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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Joint Resolution 18

"A resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to guarantee the permanent fund dividend, to provide for inflation-proofing, and to require a vote of the people before spending undistributed income from the earnings reserve of the permanent fund; and relating to the permanent fund."

Under the constitution (Art. IX, Sec.15) all net income from the Permanent Fund is deposited in the general fund and available for appropriation. However, the Legislature, by statute, has created an earnings reserve account to hold this net income from which dividends and inflation-proofing are paid. Whatever funds are left over in the earnings reserve after inflation-proofing and paying dividends are called "undistributed income."

The legislature by simple majority vote, with the support of the Governor, could cap, reduce or eliminate dividends, reduce or eliminate inflation proofing, and spend every penny Permanent Fund earnings on government. SJR 18 will take the existing formulas for dividends and inflation-proofing and require that the people, not just the legislature, approve any changes.

Former Governor Jay Hammond, former Fairbanks legislator Dick Randolph, former Ketchikan legislator Oral Freeman and prominent Fairbanks businessman Ralph Seekins join several hundred more who have endorsed the effort to require a vote of the people before the Legislature reduces dividends, inflation-proofing or spends the earnings of the Permanent Fund.

If adopted, SJR 18 will permanently protect dividends, guarantee inflation-proofing and require voter approval for spending undistributed income from the Permanent Fund earnings reserve.

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MEMORANDUM

June 10, 1997

SUBJECT: Amendments to the constitution relating to the permanent fund (SJR 18)

TO: Senator Lyda Green
Attn: Lorali Meier

FROM: Tamara Brandt Cook
Director TBC

Here is the sectional summary that you requested.

Sec. 1. Provides that the resolution shall be known as an amendment to protect the permanent fund dividend, to provide for inflation-proofing, and to require a vote of the people before spending the undistributed income from the earnings reserve of the permanent fund.

Sec. 2. Deletes from Article IX, sec. 15 the provision directing that income from the permanent fund be deposited in the general fund unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 3. Adds new subsections to Article IX, sec. 15.

(b) Directs that income from the permanent fund be deposited into the earnings reserve account in the fund and invested as the rest of the fund is. Income of the earnings reserve account is also deposited into that account.

(c) Identifies net income of the fund and income available for distribution. At the end of each fiscal year fifty percent of the income available for distribution shall be distributed as dividends to residents. Income distributed as dividends is not appropriated, but money to pay the costs of administering the dividend program may be appropriated from the income transferred for dividends.

(d) After income is transferred for dividends, income is transferred from the earnings reserve account to the principal of the permanent fund to offset the effect of inflation.

(e) Appropriations may be made from the earnings reserve account to the principal of the permanent fund and for costs of administering the fund, but appropriations for other purposes become effective only if approved by voters at a general election.

Sec. 4. The amendments will be placed before the voters at the next general election.

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Senate President Mike Miller
Senators of the Alaska Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

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January 22, 1997

Honorable President Miller and Senators,

Prior to the elections last November a petition pertaining to the Alaska Permanent Fund/Dividend circulated the Kenai Peninsula. Eleven pages of signatures have been delivered to you with this letter.

It is the hope of we who signed the petition that it may serve as a serious reminder of your responsibility to preserve, protect and defend the people's account. When we observe you planning ways to tamper with the fund or consider capping the dividend, we find it necessary to question your priorities and goals.

Equally important is our desire that the petition will prompt you to finish the business you began last session, that of passing a bill to END THE HOLD HARMLESS*(double subsidy). Over the past too many years our collective dividends have been cumulatively reduced by millions of dollars! Just as it is wrong to legislate benefits for one group at the expense of another, it is likewise wrong to tap the dividend through the back door of special appropriation(s).

May the Senate resolve to do what is right. Fulfill your pledge to maintain the integrity of the permanent fund by restoring its dividends to the true and fullest amount we are rightfully due.

Thank you for hearing the people. Your reply is respectfully requested.

