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SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BILL FILE

BILL NUMBER: SJR 11
ABBREVIATED TITLE: Appoint Alaskan 9th Circuit

SPONSER: Halford, Rodey, Wehlin, etc ORIGINAL RECEIVED: 1-23?

WRITTEN REQUEST TO SCHEDULE REC'D: 1-24 FROM: Halford

SPONSER'S STATEMENT REC'D: _____ FROM: _____

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COMMITTEES OF REFERRAL: FIRST: Jud SECOND: - THIRD: -

COMMITTEE ACTION

DATE:

1-29-90 All voted down - Deferred to Sen. Sen. Jay '93

PERSONS TO BE NOTIFIED OF HEARING

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| 1. SPONSOR <u>Halford</u> | 6. _____ |
| 1-28 2. AGENCY <u>Law-Koverson - 3600</u> | 7. _____ |
| 3. <u>Susan Cox - Juneau Bar 3603</u> | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Sen Steven office supports such a resolution.

JUNEAU BAR ASSOCIATION

January 15, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Re: Vacancy on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear President Bush:


I have been asked by the Juneau Bar Association of Juneau, Alaska, to write to you concerning a vacancy on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alfred Goodwin intends to take senior status on January 31, 1991. As you may know, the Ninth Circuit includes nine western states and the Pacific Trust Territories. One of the states within this circuit is Alaska, and yet only one judge from Alaska has been appointed to the Ninth Circuit in the thirty-two years since Alaska achieved statehood.

The forty-ninth state has much to offer, including a wealth of legal and judicial talent. You should take advantage of this talent in filling the vacancy left by Chief Judge Goodwin. You should also take advantage of this opportunity to diversify the perspective of the Ninth Circuit bench. From our vantage point at the top of the Pacific Rim, we Alaskans have long viewed the world from a unique standpoint. We urge you to appoint an Alaskan to the Ninth Circuit. Such an appointment would benefit the quality of the Court as well as the pride of our state.

I appreciate that right now you have a world of concerns beyond the federal judiciary, and I hope that the world survives those concerns. We send our best wishes for peace and justice everywhere, and encourage you to consider seriously our request for an Alaskan appointment that would enhance the quality of justice in our small corner of the world.

Very truly yours,

JUNEAU BAR ASSOCIATION

By 
Eric A. Kueffner

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Frank Murkowski
Representative Don Young
Governor Walter Hickel
Mr. Gary Zipkin

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Mary Van Nimwegen

1/30/91 Sen Jud Committee 1:30pm