Soldotna, said Saturday. "There was only 89 out of 400,000, and you just never think it will be ... someone you know."

Douthit's parents, Harvey and Nita Douthit of Soldotna, had celebrated last Wednesday night's cease-fire announcement with a baby shower for David's absent wife, Jessica, who is expecting the couple's first child April 1.

By Friday, the senior Douthits were on their way to the ferry terminal in Haines, planning to join Jessica at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash., for the birth. The military contacted the Alaska State Troopers, who spot-

ted the Douthits Friday night on the Alaska Highway south of Tok and told them to call home.

Their daughter Angela delivered the news. She had received word Friday from two military officers, one of whom was a chaplain from Fort Richardson.

Trooper Jim Gallen drove the senior Douthits in their camper back to Anchorage, and they flew to Tacoma Saturday morning.

"They're pretty broke up," Hollier said of her parents. "David is the baby of the family."

Jessica Douthit, 19, was examined at Madigan Army Medical Center near Fort Lewis Saturday when she showed signs of premature labor, but was released later in the afternoon, according to the hospital.

Hollier said the family had followed news of the war closely and believes Douthit was killed in the tank battle in southern Iraq that preceded the cease-fire. Pausing at Anchorage International Airport Saturday afternoon between connecting flights on her way to Tacoma, she recalled, she

'He didn't really want to go and leave his pregnant wife behind, but he said it was his job. He was in the Army.'

— Angela Hollier, Douthit's sister

family's relief at news of the cease-fire.

"We thought it was over, that David was safe ... and their baby," she said, choking back tears.

David had told his family he believed in the U.S. mission to the Middle East.

"He told me once that if they didn't stop Saddam Hussein, they'd just be doing it five years from now," Hollier said. "He didn't really want to go and leave his pregnant wife behind, but he said it was his job. He was in the Army."

David Douthit was born in Ketchikan and moved to Soldotna when he was about 5, Hollier said. He had four brothers and sisters, all older. Their father worked for Arco and is now retired. David was a downhill skier

and a 1982 state motocross champion, she said.

Douthit graduated from Soldotna High School in 1984, a member of the first class to proceed four years through the new school. After a year in mechanic's school in Denver, he enlisted in the Army.

He met Jessica when he was stationed in Bad Kreuznach, West Germany. Hollier said her brother had at one time considered a military career and re-enlisted. But with eight months left in his second tour, he had decided to leave the service.

"Now that he was starting a family, this was going to be it," she said. "The military can be real hard on a family because you have to move so often."

She said her brother, a gifted mechanic, would

probably have moved back to Alaska.

Douthit had been stationed at Fort Lewis since September 1989. His best friend there, Sgt. Steve Brown, said Douthit was considered an excellent soldier and an expert gunner. He was also trained in chemical warfare decontamination techniques, a specialty that got him summoned to the Middle East ahead of others in his unit. But Douthit wasn't a career man, Brown said.

"He wanted to get out and work on cars," Brown said. "He always said he just wanted to go back to Alaska to fish and work on cars."

Before leaving, he said he wanted to see his family in freedom over here and make sure his baby would grow up in a free land. Jessica told the Tacoma News Tribune Saturday night. "He wanted to do what was right."

Douthit left Fort Lewis the day after Christmas. After reaching the Middle East, he was able to phone home several times.

"At first he seemed real

excited," Hollier said. "He liked seeing the camels walking around Ilose. He always sounded really up."

His mother, Nita, was active in the Great Alaskan Hug letter-writing and family-support effort, said Hug organizer Mary Keith. News of Douthit's death, coming a day after the cease-fire, was a blow to other network families, Keith said.

"We'd felt so good that all our kids had made it out," she said. "It seemed like we'd slid through."

The family has been told it will be seven to 10 days before Douthit's body reaches Fort Lewis. They planned to meet Saturday night to discuss burial and memorial plans after confirming the death. David wrote before going overseas: The funeral may have to wait until after his child is born so that Jessica can travel, Hollier said.

"I'm sure that we'll have something here, whatever happens," she said. "He had so many friends here."

□ Daily News reporter Pam Do-
to contributed to this story.

Jordan and said "great progress" was being made in the "journey from war to peace" in the Persian Gulf.

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Family prepares to bury soldier

By TOM KIZZIA

Daily News reporter

SOLDOTNA — The remains of Sgt. David Douthit will be returned to Alaska and laid to rest in a picturesque Kasilof cemetery beside the grave of a buddy who shared some harrowing high school escapades and then joined the Army with him.

Burial will follow a funeral set for 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Soldotna High School auditorium, according to Douthit's family. Organizers scrambled Monday to find a space big enough to hold the crowd expected to honor Douthit, the only Alaskan known to have been killed in action in the war against Iraq.

City and borough flags in Soldotna were lowered to half-staff Monday. State law says only the governor has authority to order the state and U.S. flags lowered. Gov. Walter Hickel will probably issue a proclamation that flags be lowered Wednesday for Douthit and others who died in the war, press spokesman Harry Gamble said.

A memorial service for students has been

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Douthit funeral set

The funeral of Sgt. David Douthit of Soldotna, the only Alaskan known to have been killed in the war with Iraq, has been confirmed for 3 p.m. Tuesday at Soldotna High School.