As one of hundreds concerned I remain sincerely,

Barbara J. Gille
173 Trumpeter Avenue
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

enc.: eleven pages(295 signatures) petition
* Ref. SB 37
cc to Sen. John Torgerson
Sen. Jerry Ward

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 Senate Pres. Mike Miller
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1. Dave Forster	<i>Dave Forster</i>	P.O. Box 2144 Soldotna AK 99
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6. HAROLD POTTER	<i>H. Potter</i>	HC1 Box 131 Seldotna, AK. 99669
7. Jerry Stock	<i>Jerry Stock</i>	Box 456 Prudhoe Bay AK 99511 10/26
8. Larry Beckman	<i>Larry Beckman</i>	Box 135 Anchorage Point 99556
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13. ALAN JONG	<i>Alan Jong</i>	HC2 PO Box 547 KASLOF 99669
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16. Leigh Anne	<i>Leigh Anne</i>	Box 772, Cooper Landing 995
17. PAUL WILLIAMS	<i>Paul Williams</i>	PO. Box 772, Cooper Landing 99
18. ANNE L. HARRISON	<i>Anne L. Harrison</i>	" "
19. JAMES L. SEITZ	<i>James L. Seitz</i>	37185 LANCASTER DR Seldotna AK 99
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28. Jackie Schmidt	<i>Jackie Schmidt</i>	P.O. Box 26 Starby AK 99622

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8	Amy Vincent	Amy Vincent	PO Box 2815 Seward AK
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10	KEN BRAND	Ken Brand	Box 875 KasiloF 99610
11	Jerry Strait	Jerry Strait	PO Box 3351 Kenai 99611 HC0-1 BOX 1595-1 Spruce Ha Kenai AK. 99611
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14	D. Early	D. Early	P.O. Box 2697 Soldotna
15	JEFF ANDERSON	Jeff Anderson	158 W. Corral Soldotna
16	Joshua Bynum	Joshua Bynum	P.O. Box 1043 KasiloF AK 99610
17	Andrew Carmichael	Andrew Carmichael	Box 4385 Soldotna
18	Denise Grubb	Denise Grubb	P.O. Box 117 Kenai, AK. ci
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21	Roger Scoble	Roger Scoble	P.O. Box 73 Kenai
22	Judy Cole	Judy Cole	P.O. Box 73 Kenai
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4	Amanda S. Nates	<i>Amanda S Nates</i>	PO Box 422 Kenai
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6	Betty Puchek	<i>Betty Puchek</i>	PO 3573 Moose Pass AK
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12	Jeff Stock	<i>Jeff Stock</i>	PO. Box 456 Kenai, AK 99633
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7	Pernie Meeks	<u>Pernie Meek</u>	Box 1144 Kenai, AK 99611
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11	Helen Waul	<u>Helen Waul</u>	P.O. Box 1022 Sterling
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13	Kyle Dickerson	<u>Kyle Dickerson</u>	P.O. Box 1015 Sterling
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15	David Francis	<u>David Francis</u>	173 Trumpler Ave Soldotna AK 99669
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	12. <u>Margo Keating</u>	<u>Margo Keating</u>	<u>" " " "</u>
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11/9/96	James Van Bungen	James Van Bungen	PO Box 4221 Soldotna AK
11/10/96	James Van Bungen	James Van Bungen	PO Box 721 Kenai AK
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11-10-96	Sam Connor	Sam Connor	P.O. Box 394 Soldotna
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11-11-96	DANN LESTERSON	DANN LESTERSON	PO Box 805 Sterling
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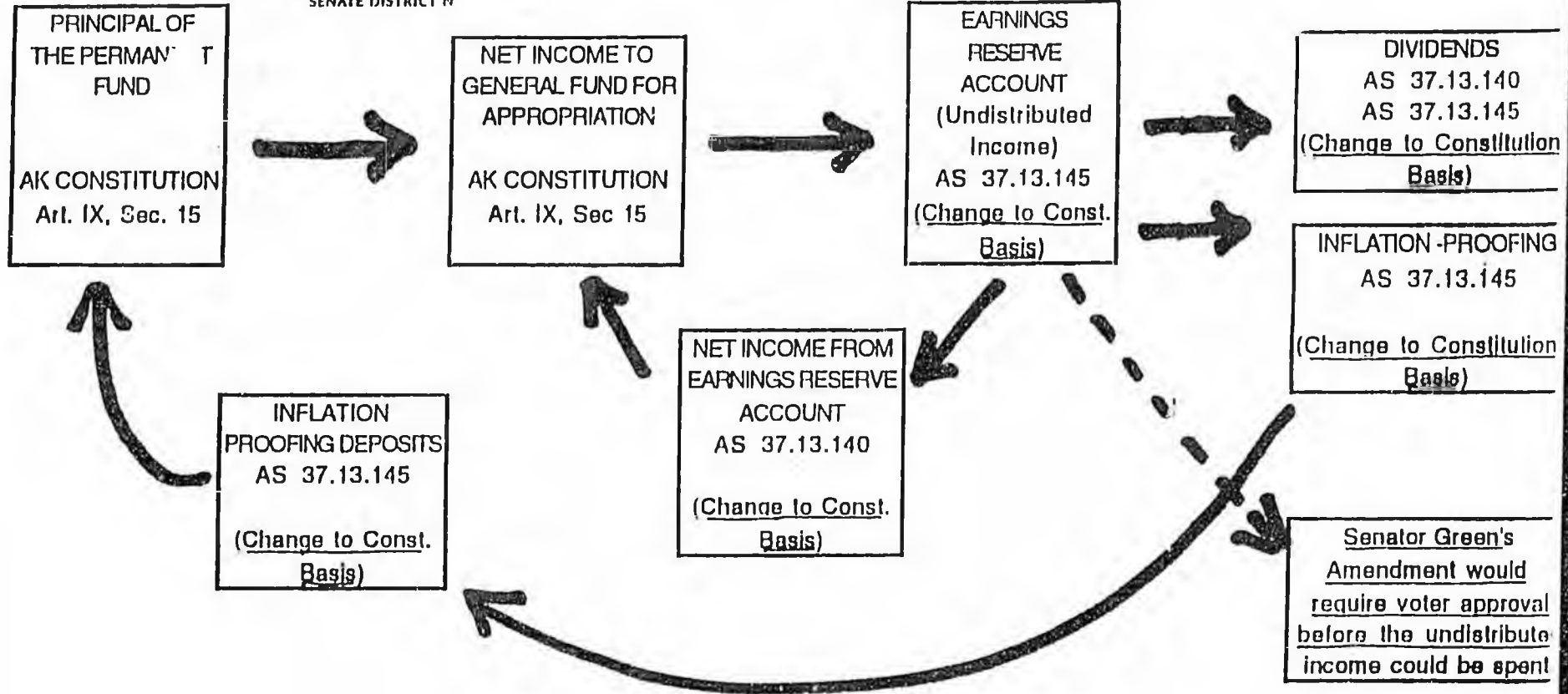
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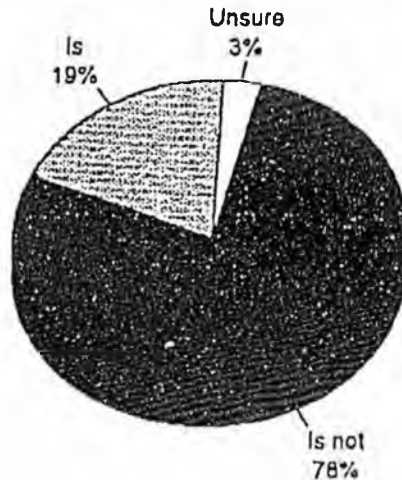
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SENATE DISTRICT N



