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**26**



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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

I introduced Senate Bill 26 to address a concern voiced by voters, "...legislators lose touch with their constituents once they get to Juneau." Since Alaska's state government is a creation of the people of Alaska, it should serve their needs to the best of its ability. Voters have a stake in the enactment of laws that affect their lives.

Democratic government does better when the public is there to oversee the process. The process of government is a function of two-way communication. Face to face encounters allow the voters and elected officials to understand each other. Good government does not have price tag.

SB 26 would only move the site of legislative sessions from Juneau to the Anchorage area. The thrust of this bill is legislative reform. This one governmental reform would allow access to the legislative process for a majority of Alaskans. Over 75% of Alaskans live on the road system and are within a days driving distance of Anchorage.

Currently, access to the legislative process as well as other high level state officials is limited to special interest groups, lobbyists, and individuals who have the financial ability and time to travel to Juneau to take part.

The use of a teleconference network was devised as a substitute for in-person participation by the public in areas outside of Juneau. It is an acceptable method of taking testimony from state officials who provide factual backup. However, it is the least preferable method to secure testimony from the public and has not proven itself to be an acceptable alternative for a concerned citizen of Alaska. A member of the public on a teleconference is at a disadvantage in influencing and persuading legislators to their point of view.

In addition to opening up the legislative process to average Alaskans there would be an added benefit of yearly savings in the cost of travel and moving expenses for a majority of legislators and their families. The public would also realize a cost saving in travel expenses as well as a substantial reduction in the amount of time involved when they want to participate and testify on legislative matters. The intangible cost associated with access would also be eliminated.

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Frequently, last minute changes in legislative hearings require bills to be held over. Scheduling changes require witnesses to arrange to stay over or return home because of non-refundable airline tickets. Manytimes they must forgo their opportunity to testify on legislative matters.

Generally, Alaska is growing and expanding. State government has also been growing and expanding. There is a shortage of housing and commercial office space available in Juneau. Space and land requirements are at a premium in Juneau. Consequently, Governor Hickel has proposed building a new state building in Juneau and the City and Borough of Juneau are 100% behind the expansion.

Just two years ago a new building was constructed and a leaseback agreement was arranged with the state to house the Department of Environmental Conservation. The building is currently leased by the state for \$1,520,076 per year. In the early 80's one of the assurances used in favor of retaining all of state government in Juneau was that no new buildings would be required by state government in Juneau. If the legislature vacates the approximately 80,000 sq. ft. now occupied, this space would be available for those executive branch agencies currently in commercial leased space. The long term cost of keeping the legislature in Juneau will be greater than moving the legislature.

Weather can be and sometimes is a problem in Juneau. It is not uncommon for the Juneau airport to be closed because of weather conditions. Closures during the 121 day session needlessly disrupt the people's business.

The economic loss of approximately 300 jobs in Juneau could very easily be offset by cultivating the economic potential of the timber, fishing and mining opportunities available in and around Juneau. During the economic transition after federal positions were moved from Juneau to the lower 48, mining provided the economic stimulus. Connection of Juneau to the road system would provide an additional boost in private sector opportunities.

The Anchorage area offers the advantages of access by a majority of the population; superior transportation access by rail, road or air; suitable commercial office space available at competitive rates; and a larger labor pool to draw from when selecting professional and clerical staff. Additionally, a wide range of options are available to out-of-towners seeking permanent or temporary housing. There is also an outstanding assortment of visitor facilities for individuals and groups doing business with the legislature.

Currently, 10 senators and 19 representatives maintain office space in Anchorage throughout the year and two Senators utilize the visiting senator's office on a regular basis. Two large rooms are also leased to provided committee meeting rooms. This space has been leased for the last six years at a cost of \$365,072 per year. This lease is up for renewal this year.

SB 26 saves money in the long term. Moving the legislative sessions to the Anchorage area accomplishes the number one concern by Alaskans, access to the legislative process.

