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## HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

To: Senator <sup>Tim,</sup> ~~Tim Kelly~~, Chair  
Senate Rules Committee <sup>Beverly</sup>  
Fr: Representative ~~Masek~~, Chair  
Re: Request for Hearing on CSHB 362 (STA)  
Dt: March 31, 1998

Please consider this my formal request for a hearing on Committee Substitute for House Bill 362 (STA) as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if this bill could be heard sometime during the week of April 6, 1998.

CSHB 362 (STA) amends AS 02.15.090(a) by adding language to allow the State of Alaska the authority to provide space within its airports for use as military lounges free of rental charges, if those lounges are operated by non-profit agencies, and if space is available.

HB 362 passed out of the House Special Committee for Military & Veterans' Affairs with unanimous consent on February 24, 1998 and passed the House State Affairs Committee on March 7, 1998. On March 23, 1998, HB 362 passed the Alaska State House of Representatives by unanimous vote. On March 31, 1998, HB 362 was passed out of the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Should you have any questions, contact Don Stolworthy in my office at extension 2811.



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To: Senator <sup>Tim,</sup> Tim Kelly, Chair  
Senate Rules Committee <sup>Beverly</sup>  
Fr: Representative Masek, Chair  
Re: Request for Hearing on HJR 51  
Dt: March 30, 1998

Please consider this my formal request for a hearing on House Joint Resolution 51. My hope is that HJR 51 could be heard no later than April 8, 1998.

HJR 51 is a resolution supporting Congressman Don Young's HR 2924, which will amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow Native Alaska veterans from the Vietnam era to make their land selections. Between 800 and 2000 Native veterans missed their chance to apply for their land selections under the Native Allotment Act, because they were either serving in combat zones or were overlooked by the BIA. HR 2924 also restores 50,000 acres to Elim Native Corporation, which were improperly removed by presidential executive order.

HJR 51 passed out of the House Special Committee for Military & Veterans' Affairs with unanimous consent on February 24, 1998. It passed the House of Representatives unanimously (35 yeas / 0 nays) on March 2, 1998. The Senate Resources Committee amended HJR 51 on March 30, 1998 and passed it out with individual recommendations. The Senate Resources Committee Substitute emphasizes support for the Native Alaska veterans' land selections, but makes HJR 51 silent on the issue of the Elim Native Corporation's land selections.

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