ALASKA OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION SURVEY
DECEMBER 1996

At the present time, approximately four-out-of-five Alaskans (78%) report they do not feel Alaska should begin to use some of the Permanent Fund investment earnings to pay for government services...

"Do you personally feel Alaska is or is not at the point today where it should begin to use some of the earnings from Permanent Fund investments to pay for government services?"



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...and this basic frame-of-mind appears to be strongly entrenched -- among respondents who do not feel Alaska should begin to use Permanent Fund earnings at this time, approximately four-out-of-five (79%) say they feel Permanent Fund earnings should never be used to pay for government services...

(ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO REPORTED THEY DO NOT FEEL PERMANENT FUND EARNINGS SHOULD BE USED AT THIS TIME -- 78%)

QUESTION:

"Do you think Alaska should ever use earnings from Permanent Fund investments to pay for government services"

RESPONSE:

17%	Yes
79%	No
4%	Unsure

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Proposal tightens Permanent Fund lock

Only voters could OK spending earnings

By DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

JUNEAU — The Alaska Permanent Fund could be locked up more tightly under a legislative proposal that would let voters decide whether money should be spent from the state's oil-savings account.

Sen. Lyda Green, R-Wasilla, and Rep. Alan Austerman, R-Kodiak, said they are introducing resolutions today calling for an amendment to the Alaska Constitution requiring a statewide vote whenever lawmakers seek to spend the fund's earnings.

The proposal also would constitutionally guarantee the dividend paid annually to most Alaskans and require that the fund is increased each year to keep up with inflation.

The principal of the \$20 billion fund, set up 20 years ago with excess oil revenues, al-

ready is protected and cannot be spent without a statewide vote. The resolution would ask voters in the 1998 election if they want to extend similar protection to a reserve account that holds the fund's investment profits.

The money from that reserve is used to pad the fund so it keeps pace with inflation and also to pay annual dividends, which last year amounted to \$1,130 for almost every Alaskan.

The Legislature now could authorize spending some of those reserves with a simple majority vote. In recent years, as state budgets have tightened, some lawmakers have proposed dipping into that money to help pay for government services, though no serious effort has been made.