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# The Alaska Economic Report

*Cautious financiers will limit new supply*

April 22, 1991  
No. 8-91

## Housing 'crunch' coming in Juneau?

Juneau's housing market is tight and getting tighter. If one or two new mining projects planned actually go to production, demand will be exacerbated. At the same time, cautious lending practices by financial institutions, a scarcity of available land and higher buildings costs will constrain adjustments in supply, local analysts say. City and Borough of Juneau estimated the local vacancy rate at 1.7 percent for single family homes and about one percent for multifamily units in summer, 1990. Rentals are particularly tight. Interviews by city planners with five property management firms handling 20 percent of Juneau's rental units indicate that vacancy rates could be less than one-half percent. Of 750 units managed by these firms, only seven were available and all property managers interviewed had waiting lists.

As for home purchases, earlier this year Multiple Listing Service listings indicated a pattern similar to Anchorage. Homes in upper price ranges were available, but shortages were appearing in lower price

ranges. Local lending institutions do have money available, and conventional home mortgages can be secured with a 10 percent down payment; private mortgage insurers are also backing buyers paying 10 percent down, but not making purchases at the high end of their qualifying scale, lenders report.

Construction loans are also available for speculative residential and commercial projects, but borrowers must have 25 percent of the appraised value in cash or land equity for the project, which will (Cont. on Pg. 2)

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\*\*\* Fairbanks will see modest growth as the recovery continues; retailers, watching population growth, plan expansions \_\_\_\_\_ Pg. 3

\*\*\* Statewide employment growth should maintain a vigorous 2.9% in 1991 and 1992 on top of 4.4% in 1990 \_\_\_\_\_ Pg. 3

## '91 will be a banner tourism year: Up 7-8%?

1991 is going to be a banner tourism year, seven to eight percent over last year and perhaps even higher, industry analysts predict. Bookings on cruise lines for summer vacation travel to Alaska, a key indicator used in the industry, have been extremely heavy this spring. That follows a severe slump in winter early bookings caused by consumer uncertainties rising out of the Persian Gulf war. As the war ended, public confidence returned and people started booking vacations again. Preliminary figures show 1990 summer visitors reached 590,000, up 30,000 from 560,000 in 1989. Another eight percent could push the 1991 total to near 640,000. In any case, it looks like a very strong season for Alaska and another summer of packed

hotels in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Increasingly, "Class B" hotels and lower-cost bed-and-breakfast units are benefiting from the spillover from Class A luxury hotels. Industry specialists credit a \$2.3 million state supplemental appropriation to Alaska travel promotion programs with helping save the season. Former Gov. Cowpernick vetoed \$4 million from the state tourism budget. In early spring, state officials and legislators approved the supplemental to partly restore those funds, creating the Alaska Tourism Marketing Council to get a television advertising package on the air. The timing was just right. As the war ended, all states jumped into heavy travel promotions. With 16 new television spots (Cont. Pg. 2)

# Juneau's housing: Tight lending and scarce land

(Cont. from Pg. 1) limiting factor. "Juneau lenders are cautious," a recent evaluation of the local economy by city planners said, "they do not want to find themselves in the position of funding for over-building again. A careful eye on state oil revenues (Juneau's economic core is state employment), population projections, proposed state budget cuts and tentative plans for incoming industry are all determining factors in future lending decisions." A few new homes are being built in Juneau, mostly cases where homeowners secured the construction loans and hired contractors for a set fee. "This small inventory of newly-built homes will not ease demand for moderate-priced housing, either single or multi-family units," the city report said.

New mining projects, possible reopening of the big AJ Mine adjacent to the city itself, and the Kensington Mine north of Juneau, could create demand for about 1,150 new housing units, equivalent to about ten percent of the local housing stock. Much of the initial demand would be in the rental market but many mine workers, about half, local planners estimate, would eventually try to purchase homes. But local building costs may limit that. Construction costs for new housing in Juneau are very high by historical standards. Standard, no-frills construction is running \$60 to \$85 per square foot; a typical 1,500-sq.-ft. home could would \$120,000 to build, at \$85/ft. Adding a typical land acquisition cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000, and the cost of a modest three-bedroom home reaches \$150,000. This is financially beyond the reach of most households. Even the mining workforce, who will be among the highest paid workers in Juneau, may not be able to afford a new house, the city analysis said.

