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Senate Rules Committee 4/28/97 10:59 am

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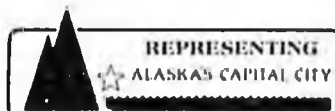


The IRS has been engaging in the outrageous seizure and sales of Alaska commercial fishing entry permits to collect past due taxes. I sincerely believe all taxpayers must act in good faith to meet their federal tax obligations, but it is not necessary or prudent to take away a fisher's basic right to work in order to collect federal taxes.

Recently, the IRS sold an entry permit with only two days notice to the State of Alaska. During this sale they sold the permit which was valued at \$30,000 for only \$5,005. The IRS has threatened to seize seven entry permits in the Dillingham area at this time, as well as threatening a widow in Anchorage with the sale of her deceased husband's fishing privileges for as little as \$3,000.

Commercial fishermen who lose their entry permits are deprived of their ability to make a living. Additionally, fishermen are deprived of their means to earn money to repay their debts to the IRS. It is certainly in the best interest of the federal government to recoup back taxes through the income earned by entry permit holders rather than to recover an insignificant amount through the sale of Alaska commercial fishing entry permits at 10 cents on the dollar. The actions of the IRS appear to be calculated to do harm to an Alaska citizen rather than to raise revenue. Alaskan limited entry permits are use privileges; only the state reserves the right to cancel or modify such privileges without compensation. AS 16.43.150 (e).

HJR 23, requests our Alaska congressional delegation to use any means available to them to assure that the IRS will collect past due taxes from income generated by the sale of fish and the voluntary sale of entry permits, to ensure that the IRS complies with federal law to avoid inflicting economic hardship on a taxpayer, and to protect fishing privileges and the right to work of Alaska fishermen.



FISCAL NOTE

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Revision Date: February 24, 1997 Dept. Affected: CFEC
 Title: Relating to the seizure and sale BRU: _____
of CFEC permits by the IRS Component: _____
 Sponsor: Representative Bill Hudson
 Requester: House Special Committee on Fisher COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF Program Receipts						
1037 GF Mental Health						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	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)

There is no fiscal impact foreseen by this Resolution

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