Green said putting the decision in the



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hands of voters would reduce the temptation to spend the cash and make it tougher for the Legislature to get at it.

She said she and Austerman surveyed Alaska voters and found most wanted a greater say in how the Permanent Fund is used.

"The main thing is to protect the dividend, provide for inflation and always go back to the people to make the decision on spending any of it," Green said. "I was amazed at the number of people who thought they already had the right to vote before anything is done

with that money."

Critics say leaving the spending up to voters could tie up money the state might need in a financial emergency.

"My view is that the Legislature probably has to have some latitude on how the earnings of the fund are used," said David Rose, former director of the Permanent Fund. "Their intent here seems very noble, but what they're really saying is they don't trust themselves."

Bob King, spokesman for Gov. Tony Knowles, said the governor would not comment on the proposal until he has reviewed the legislation.

Knowles has said he would not favor changes to the Permanent Fund without a vote of the people.

The constitution can be amended with a two-thirds vote in both the state House and Senate, followed by approval by a simple majority of state voters.

Walter J. Hickel

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April 16, 1997

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The Honorable Lyda Green
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Lyda,

I have submitted the attached article to the Anchorage Daily News for publication, and wanted to be sure you had a copy.

I'm glad you've initiated discussion on the Permanent Fund dividend program with your proposed Constitutional Amendment. I believe if it had the Community Dividend attached to it, strong support would come from the communities, labor, and business.

While I expect to be out of state until early May, I look for the opportunity to get together.

God bless.

Sincerely,


Walter J. Hickel

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Why Are We Poor When We've Got So Much Money?

Column by Walter J. Hickel for the Anchorage Daily News
April 16, 1997 (726 words)

It can happen in a business, a family, or a society:

A big opportunity, like opening Prudhoe Bay, brings people together. The result is progress, success, wealth. Then the agenda turns, and people concentrate more on preserving wealth than expanding it.

They may be rich, but they think poor. When they had nothing to lose, they took risks. When they have plenty of money, they stagnate.

In Alaska, we see this now. We're not poor, we only think we're poor.

We have over \$1 billion a year in income from the Permanent Fund, and it's growing. Besides inflation-proofing the Fund itself, income is only used to pay a dividend to individuals. That may be fine for each of us, but it does very little for what we need as a community.

We're so busy counting our money, we're forgetting our needs. Deferred maintenance on our roads and schools needs attention now. Virtually every politician we send to Juneau takes a pledge to protect the Permanent Fund dividend. *Fine, but what else?* We're militant about enriching ourselves, but we're timid in strengthening our communities.

The good news is there is enough money. Permanent Fund income continues to grow. We can match the individual dividend program with a community dividend program, to improve the quality of life in Alaska.

Quality of life isn't money in the bank. It's what we do with our money. It is decent sanitation, clean water, and well-maintained parks, streets, and trails. It is schools that work for our kids. It is a University system that helps lead the world – not a place where the roof leaks and classes are cancelled for lack of money.

The Permanent Fund itself should be protected. We shouldn't spend a dime.

But the growing income from the Permanent Fund is an opportunity. We can keep the dividend as it is, while building up a dividend to Alaska's communities. In seven to twelve years, depending on the market, both dividends would be equal, and both would grow.

Every person would receive a dividend and the community in which they live would receive one for a like amount.

Last year, the individual dividend distributed about \$600 million. Think what a companion \$600 million would do to improve Alaska's communities.

Anchorage, with 250,000 people, would have \$250 million a year to fix the roads, build sports facilities, extend trails, promote beautification, clean the streets, and maintain what we have. Fairbanks would have \$70 million. A village of 1000 people would know a million dollars is coming every year, and that could provide clean water, better sewer systems, or build and maintain a community center. Whatever is built, of course, would need to have maintenance costs covered.

The budget for these things was less than \$100 million last year, and we're way behind in basic, routine maintenance.

Decisions on what to do with the money would be made at the community level. The idea is not to give government the means to expand, without accountability. Our local governments, closest to the people, are accountable.

Senator Lyda Green has proposed a constitutional amendment to put any change to the dividend program, as it is now, before a vote of the people. She is brave to get this discussion going. I believe if her amendment included a community dividend provision, we could do much more to protect the Fund, the dividend, and Alaska's community needs also.

We have to face Alaska's quality of life issue together.

In the 21st Century, Alaska's competitive edge in world markets will depend on quality of life here, our community amenities and basic services like education.