The date had been tentative because doctors had not given Douthit's widow, Jessica, permission to fly. She is in her eighth month of pregnancy.

That permission was granted Friday, and she will travel with the rest of the family to Alaska this weekend, said Gary Hollier, a brother-in-law of Douthit.

The family has asked that instead of flowers, donations be made to two memorial funds for Jessica Douthit and the baby.

The Douthit Memorial Fund and Douthit Baby Fund can be reached through the National Bank of Alaska, Box 509, Soldotna, 99669.

just get the lead dogs moving the team would join. Carpenter had tried everything else. The Anchorage musher had watered the dogs let them rest. He had fed the dogs and let them rest. He pleaded with the dogs. He walked out in front

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In an interview M Alleman tried to clarify positions, saying he the state to stop "h ing on white people."

"I'm not a human activist," he said. what you might say equal rights activi aren't doing what th ka Constitution and statutes say. They are all equal."

The Hickel adminis was quick to disavow man's statements.

"We wouldn't s comments of that na any way, shape or said Deputy Press Se Eric Rehmann.

the United States Marine Corps, said in London. "This is the moment we have been waiting for. There are chinks in Hussein's wall of fear."

Lt. Gen Thomas W. Kelly, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Monday that allied intelligence has spotted in southern Iraq both Soviet-made T-55 tanks, apparently in the hands of regular Iraqi army units, and T-72 tanks in the hands of Republican Guards.

"They're both apparently trying to exert an influence on the situation and we don't

not."

Ade Karim, 28, a Kuwaiti released from prison after the uprisings began, claimed that civilians had executed the mayor, intelligence chief and head of Iraq's ruling Baath party in Nasiriyah. "I see many hundreds of people killed in Nasiriyah," he said. "In the streets... all people kill the police. And Army killed the police."

In all, the refugees reported, anti-Saddam forces have effectively taken control of the largest cities in southern Iraq, including Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawa, Diwa-

"I don't think there would be very many happy soldiers going back that would continue to support the regime," said Kelly. "What you have on your hands returning to Iraq is a beaten army, and beaten armies can be politically dangerous."

Several Iraqi soldiers interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp. on the highway leading to Basra through allied positions in southern Iraq confirmed that, for the first time since Saddam took sole control of his nation 12 years ago, his own army now harbors open resentment toward him.

ety similar to Iran's.

Although Iran has remained officially neutral in the Gulf war, the Islamic Republic has long sought to dislodge Saddam, whose Baathist ideology of secularism and science is a bane to Iran's fundamentalist religious leadership.

What is more, Saddam's inner ruling circle, which consists largely of Iraq's minority Sunni Islamic sect, has systematically sought to oppress and subjugate the nation's Shiite majority, the predominant community in neighboring Iran.

DOUTHIT: Soldier killed in Gulf war to be buried next to old friend

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scheduled for 9:10 a.m. Wednesday at Soldotna High School, where Douthit graduated in 1984.

Douthit's body is expected to reach Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash., by Friday, when a memorial service for him is planned, said Douthit's brother-in-law, Gary Hollier. Douthit's parents, brothers and sisters will return to Alaska with the body over the weekend, Hollier said.

Joining them for the funeral will be Douthit's 18-year-old wife, Jessica, who is expecting the couple's first child in less than a month.

Douthit's parents, Harvey and Nita Douthit of Soldotna, have decided to bury their youngest child at Spruce Grove Memorial Park south of Soldotna next to the grave of Spencer Reeder, who raced, and

partied with Douthit through high school and then "walked the wall" in Berlin with him during their several years together under the Army's buddy system.

Reeder died in 1988 when a small aluminum skiff swamped in the Kenai River canyon above Skilak Lake. Reeder was on leave from the Army at the time.

Hollier said Reeder's father had bought two burial plots when he had to bury his son and told the Douthits he would be proud to have David buried next to Spencer.

Douthit and Reeder were part of a tight-knit group of five friends who drove fast cars and survived close calls through high school. Though luck rode with them in their high school years, only two are alive today; a third friend committed suicide last spring.

Dwayne Self, one of the remaining friends, recalled Monday how his buddy Dave "honed his skills" as a teen-ager by snowboarding over cliffs, "test-driving"

sports cars off used-car lots in Anchorage, and racing side-by-side in pickups through the middle of Soldotna at 3 a.m.

A state motocross champ one year, Douthit had his share of narrow misses. Once, Self said, Douthit went into a spin while passing on the highway outside Kenai at 70 mph. He had the presence of mind to keep his Plymouth Charger going straight backward off the embankment so that it flipped end-over-end instead of rolling dangerously sideways, Self said. Douthit and his passenger walked away from the wreck.

"We were bulletproof at 18, guaranteed," said Self. "We were the best at what we did."

Douthit grew up in his parents' lakefront log home in Soldotna. As a teen-ager he had an outlying cabin of his own, its walls papered over with rock and swimsuit posters, where he and his friends listened to music — his favorite song was the Eagles'

"Hotel California," Self said.

