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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: March 20, 1998

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: _____

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 356

HOUSE BILL NO. 356

JOINT TASK FORCE ON MILITARY BASES

"An Act establishing the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced
with the following committee substitute

CS HB 356 (FIN)

the same title
 a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____

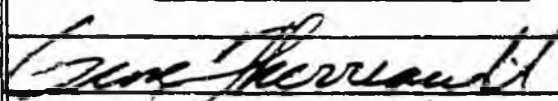
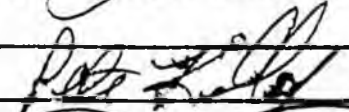
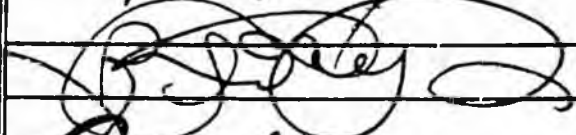
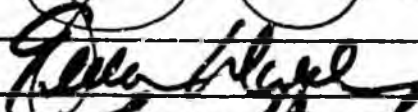
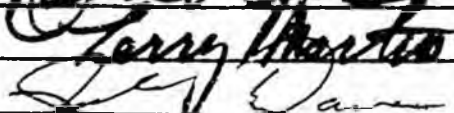
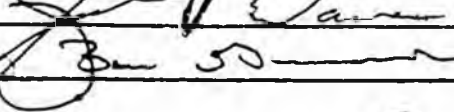

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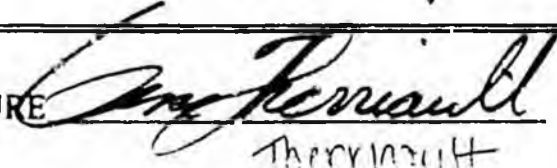
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SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
	Therriault	✓			
	Kelly	✓			
	Ffytan	X			
	MULLER	X			
	Mantiva	X			
	J. Davies	X			
	Gussindt	X			

(b) CHAIR'S SIGNATURE


Therriault

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 356 (FIN)

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act establishing the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska; and providing for an..."
Sponsor: Senator Kelly
Requester: _____

Dept. Affected Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU Legislative Council
Component Council and Subcommittees
Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services						
Travel	0.9	0.9	0.5			
Contractual	2.2	2.2	1.1			
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	3.1	3.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollar)	(Thousands of Dollars)	(Thousands of Dollars)	(Thousands of Dollars)	(Thousands of Dollars)	(Thousands of Dollars)
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	3.1	3.1	1.6			
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1091 Designated Program Receipts						
TOTAL	3.1	3.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 356()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MULDER, Dyson, Foster, Croft, Ivan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the Joint Committee on Military Bases in Alaska; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.** The legislature finds that

5 (1) the Secretary of Defense, in both the Quadrennial Defense Review and the
6 Defense Reform Initiative, has called for the reestablishment of a Base Realignment and
7 Closure Commission (BRAC) to conduct two new rounds of military base closures;

8 (2) all military bases in Alaska are scheduled for review and evaluation for
9 potential placement on the closure list;

10 (3) the strategic location of the state's military bases, their unparalleled training
11 and maneuver areas, and their modern facilities represent an asset of unmatched military value
12 to the nation;

13 (4) the total economic value the military adds to the state exceeds
14 \$1,700,000,000 annually;

1 (5) any new base closure or realignment actions in the state would create
2 serious economic and socioeconomic effects for the communities where they are located: and

3 (6) the closure of Adak Naval Air Facility and realignment of army activities
4 at Fort Greely by the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission continues to create
5 challenges for communities committed to their productive reuse and integration into the state's
6 economy.

7 * **Sec. 2. JOINT COMMITTEE ON MILITARY BASES IN ALASKA.** (a) The Joint
8 Committee on Military Bases in Alaska is established as a permanent interim committee of
9 the legislature.

10 (b) The committee is composed of

11 (1) three members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate of the
12 Twentieth Alaska State Legislature;

13 (2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of
14 the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature;

15 (3) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state
16 legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska
17 State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State
18 Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Municipality of
19 Anchorage;

20 (4) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state
21 legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska
22 State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State
23 Legislature after considering the recommendation of the mayor of the Fairbanks North Star
24 Borough; and

25 (5) an individual who is a state resident other than a member of the state
26 legislature and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate of the Twentieth Alaska
27 State Legislature and the speaker of the house of representatives of the Twentieth Alaska State
28 Legislature after considering the recommendation of the adjutant general of the Department
29 of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

30 (c) Members serve until the committee terminates, except that a person appointed
31 under (b)(1) or (2) of this section ceases being a committee member when the person ceases

1 being a member of the legislature.

2 (d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the presiding officer
3 of the house incurring the vacancy shall fill the vacancy within 30 days. If the office of the
4 presiding officer becomes vacant and a vacancy occurs among the members of the committee,
5 the remaining committee members from the house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new
6 member.

7 (e) The committee shall

8 (1) monitor the military base realignment and closure activities of the federal
9 government for bases in the state;

10 (2) work on specific realignments and closures proposed by the federal
11 government for bases in the state;

12 (3) work with the state's congressional delegation regarding federal military
13 base realignments and closings in the state;

14 (4) attend meetings and hearings related to federal realignments and closures
15 of military bases in the state and provide testimony as necessary; and

16 (5) review the effect on the state and its communities of federal realignments
17 and closures of military bases in the state.

18 (f) Five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee to do
19 business. The committee members select the chair of the committee.

20 (g) The committee may meet during sessions of the legislature and during intervals
21 between sessions at the times and places as the chair of the committee may determine and
22 may hold public hearings as necessary.

23 (h) Members of the committee receive the same travel and per diem allowances
24 provided by law for members of the legislature.