Efficiency in government is a goal we all try to achieve. But there is no vision, no hope, no future, no agenda for Alaska if our only ideology, our only philosophy, our only cause is to cut the budget and protect the dividend. The goal has to continue to be building our communities and our quality of life.

As one who lived here before Prudhoe Bay, I have no interest in turning back the clock. We weren't poor – we just didn't have any money. But we were rich in spirit, in hope, in belief that we can make things better.

A community dividend program would bring a rich spirit of hope to every city, village and town in Alaska. It's time to get started.

JAY S. HAMMOND
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Senator Lyda Green
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Green:

Pardon my scrawl, but my printers not working.

I was delighted to learn of your efforts to enshrine the dividend program into the Constitution and recently wrote the enclosed article to that effect (not yet printed - to my knowledge. (enclosed))

I agree it is imperative to get the dividend question "off the table" before the public will ever allow usage of P-F. earnings for other than inflation projects and dividends.

Just how your proposed formula ~~the~~ of assets, would have applied to, say, last year and this year dividends is something I'd like to know. I, of course favor increasing dividends but then compelling government to balance the books in funding necessary state services thru ~~the~~ either budget reductions or means (taxes?) user fees? of "claiming" ^{back} whatever dollars are required to do so through taxes which, unlike dividend dollar valuations, would be paid in large part by non-residents and ex-ter Alaskaans.

Friends of the Dividend

Dear Fellow Alaskan:

Alaska has a long tradition of Permanent Fund dividends. They help offset our high cost of living and provide each Alaskan with a share of Alaska's oil wealth.

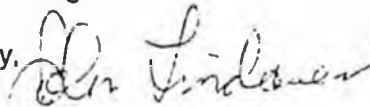
Unfortunately there are some elected officials who would like to get their hands on the Permanent Fund and use it to increase state spending. Some examples:

- June 1995: Governor Knowles vetoes a \$500 million deposit to the Permanent Fund so that the money can remain in the state General Fund and be available for spending. *This would cut every dividend \$60 in every future year.*
- October 1995: Governor Knowles endorses a plan to reduce dividends to \$900 in 1996, \$800 in 1997, \$700 in 1998.
- Spring 1996: A Democratic Senator makes a floor speech against fully inflation-proofing the Permanent Fund and proposes instead using the Permanent Fund earnings to *increase state employee salaries and benefits.*
- January 1997: For the second session in a row, Democratic legislators introduce a bill to divert part of the Permanent Fund's income to a phony "Education Endowment." Their goal is to free up money now spent on education to increase spending elsewhere. *The impact would be cuts to each future dividend of hundreds of dollars and reduction in the overall growth and value of the Permanent Fund by several BILLION dollars!* The plan would not increase spending on education.
- Summer 1997: NEA-Alaska, the teacher's union, announces it will start a petition drive to put the Democrats' "Education Endowment" proposal on the 1998 election ballot.

Our dividends are discretionary and are not protected the way the Permanent Fund is protected. The governor can reduce or eliminate the dividend and spend the money if the legislature approves. As you can see from the above - the risk is very real - and the efforts to raid the Permanent Fund must be stopped!

YOU CAN HELP. Become a "Friend of the Dividend." Sign the petition to require a vote of the people before the earnings of the Permanent Fund can be spent for anything except dividends and inflation proofing. Help send a message that our elected officials *can't* ignore.

Sincerely,



John Lindauer, Chairman
Friends of the Dividend
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CC: Eric Croft
CC: Lyda Green

Port Alsworth, Alaska 99653
March 16, 1997

Dear Wally:

In response to your inquiry as to my reaction re your community dividend program: I commend you for another innovative idea but lament I cannot support funding same from permanent fund earnings - at least *directly*. *Indirectly*, however, is another matter.

I would prefer individual dividends continue to grow uninhibitedly from P.F. earnings and means be provided to "claw" those dollars back thro taxation or increased user fees. For example, your proposed "Employment tax" of \$100 would have been an ideal way of obtaining a "rebate" from dividend checks, while at the same time permitting non-residents to share in the satisfaction of knowing they're helping "pay for the price of admission". Too bad it got nowhere in the legislature. Perhaps it could be tried on again retitled: "The Alaska Community Services Dividend Tax"?

Such a tax coupled to municipal assistance which, in a way, constitutes a ~~"municipal dividend"~~ ^{"Community"} already in place, could provide ample funding.

I also would be concerned about limiting expenditures of community dividends for only non-operating expenses. Too often I've seen community projects fall apart due to lack of operation and maintenance dollars.

I very much approve of the requirement for "in kind" community contributions in order to achieve a sense of responsibility.