## Available land is scarce

Major new subdivision development is unlikely. Lots in newly developed subdivisions would be particularly expensive because of local building codes requiring water and sewer utility hookup where trunk lines are not provided and lighting and paving in the urban service area. But in any case, developable land near Juneau is scarce. Much of the vacant land in outlying areas of the community are subject to wetland restrictions. Juneau does have public lands that could someday be available for housing, but these do not have access. One long-term factor that could alleviate pressure is that falling state oil revenues could reduce state government employment, the core of Juneau's present economy. A 20 percent cut is not unrealistic. This

would, amounting to 900 jobs, largely offset employment created by the AJ and Kensington mines. But the sheer uncertainty of the state revenue outlook, plus the fact that the new mines are now estimated to have 1.5-year producing lives (although once in production, mines usually produce for much longer), will make financial institutions even more cautious in lending for new construction, which will aggravate the short-term crunch. To forecast new housing demand and construction, City and Borough of Juneau planners, and the State DOTPF, developed these projections:

## Analysis of housing type

An assumption was made that major new mobile home parks are unlikely; that more land is now required for zero lotline or duplex structures, meaning fewer of these units can be built; land will be increasingly scarce. With this, condo and multi-family development will take the market formerly filled by mobile homes, duplexes and zero lot-lines. About 200 to 400 acres will be required for construction of the next 1,000 dwelling units in the community, taking into consideration requirements for buffer acreage and parks. Of the next 1,000 housing units, 450 are estimated to be single-family units, with the remaining 650 multi-family, zero-lot duplex and condo units.

## Tourism: 1991 season a boom year

(Cont. from Pg. 1) Alaska was able to hold its own against the competition. Southeast and South central cruise vessel routes, the industry mainstays are back. Holland America, Princess, Cunard, and Royal Viking Crystal Tours, a Japanese operator, is back after having pulled out of Alaska. Two new operators in Southeast this summer are Royal Caribbean and Costa Tours. Also, with gasoline prices stabilizing, highway tourism should be up this year as well.

Alaska Resources Commissioner Harold Henze is working on a new program to use exploration credits to encourage oil and gas companies to drill on unexplored but also unleased state lands as a way of helping DNR get valuable geologic data. The credits could be used against other lease, rental or royalty payments. Legislation will require legislative action in 1991, however, Alaska now has a drilling incentive program on leased lands, but not lands that are unleased.

Eagle River Star Editorial  
2/4/93

## Bring legislature to people

The proposal of Sen. Randy Phillips to move the legislature to the Anchorage area should be quickly adopted. It makes sense economically and politically.

Juneau is isolated. There is no room to build more office space to house a growing state government. Housing is limited and a crunch comes each year when the legislature is in session. Getting into and out of Juneau is a chore and weather adds a dimension of uncertainty. Travel is costly and no discount tickets are offered.

**MOST OF ALASKA'S** people live in Southcentral Alaska. The legislature meets in a remote corner of the largest state in the union—one that would stretch coast to coast if laid atop the Lower 48.

In today's world of instant telephone, television, computer and fax communication, information needed by the legislature is instantly available. That once was an argument. It no longer is.

State offices should stay where they are. Juneau's economy need not suffer. But the legislature should meet closer to the people it serves. Move it.

11/25/93

# The Anchorage Times

"Believing in Alaskans, putting Alaska first"

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## Within easy view

**I**F YOU think Alaska would have a better government if the Legislature operated within easy reach of most of the people, you'll like the bill introduced last week by Republican Sen. Randy Phillips of Eagle River.

Co-sponsored by Republican Bert Sharp of Fairbanks, the measure (SB 26) calls for the Legislature to convene each year in Anchorage — at "an appropriate location" arranged for by the Legislative Council.

The purpose is readily apparent.

The Legislature now meets in Juneau — far removed from most of the people of the state; accessible only by air, unless you live in one of the few communities served by the South-



eastern ferries; costly and time consuming as a travel destination; generally isolated, and its legislative activities mostly out of touch and out of sight of a great percentage of Alaskans.