The Army turned out to be good for Douthit, Self said. Quieter than his smooth-talking friend Reeder, Douthit "came back confident" from the service, Self said, with even a trace of a swagger, "like he could do a lot more in life."

Douthit was killed Feb. 27, the day the cease-fire was announced, probably in a tank battle in Iraq. The army has released few details. Self said his friend was apparently serving as the exposed gunner in an M-2 Bradley armored personnel carrier.

"All those things that we did that everyone said was meaningless, they had meaning after all," said Self, reasoning that his friend was able to put his mechanical skills and split-second sense of timing to good use in the military.

"He was in some heavy action. I know he was taking them out," Self said. "Somebody just got off a lucky one."

IDITAROD: Musher who took a tow to get his dogs going ruled out of the race

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tried to lead the team himself.

"I had balls and tangles," Carpenter said. "The dogs started growling at each other and getting argumentative — and this is a team that's always happy and never fights."

Or, so it had been. After the leadership in the team broke down, it became a rabble.

Carpenter was left to lament a lead dog injured three weeks before, a lead dog left home.

"When you say go to him, he gets up and goes whether he wants to or not," Carpenter said.

This team needed that kind of leadership.

In the shade of the tall cottonwoods and spruce-birch forest on the west bank of the river, it was

hard to get the team moving — even with Moore's help. Both he and Lee felt the pangs of empathy for Carpenter's plight. Any musher would. Few things ache more strongly of betrayal than a trusted dog team that quits for no obvious reason.

"Something happened out there that I can't explain," Carpenter said. "I guess I let them go out too fast."

Perhaps they hit the so-called wall that can bring human marathon runners to their knees. The dogs didn't even want to chase other teams.

"My expectations for the dog team probably got in the way of reality. I ended up expecting too much."

Lee, a 35-year-old Anchorage man who has been running dogs since the age 5, suggested Carpenter rest the team 24 hours. Lee had been through this before.

"There's a schedule that will bring them back," Lee said. "Two hours on, two hours off, if the musher can handle it."

The problem is the musher spends the two hours off making sure the dogs get plenty of food and water, and never sleeps.

Together with Moore, Lee managed to help Carpenter get his team to Yentna. By then it was as much a matter of propping up the musher as urging on the team.

Carpenter was disappointed; his bowed shoulders showed it.

This was his second Iditarod. The first had ended in McGrath, and he wanted to make Nome to prove to himself that he could do the 1,000-mile run. The prospect of letting down the people who had sponsored this expensive expedition weighed on him.

He hoped to travel with Lee and Moore at the tail end of the race. Lee, who'd spent the warmth of the day sleeping on his sled in the hot spring sun, had a happy and playful dog team that looked ready to make the march.

"I can almost guarantee I won't be the last guy to Nome," he said.

Moore's team did not look as strong, but their attitudes were good and so was his.

"We'll either make it or we won't," he said at Yentna. "I'm not going to push them."

The dogs rested in the snow in the sun. They rose and began yapping when he dug out the cook kit to fix dinner.

Carpenter left as Moore was making sure his dogs were all taken care of.

"I'm gonna go drink a few more glasses of water and

get some spaghetti," Carpenter said. "Maybe I'll take a little nap, too."

"Is there a place to sleep in Skwentna?" Moore asked.

Lee said mushers are always welcome to grab a space on the floor at Joe Della's cabin. Those words gave Carpenter something to look forward to.

"I've had a long hard day," he said.

It went only slightly better that night. In the cold, the dogs made their way up the Yentna and Skwentna rivers. By early Monday morning, they were at Della's cabin.

There Carpenter rested and waited for the news of his fate. Iditarod officials were huddling to decide if he should be disqualified.

Iditarod rules say mushers are allowed incidental, emergency help from other mushers but there is a prohibi-

bition on one team towing another.

Carpenter got the word from officials shortly after 10 a.m. A year of his life and a \$20,000 investment in equipment and dogs had gone for naught.

"They said it was an infraction of the rules, and they won't let me go on," he said. "I can't feel anything. I'm so totally dejected I'm almost ill."

"I'm in debt a few thousand dollars. I figured if I was going to do this, I'd do the best I could. It's a little more than disappointing. When I came in last night, I said I can take this dog team to Nome."

"It wouldn't have been easy. It wouldn't have been the race I expected, but I know I could have done it. I don't know what I'll do now. It's hard to put things in perspective."

RIGHTS COMMISSIONER: Hickel appointee says he's there to represent other side

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Esther Wunnicke.

Wunnicke said she was surprised by Alleman's in-

Greater Juneau Area Fre-
cinct Chairman.

Alleman's appointment was never announced publicly. Commission members said they didn't learn until

row," he said. "My recollection is of Japanese Zeros coming over the hills and the bombs falling... and whenever I recall that I call them Zeros."

Tanner, I'm sorry."

It was during a preview of a workshop called Reducing Racism that Alleman made his comments about anti-discrimination laws at

sne, too, had suffered. Alleman shot back, "Yeah, and I've suffered as a white male and as a landlord and as various other things. But

sume before giving him the appointment two weeks ago.

Alleman said Tanner didn't go into any depth in the interview.