I believe we agree some means of using P.F. earnings should be devised to utilize a few dividend dollars for appropriate state and community expenditures. Our approach to achieving this simply differs. You would shunt some prospective dividend dollars directly into state or community coffers, whereas I'd shoot them all into the individual's pockets and require politicians to obtain them through appropriate, above-board taxes and user fees. Our ends are the same; our means but a bit different.

Best personal regards,

Jay

Port Alsworth, Alaska 99654
March 15, 1997

CC: Lyda Green,
Senator

Bushrat'ings:
One Way To Protect Dividends
Jay Hammond

Blessings on those Republican legislators proposing virtually enshrining Permanent fund Dividends in Alaska's Constitution by requiring a vote of the people before fund earnings may be used for other than dividends or inflation proofing. Their proposal makes economic sense, is politically popular, idealistic, innovative, appealing, visionary, desirable and..... doomed to failure.

Legislators opposed to the idea will raise dire warnings of pending financial doom should they not be able to lay hands on those dollars in the event of an emergency.. "Why," warned one Democrat Senator somberly, "don't you realize that if those funds are inaccessible to us we might have to raise taxes"?

That spectre alone will cause most legislators to banish that boogeyman by driving a stake thro the heart of the proposal as it now stands.

Do I dispute such "fear"? Not at all, *of course* denying legislators a chance to grab prospective dividend dollars for government spending might compell them to either make further budget reductions or increase taxes. Those are precisely the reasons why we *should* sweep those dollars off the legislative smorgasborg.

Unfortunately, however, while opponents will trumpet their fears, they'll mute the fact that if such a constitutional amendment should pass, your dividends will likely increase substantially. As well, under Governor Knowles proposal to grant Alaskans a state income tax credit for federal income taxes paid on your dividend, that credit would increase accordingly. At the same time, of course, an ever greater percentage of the state income tax would be borne by transient fishermen, construction workers, tourists and "outside" corporations; while ever more Alaskans would be exempt from paying any state tax at all.

When proposing the original constitutional amendment creating the Fund I

considered inclusion of dividends; but faced an almost impregnable wall of legislative opposition which proved hard enough to scale without trying to carry dividend baggage as well.

While later that wall seems to have miraculously metamorphosed into welcome mat, most legislators still so fear the spectre of advancing taxes they will retain any means they now have of repelling invasion; even should such require dumping, like boiling oil, your potential dividend dollars over the battlements.

No, folks, you'll not get the chance to vote on which "weapons" you would totally ban. However, there is a way by constitutional amendment to so heat up those prospective dividend dollars that, while legislators *could* dump them into the fray should a true emergency compell use; less purdent treatment would leave their hands badly blistered.

We can provide increased protection for dividends and *still* accomodate *legitimate* concern for emergencies very simply: Amend the constitution to require *either* a vote of the people *or* a *three quarter* vote o' both House and Senate before Permanent Fund earnings may be used for other than dividends or inflation proofing.

Such would take into consideration the remote possibility of a major disaster requiring more rapid response by the legislature than would be achieved thro awaiting proceeds from tax increasess, while yet compelling the legislature to abide by the fact it *always* makes more sense economically, when possible, to collect a "required" new dollar thro either budget cuts or taxation than to deduct that same dollar from dividends. Why? Very simple: Non-resident transients would pay about thirty cents of every tax dollar (under Gov. Knowles proposal); while Alaskans would pay an average of but seventy cents. Most Alaskans, of course, would pay absolutely nothing. By contrast, for every one dollar reduction in dividends, every alaskan will pay one hundred cents.

In light of that fact, it would appear those who would cut your prospective dividends in order to avoid increasng taxes are either exceedingly rich or intellectually impoverished.

cc: Lyda Green, Senator

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Genesis Of The Alaska Permanent Fund
Jay Hammond - 3/97

"You take entirely too much credit for the Permanent Fund", growled the crusty old codger, thrusting a newspaper clipping under my nose.

"No." I responded. "I'm *given* far too much credit."

"Yeah, but you seem to have no trouble accepting it. Here, read this."

The clipping was a letter he'd written in 1969 proposing distributing part of our first 900 million oil bonanza to the public.

"By George, that's must be where we got the idea." I suggested; not wishing to taint his long cherished (and as you'll soon see, accurate,) presumption of parenthood by telling him that in 1965, while mayor of the Bristol Bay Borough, I proposed a fish "use" tax go into an investment account, the earnings of which would be distributed as dividends to local residents who would receive one share of stock for each year of residency. I called it "Bristol Bay Inc."