This is not a Move-the-Capital bill, it should be pointed out.

Juneau would remain the capital city. The only difference is that the legislative session would be held in Anchorage.

**THERE HAVE** been similar legislative proposals put forward in past years, calling for the Leg-

islature to hold its sessions in successive years in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ketchikan and Juneau.

That's a good idea, too.

But the Phillips-Sharp bill is more simple and clean cut.

Anchorage could accommodate the sessions with no problem — space is not at a premium. Half of the legislators, give or take one or two, already have offices here.

And if the meetings were here, Alaskans everywhere would have easy access to the sessions — and no longer would our lawmakers be working in the confined and isolated atmosphere of Juneau.

Will this bill move forward? Don't bet on it.

More likely, it will be shuffled off into Juneau's fog and mist — like the Legislature itself, out of sight and sound of most Alaskans.



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The Frontiersman - Feb. 10 1993

February 10, 1993

# OPINION

## 'Where should the Alaska Legislature meet?'

(Asked at the Wasilla post office)



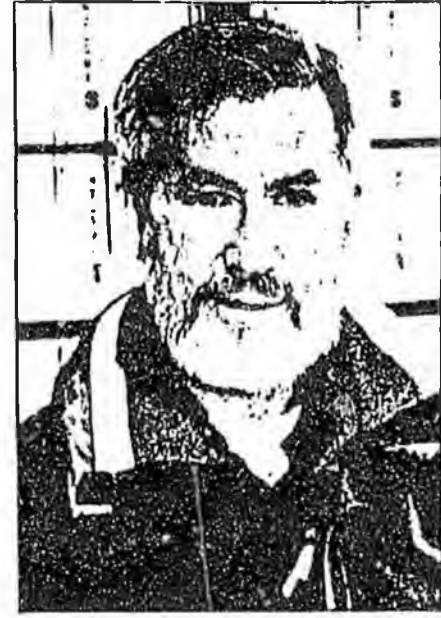
**Kerry Harthun, Palmer, military:** "I think it should be in Anchorage. I think Anchorage is more centrally located and is better geared to handle matters."



**Vicki Case, Palmer, mortgage banker:** "I think the Legislature should convene in an area that is convenient and cost-effective. I would favor the Mat-Su Valley."



**Jim Thompson, Wasilla, construction worker:** "I think they should be in the Anchorage or Fairbanks area, where voters can keep their eye on their conduct and actions."



**Wesley Allen, Wasilla, real estate broker:** "I think they should convene in Anchorage, so all citizens can have access."

### MAIL DROP

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## Move lawmakers closer

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Reps. Pat Carney and Ron Larson for bringing up the capital move or at least moving the legislators to an area where the vast majority of citizens can attend sessions on which they have opinions.

It is completely asinine to have a capital in such a remote area, where the only access is by very expensive airline travel. When you do fly there you are taking a chance you might not be able to land in Juneau or get out. Many, many times, over 20 years, with my destination being Juneau, I have spent the night in Sitka, Seattle or other places because Juneau was fogged in. If Gov. Hickel wants to invest the Exxon oil windfall, he could do no better for us, our children and their children than reduce the cost to the taxpayers by operating the capital in an accessible area.

Think about it. It could save millions of dollars every year. I know the people of Juneau would shed tears like they did in 1978 when the voters approved the move. Then they laughed up their sleeves when the overinflated cost was voted down. Who knows what goes on during the 120 days when the average taxpayer cannot afford to travel to Juneau? Maybe that's the way our representatives like it. After all, a 120-day paid vacation doesn't sound too bad.

Wally has done a lot of good for Alaska over the years. What a lasting tribute to him if he moved the capital. The people want it; it's up to him.

I ask all Alaska citizens to please send a short note stating their wishes to Rep. Pat Carney. Reps. Bill Hudson and Fran Ulmer think it's a joke. I don't think it's a laughing matter — and the will of the people should prevail.

