

HCR

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STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Education
 Title: Proclaiming 1991 to be the Bill of Rights Bicentennial Year BRU: K-12 Support
 Component: Foundation
 Sponsor: M. A. Miller
 Requestor: House Judiciary 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						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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Rep. M.A. Miller and
Judiciary Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

RE: HCR No. 7; Bill of Rights Bicentennial

Dear Friends,

One report after another, confirming the crisis in American education, has stressed the central role, in the success of the American enterprise, of instruction in civics. The threat posed to our future by the failure of new generations to understand fundamental principles is grave.

I would hope that instruction in the meaning of the Bill of Rights is already underway in all our schools, for every class, every year. However, the bicentennial year poses a special opportunity to remind all, young and old, of the central nature of the concept of individual rights to our democracy.

Too many Americans equate democracy only with majority rule, yet the American Republic was founded on the principle that minorities of opinion and interest within a majority must have their rights respected as a restraint on majoritarian absolutism. Constitutionalism and the Bill of Rights are the prime virtues of the American system.

I urge your support for HCR 7.

Sincerely,



John Havelock
(Chair, Commission to Celebrate the U.S. Constitution.)