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Speaker of the House of Representatives

SPONSOR STATEMENT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE

Deferred maintenance is the result of years of unmet maintenance on Alaska's public facilities.

Meeting our maintenance needs is not about building a skywalk from the court building to the capitol. It is about a capitol building that leaks when it rains and ruins documents. It is about docks that are rotting and falling into harbors. It is about an infrastructure that needs mending. Some cost estimates place Alaska's unmet maintenance needs at well over \$1 billion.

HCR8 will establish a legislative task force to make recommendations to the Governor and the legislature on how to address Alaska's unmet maintenance needs. The Task Force will be made up of five members from the House and five members from the Senate. The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate will also serve as non-voting members.

The Task Force will be specifically charged with:

- reviewing and evaluating existing reports and publications about deferred maintenance recommendations previously made
- identifying and evaluating all current and deferred maintenance needs
- soliciting public comment about this topic
- submitting a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and legislature by the convening of the second regular session.
- forwarding recommendations about funding all deferred maintenance needs.

The Task Force will begin work as soon as members are appointed.

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February 25, 1997

The Honorable Gail Phillips
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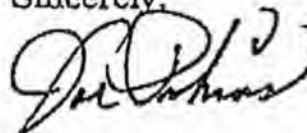
Dear Speaker Phillips:

I was very pleased that you have decided to convene a legislative task force to review the problem of deferred maintenance.

As you are aware, I consider maintenance deficiencies on Alaska's highways, harbors, airports, and state-owned facilities to be the biggest problem facing the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The creation and work of the Task Force will be a positive step in finding solutions to our problems.

You can count on the Department and my personal support for the Task Force's activities.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Perkins, P.E.
Commissioner

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February 24, 1997


Representative Gail Phillips
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Phillips:

The District Council of Laborers would like to go on record as supporting House Concurrent Resolution #8. We believe that the lack of maintenance of some of the state's facilities has brought us to a critical point. It is a known fact that if this maintenance is not addressed soon, the costs will be too prohibitive.

The District Council would also be interested in helping out with the Task Force's study and plans where possible.

Sincerely,



Don Etheridge, Business Agent



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To
State Legislature
House of Representatives

Subject: "Deferred Maintenance" Taskforce

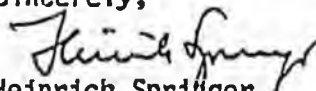
"Deferred maintenance" has the appearance of a "planned program", however, it is nothing but a lack of attention to prudent upkeep activities.

The State of Alaska has neither a "PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE" program for its infrastructure and public facilities nor sufficient attention and funding for a regular upkeep and repair program. One possible exception is the State equipment fleet for the State's rolling stock under the "Working Capital Fund" (WCF).

One mechanism to overcome the lack of maintenance has been the accelerated reconstruction of facilities with capital funding. This is an unwise use of funds because the facilities could reach design-life with a lot less maintenance expenditures. In most cases our situation is getting worse and a higher percentage of our facilities are becoming deficient.

We support a TASKFORCE to address this problem and to determine a viable solution. I personally have been involved in the maintenance of public facilities, including highways, airports, structures and buildings in Alaska for over 15 years and I make myself available to participate if so desired. Addressing this problem has been long overdue and we are glad that you are acting on it.

Sincerely,


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