James Stith  
Anchorage

*Sen Phillips*

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# State Legislature



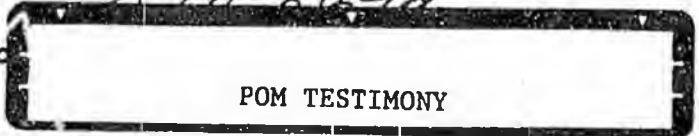
Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE CRA committee name

committee on S.B. 26 bill/subject, dated FEB. 4, 92

*I believe that the Alaska State Legislature should be moved to the anchorage area, a number of locations are available in south central Alaska that have good access to the public. The people of this state need access to their legislature. Our representatives lose touch with the people of this state, at their present location, in Juneau. Move to a location that is accessible to the public, without unaccessable costs.*

Signed: *Rich Morris*  
Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE CRA  
 committee name  
 committee on SB 26, dated 2-4-93  
 bill/subject

I believe that the Alaska Legislature should be moved to Anchorage to allow citizens access & opportunity to be involved in a process that affects them. As it exists now, the location only serves the interest of: Juneau Commerce, legislators with clandestine agendas and the special interests who are backed by the big financiers to do their bidding. This location (Juneau) effectively excludes the Alaska citizens who vote legislators into or out of office. Legislators are voted into office by citizens and it is the citizens best interest which will be served by making the legislature accessible to them. It's time for legislators to get back up here to the real world. Party is over folks. Time to get up

Signed: Susan Ross HERE AND GET TO WORK  
 Testifier

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To	Sen. CRH	From	
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Sent Phillips

1 hr conference 2/4/93

S.B 26

I WHOLE HEARTLY SUPPORT  
MOVING SESSIONS TO AN AREA  
MORE ACCESSIBLE TO MAJORITY OF  
POPULATION -

I WOULD MAKE MY APPEAL  
IN PERSON, EYE BALL TO EYE BALL, BUT  
CANNOT AFFORD EXPENSE OF  
"TRYING" TO GET TO SENECA - MANY  
TIMES I HAVE SAT IN SITKA  
OR SOME OTHER ALTERNATE SPOT  
WAITING FOR WEATHER IMPROVEMENT.  
TREMENDOUS INCONVENIENCE AND IMPEDIMENT  
TO REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

MAKE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION  
AGAIN - MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO  
THE PEOPLE.

Mark Hodgins  
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# Alaska State Legislature

*Sen Phillips*

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE CERA committee name

committee on SB 26 CAPITOL RELOCATE, dated 2/4/93  
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MOVE IT! GET GOVERNMENT BACK TO  
THE PEOPLE. FAIRBANKS! THE  
GEOGRAPHIC CENTER. LEGALIZE CASINO  
GAMBLING IN JUNEAU! FAIRBANKS  
WINS, JUNEAU WINS, THE BUSH WINS.  
ANCHORAGE & MAT-SU WINS!  
NOW!

Signed: *Stephen Stoll*

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**Senator Randy Phillips**  
**Alaska State Senate**



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Please keep for your information

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for participating in my 1993 Legislative Questionnaire. Of the 10,413 questionnaires mailed, 1,065 or 10.2% were returned. The final tabulated results are indicated below. Please note that the percentages shown in each answer represent a percent of the total answering that question and not a percent of the total returned.

Legislature

*As of 2/24/93*

Do you support or oppose moving the legislature from Juneau to Anchorage...not to move the capital, rather move the legislature?

827 Support  
81%

189 Oppose  
19%

1016 TOTAL ANSWERS

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Robin Taylor  
FROM: Jim Clark  
DATE: February 23, 1993  
RE: 1982 Capital Move Vote

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	Yes	No	%
Ketchikan/Petersburg/Wrangell	277	8,404	96.8%
Angeon/Yakutat	335	4,170	92.6%
Sitka	176	4,771	95.4%
Juneau	598	15,101	96.2%

Submitted by: Assemblyman Landers  
Prepared by: Assembly Utility  
Budget Analyst  
For Reading: December 3, 1991

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 91-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE SUPPORTING, AN AMENDED HOUSE BILL NUMBER 198 OF THE SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO THE RAILBELT

WHEREAS, HB 198 would change the location of where the legislature meets to the Railbelt; and

WHEREAS, over 70% of Alaska's population lives within the Railbelt, which has a developed road system; and

WHEREAS, the Railbelt, via Anchorage International Airport contains the air transportation hub for Southcentral and Western Alaska, and via Fairbanks International Airport the air transportation hub for Northern Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Juneau is conveniently accessible to 15% of Alaska's population and lacks a direct road link to the rest of the State; and

WHEREAS, Government, on all levels, should make accommodations to maximize citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, broadening the base of citizen involvement in and scrutiny of the legislative process reduces in influence of special interests and improves elected officials accountability.

NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly Resolves:

Section 1: That this body supports an amended HB 198 which deletes location specific references and substitutes language providing for any location which is within fifty air miles of the Anchorage International Airport.

Section 2: That this resolution is effective upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1991

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE RESOLUTION



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 1163-91

Meeting Date: December 3, 1991

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From: Assemblyman Landers

Subject: A Resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage Supporting, with an Amendment, House Bill Number 198 of the Seventeenth Legislature Changing the Location of the Legislature to the Railbelt.

House Bill (H.B.) 198 is attached. This resolution endorsed H.B. 198 with one amendment. The amendment would delete the location specific language within the bill to general language requiring the location to be within fifty air miles of Anchorage International Airport. Moving the Legislature to within the Railbelt would make it accessible to many more Alaskans than it currently is.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION.

Respectively Submitted,

Prepared By:

*Chuck Landers*

*Tim Wiepking*

Chuck Landers  
Assemblyman

Tim Wiepking, Assembly Utility  
Budget Analyst

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*Approved Dec 17, 1991*

CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESOLUTION 93-010

RE: SB 26 AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOCATION OF THE CONVENING OF THE  
LEGISLATURE IN REGULAR SESSION:

WHEREAS THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE PRESENTLY MEETS FOR ITS  
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN JUNEAU, ALASKA

WHEREAS THERE CURRENTLY EXISTS NO ROAD ACCESS AND SOMEWHAT  
LIMITED AIR ACCESS TO JUNEAU ALASKA RESULTING IN LESS THAN IDEAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES FOR MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS THE MAJORITY OF THE STATE'S POPULATION RESIDES IN AREAS  
WITH ROAD ACCESS TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS THE MAJORITY OF LEGISLATORS HOME DISTRICTS ARE LOCATED ON  
THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE RAILBELT AREA

WHEREAS THE PUBLIC INTEREST CAN BETTER BE SERVED IF THEY ARE ABLE  
TO MORE READILY MEET WITH THE LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SUPPORTS SENATE BILL NUMBER 26 WHICH PROPOSES MOVING THE  
LEGISLATURE FROM JUNEAU TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE FOR ITS  
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE CHAMBER BELIEVES THAT OVERALL  
ACCESSIBILITY TO THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED WITH THIS  
MOVE AND WILL RESULT IN BETTER SERVICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC.

APPROVED BY THE CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 1993.

BY

Bruce Marion  
BRUCE MARION, PRESIDENT



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Resolution 4-92/93  
SB 26 An Act To Move The Legislative Session To Anchorage

Whereas SB 26 would change the location of the legislative session to Anchorage  
and;

Whereas over 70% of Alaska's population lives within a days drive of Anchorage  
and;

Whereas locating the legislative session would increase accessibility and  
communication between the majority of Alaskans and their legislators and;

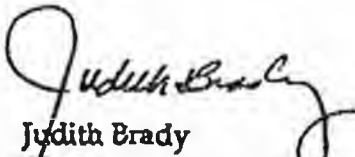
Whereas citizen costs to have face-to-face participation would markedly decrease  
and;

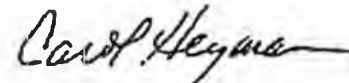
Whereas the long term cost of keeping the legislature in Juneau will be greater  
than moving the legislature because space and land are at a premium in Juneau  
and;

Whereas the Anchorage area has superior access, suitable commercial space at  
competitive rates and a larger labor pool;

Therefore be it resolved that the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce supports the  
passage of SB 26.

April 2, 1993

  
Judith Brady  
Chairman of the Board

  
Carol Heyman  
President