Bristol Bay Inc, however, never got off the ground, ~~much less ever "flew"~~, even though local voters provided enough fuel to "taxi" by adopting the fish use tax authorized by legislation I'd sponsored while still in the House. This was my first "design" failure.

~~Second~~
My second occurred when, while The Native Claims Settlement Act was still under debate, I wrote an article for the *Tundra Times* suggesting settlement money be put in an investment account, the earnings of which would be distributed annually in equal dividends to all Native stockholders. That design never even got out of the hanger.

Meanwhile, other "engineers" were designing their own prototypes. Rep. Earl Hilstrand was apparently first to propose an investment account/dividend program at the state level when in 1969 he proposed using \$100,000,000 of our first nine hundred to create an investment fund; dividends from which would be distributed as a "longevity bonus". However, Governor Miller not only sugared the gas but shot out the tires when he vetoed the appropriation.

Ironically, Governor Miller was next to submit a design for a fund into which would be deposited half the Prudhoe bonanza. Rather than paying out dividends to the people, however, ^{set} earnings would be used for government spending. Unfortunately he never got to even test fly it since the legislature siphoned off all the fuel for other pet projects.

When elected Governor I took a third crack at design with a proposal I called "Alaska, Inc." To sell it, I created "The Alaska Public Forum" through which I'd hoped to showcase the concept and secure sufficient public support the legislature would at least permit a test flight. Once more I fell flat on my face. Public response was one massive yawn. A delegation of legislators even came to my office urging me to abandon the project since it could never fly.

Fortunately a few visionary members, such as Oral Freeman, Clark Gruening, Terry Gardiner and Hugh Malone, designed their own "bird", calling it The Alaska Permanent Fund, and it actually flew.....only to have me shoot it down in the most painful veto I ever felt forced to exercise.

TP Forced? Why? First, at best it was *semi* permanent. Created by statute, it could be invaded anytime by the legislature. To call it permanent would be like considering the ten commandments the ten *suggestions*. I felt unless it was "hangered" in our constitution it would soon disintegrate in the hail of efforts to rob it blind. To prevent this I proposed a constitutional amendment which would have 50% of all lease, bonus, royalty *and severance taxes* deposited into a more nearly *truly permanent* fund which could be invaded only by a vote of the people. The legislature cut this to but 25% and eliminated all severance taxes. Wisely, however, they provided for inflation-proofing the fund; something I'd not thought of.

While Alaskans voted to establish the fund, I felt it required additional protection by creating an individual vested interest through dispersing one half the annual earnings in dividends; one "share" for each year one had resided here. This time the U.S. Supreme court shot me out of the sky and only after extensive repatching and overhaul was the current program airborne.

So, just who "designed" the Permanent Fund? I can't take credit. After all, none of my original proposals ever got off the ground. The one's which actually flew were all modifications by others who deserve most the credit. Like Orville and Wilbur who took a concept, perhaps first proposed

by Leonardo, and made it work, Freeman, Gruening, Malone, ^{Gardner} and a few others were the Wright Brothers of the Permanent Fund. Without them it would never have flown.

So far as the dividend program's concerned, the one which emerged is hardly the one I tried to sire. Mine was aborted by the U.S. Supreme court. However, while it's paternity may well be suspect, there's no question but that much credit for the birth of any dividend program must go to that old mid-wife, Clem Tillion, who as, Senate President, exercised his not inconsiderable powers to induce labor.

Should you still ask: "Just who deserves most credit for the Permanent Fund? The answer is simple: *You* do....along with several thousand other Alaskans.

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RE: Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Dear Jim:

As requested, I want to share several initial thoughts regarding the proposed constitutional amendment that you forwarded to me (Senate Joint Resolution 16). Obviously, the intent of the proposal is to limit distributions from the Permanent Fund to dividends (a percent of average realized income) unless the electorate specifically approved other distributions. Naturally, any decision regarding the use of Permanent Fund earnings is entirely a decision for the people of Alaska and their representatives.

Current statute and the proposed amendment both have significant investment related implications that may influence policy makers in their deliberations. I have attempted to succinctly outline several significant issues that warrant careful consideration as the legislature proceeds with its analysis.

1. Stocks will make the earnings stream both higher and more volatile. Investing a meaningful proportion of the Fund's assets in stocks is critical for attainment of its long-term goals. However, the pattern of stock returns is much more volatile than the pattern of bond returns. The current statutory language and the proposed constitutional amendment, combined with the growing proportion of equities in the APFC, result in greater volatility of earnings (and hence, dividends) than may have been originally perceived.
2. APFC has not yet experienced the downside of equity investment. Fortunately, the Fund has experienced "good" volatility, not both "good" and "bad" volatility. However, there inevitably will be meaningful periods of "bad" (i.e., poor markets) volatility. For example, in 265 rolling five year periods from 1926 to 1996, a 50/50 stock/bond combination had zero or negative real returns 21% of the time (55 periods of 0% or negative real returns).