25 (i) The committee shall prepare and submit a report of its activities to the legislature
26 before the convening of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

27 (j) The committee terminates on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature
28 convenes.

29 (k) In this section, "committee" means the Joint Committee on Military Bases in
30 Alaska.

31 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed on the day the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature

1 convenes.

2 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



REPRESENTATIVE ELDON MULDER
DISTRICT 23 MULDOON-Ft. RICHARDSON



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill 356
Joint Committee On Military Bases In Alaska
Sponsor Statement

The Pentagon and the Secretary of Defense have recently stated that another round of Base Realignments and Closures are necessary for the United States Military to maintain its strength and rediness. In preperation of that I have introduced House Bill 356.

House Bill 356 would establish a Joint House and Senate Committee on Military Bases in Alaska. This committee would monitor the activities of a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, work to strengthen the military presence in Alaska and, in the case of a reauthorized BRAC process, work with the Military, the administration and the affected community to protect our bases from closure.

This joint committee will have an existence longer than that called for in the Uniform Rules, Rules 21 (b) & (c), because of the reactivation of the federal BRAC Commission. Creating this joint committee for longer than the duration of the current 20th legislature requires a change in statute, and cannot be done by means of a concurrent resolution, hence this bill. The joint committee would expire on the date the 22nd Legislature convenes. This time frame corresponds with the activity period of BRAC, which will again be reviewing all military facilities in North America for justification of their continued existence.

The attention by BRAC given to Alaska bases in the past presents a considerable challenge, and necessitates vigilance, and a strong unified response from the legislature. The military establishment in Alaska accounts for approximately \$1.7 Billion throughout the Alaskan economy. In addition, the base closures experienced to date (Adak Naval Air Facility, Erickson AFB, Galena AFB, King Salmon AFB, and Fort Greely) have shown that the process requires considerable attention on the part of state government to monitor the economic impact and the reuse potential of such base closures. This joint committee would provide that critical focus.

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Serial #

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services	0	0	0	-	-	-
Travel	.9	.9	.5	-	-	-
Contractual	2.2	2.2	1.1	-	-	-
Supplies	0	0	0	-	-	-
Equipment	0	0	0	-	-	-
Land & Structures	0	0	0	-	-	-
Grants, Claims	0	0	0	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	3.1	3.1	1.6	-	-	-

CAPITAL	0	0	0	-	-	-
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REVENUE	0	0	0	-	-	-
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FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund	3.1	3.1	1.6	-	-	-
Federal Fund	0	0	0	-	-	-
Other	0	0	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	3.1	3.1	1.6	-	-	-

POSITIONS:

Full-Time	0	0	0	-	-	-
Part-Time	0	0	0	-	-	-
Temporary	0	0	0	-	-	-

ANALYSIS: (ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY)

see attached analysis

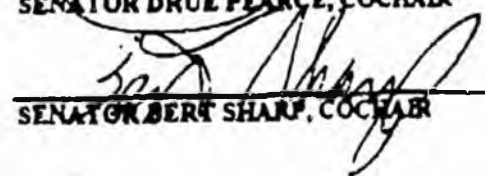
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Close bases or else

Air Force chief prods Congress

By MICHAEL D. TOWLE
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ORLANDO, Fla. — Acting Air Force Secretary Whitten Peters warned Friday that he might close military bases on his own authority if Congress ignores Pentagon requests for another round of base closures.

Peters told an annual gathering of top Air Force officers that failure to close unnecessary bases would make it more difficult to come up with money to pay for new weapons programs and to improve the lives of service personnel.

But lawmakers have traditionally protected military facilities in their home districts. They are very reluctant to set up another round of cutbacks under the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, a civilian panel set up by Congress in 1988 to remove closure decisions from the political arena.

"I have another way of closing bases and it is truly ugly," Peters said. "I can close bases without BRAC right now, and the result would be runways left pock-marked, buildings which are rundown, no economic redevelopment and no significant environmental cleanup.

"I can do that today, but that is essentially equivalent

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BASES: Warning to Congress

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on a community and that is not what we ought to be doing. We ought to be looking for a fair way to do that that provides for economic development and provides for environmental cleanup."

The base-closing commission, devised by House Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas, has led to the closure of nearly 100 military installations as the Soviet Union collapsed and the Cold War ended.

Peters said that the four previous rounds of base closings, the last in 1995, saved a total of \$5.6 billion.

"To put that in perspective, \$5.6 billion equates to a three-squadron wing of F-22s and Joint Strike Fighters," Peters said, referring to two new fighter plane programs.

But the White House and Congress are at odds over additional base closings. Republican lawmakers have accused President Clinton of interfering in a 1995 decision by the commission to close McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif., and Kelly Air Force Base at San Antonio.

Since then, GOP members and many Democrats have said they would balk at closing bases, a politically difficult exercise even with the Clinton administration and the Republican-controlled Congress committed to balancing the federal budget.

Peters' remarks were the toughest to date from the Clinton administration. The president, in his 1999 defense budget, asked Congress to consider base closing rounds in 2001 and 2005. The administration says it can save \$3 billion by closing more bases.

But lawmakers complain that Clinton's promise during the 1996 presidential campaign to privatize Kelly and McClellan amounted to him injecting politics into the closure process. GOP members say they don't want another BRAC, but instead would like the Pentagon to find another system for closing bases.



House Finance Committee

DATE: March 31, 98

PLACE: Cap 519

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
 HB 462 7 HJR 5
 HB 356

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
② Sarah Felix	Dept of Law	P.O. Box 110300 Juneau, AK	99811	465-3600		(Y) N	HJR 5
Hance Jones	PFD	10th Floor JTB	99811		2323	Y (N)	HB 462
① Brad Peice	OMB	MS 0020		4677		(Y) N	HB 462
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