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3. Other "endowments" have moved away from distribution policies tied to earnings. The majority of endowments and foundations link distributions to a percent of market value, not to a proportion of earnings. They do this to ensure a more consistent and reliable distribution pattern.
4. New Mexico moves from income to market value approach. The citizens of New Mexico passed a constitutional amendment that changed the distribution pattern for that State's Permanent and Tax Severance funds to a percent of market value approach. In part, the rationale for the change was a recognition that tying distributions to "realized" earnings resulted in sub-optimal investment policy. In effect, a dollar of income return was more valuable than a dollar of unrealized return. This tended to push policy toward higher current income at the expense of future growth.
5. At AFPC's direction, Callan is "stress" testing APFC's current and alternative asset allocation policies to help the Board and staff understand how earnings may be affected by a poor market environment. In this analysis, we will examine the 1973-1977 market environment and illustrate how APFC's current asset allocation policy would have performed. By looking at this poor market period, policy makers may better understand the implications of the current statutory and proposed constitutional amendments implications for dividend payments and inflation proofing.

I hope that this letter helps you address the questions confronting you.

Sincerely,



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February 18, 1997

Senator Lyda Green
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Green,

Congratulations on your public forum. When you want support or comments regarding your legislative action, invite seniors. Before I forget, Jake Collins called me about your recommendation that he call me about transportation for the MS patients. Arranging for that as I write.

Real Protection for Dividend and Permanent Fund Earnings

18 Your Constitutional Amendment is timely and explicit. As you indicate, your action will cement the current provisions. Good. Voter approved is a safeguard.

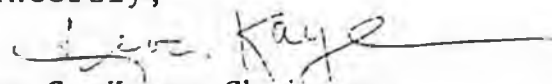
Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Program

As I indicated in my brief comments, Mat-Su Seniors rely heavily on the property tax exemption (and permanent fund dividend) to remain in Alaska and stay independent. Your Act to tap Alaska Housing Resources to reimburse the Municipalities for their property tax losses is wise. (For your information)(Currently Fran and I pay \$4,500. annually even with the \$150,000 exemption.)

Please use the data in the SENIORS publication. The dollar amounts are well stated and supported. Yes, as chairman of the Mat-Su RSVP Council with 125 volunteers, we contribute more than 21,000 hours saving better that \$216,000 for work-stations and public agencies. Let us keep seniors healthy, working as volunteers and investing \$1,370,000,000 annually in the State.

Thanks for coming and listening. One more request: Please reconsider supporting the \$1.00 tax increase on a package of cigarettes. It is reasonable to endorse the Republican Party's no new taxes to support Government spending. But, please look at the obvious positive result: in curbing youth addiction and eliminating long term care and early death. Earmark the revenues for education.

Sincerely,


Leo C. Kaye, Chairman
Mat-Su Borough RSVP Advisory Council

SBSH

#4

Longevity bonus payments to the wealthy should be stopped. Tony Knowles is right on this one. You should support him there - I know he's a Democrat, but heck, even a blind sow finds an acorn occasionally!

Keep smiling! And thanks for being there.

Yours truly,

Leon Orowski

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State Capital
Tulsa, Ok. 99801-1182

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MS 9.....

Dear Senator Green,

I'm sorry I was unable to attend one of your Town Meetings. But, I will take the liberty to express my opinions on paper.

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#1 If an issue is "state mandated" it should also be state funded. If you can't afford it then scrap it. Don't force it upon others.

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#2 The permanent fund is doing fine. Leave it alone. The only change that could be made would be a required voter approval by 2/3 majority before the legislature could dip their greedy little hands into the bucket.

5856

#3 Why clutter our roadsides with signs? Look at what we now enjoy, then take a drive virtually anywhere else in the U.S. The tourism industry is doing just fine without the signs - I know. It's my business. (or is it the politicians who really want campaign signs)

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Ans'd.....

Leonard E. Dwyer
By TAT
Palmer, AK 99645

June 15, 97

Hon. Robin Taylor
Senator
State of Alaska (9733100)
Juneau, AK 99701-1182

Hon. Senator Taylor

Please encourage the Governor and
others to support the bill by
Tessa Green (SJR 18) concerning
approval of the people for changes.

Sincerely
Leonard E. Dwyer