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was referred to the
Senate Finance
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move
from Committee

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: # 1 1-LS0842A.2
Bill Number: CS SB 151 (FIN) "G" Cook ✓
Sponsor: Torgerson Date: 4/22/99 4/22/99
Logged In By: J. Seltzer

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SB 151

Sen. Pave U moved.
w/o obj. ADOPTED.

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- 1 Page 1, line 2, following "residents;":
- 2 Insert "relating to an exclusion from local tax limitations for taxes levied on
- 3 **certain property;"**

- 4 Page 2, following line 11:
- 5 Insert a new bill section to read:
- 6 "* Sec. 5. EXCLUSION FROM LOCAL TAX LIMITATIONS. Taxes levied on property
- 7 that was wholly or partially exempt from property taxes under former AS 29.45.030(e) during
- 8 1999 may not be considered for purposes of applying any limitation on municipal taxation
- 9 during 2000 imposed by ordinance or municipal charter."

- 10 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE #2
Amendment Number: #2
Bill Number: CSSB151(FIN).G
Sponsor: Parnell Date: 1/22/99
Logged In By: galtone

Parnell

AMENDMENT

Sen. Parnell moved
w/o obj. ADOPTED

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CS FOR SB 151 WORK DRAFT "G"

Page 3, line 4 following "subsection.":

Insert "An ordinance adopted under this subsection may limit the exemption to only those individuals with financial need as defined in the ordinance."

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 151(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): **SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the determination of full and true value of taxable property
2 in a municipality; relating to exemptions for municipal property taxes for certain
3 primary residences; relating to an exclusion from local tax limitations for taxes
4 levied on certain property; relating to property tax equivalency payments for
5 certain residents; and providing for an effective date."

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

7 * Section 1. AS 14.17.510(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) To determine the amount of required local contribution under
9 AS 14.17.410(b)(2) and to aid the department and the legislature in planning, the
10 Department of Community and Regional Affairs, in consultation with the assessor for
11 each district in a city or borough, shall determine the full and true value of the taxable
12 real and personal property in each district in a city or borough. If there is no local
13 assessor or current local assessment for a city or borough school district, then the

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1 Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall make the determination of full
 2 and true value from information available. In making the determination, the
 3 Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall be guided by AS 29.45.110.
 4 However, the first \$150,000 of the value of property exempted under
 5 AS 29.45.050(p) may not be included in the determination. The determination of
 6 full and true value shall be made by October 1 and sent by certified mail, return
 7 receipt requested, on or before that date to the president of the school board in each
 8 city or borough school-district. Duplicate copies shall be sent to the commissioner.
 9 The governing body of a city or borough that is a school district may obtain judicial
 10 review of the determination. The superior court may modify the determination of the
 11 Department of Community and Regional Affairs only upon a finding of abuse of
 12 discretion or upon a finding that there is no substantial evidence to support the
 13 determination.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 29.45.030(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The following property is exempt from general taxation:

16 (1) municipal property, including property held by a public corporation
 17 of a municipality, or state property, or land that is in the trust established by the
 18 Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act of 1956, P.L. 84-830, 70 Stat. 709, except that

19 (A) a private leasehold, contract, or other interest in the
 20 property is taxable to the extent of the interest;

21 (B) notwithstanding any other provision of law, property
 22 acquired by an agency, corporation, or other entity of the state through
 23 foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure and retained as an investment of a
 24 state entity is taxable; this subparagraph does not apply to federal land granted
 25 to the University of Alaska under AS 14.40.380 or 14.40.390, or to other land
 26 granted to the university by the state to replace land that had been granted
 27 under AS 14.40.380 or 14.40.390;

28 (C) an ownership interest of a municipality in real property
 29 located outside the municipality acquired after December 31, 1990, is taxable
 30 by another municipality; however, a borough may not tax an interest in real
 31 property located in the borough and owned by a city in that borough;

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1 (2) household furniture and personal effects of members of a
2 household;

3 (3) property used exclusively for nonprofit religious, charitable,
4 cemetery, hospital, or educational purposes;

5 (4) property of a nonbusiness organization composed entirely of persons
6 with 90 days or more of active service in the armed forces of the United States whose
7 conditions of service and separation were other than dishonorable, or the property of
8 an auxiliary of that organization;

9 (5) money on deposit;

10 (6) the real property of certain residents of the state to the extent and
11 subject to the conditions provided in (e) and (o) of this section;

12 (7) real property or an interest in real property that is exempt from
13 taxation under 43 U.S.C. 1620(d), as amended;

14 (8) property of a political subdivision, agency, corporation, or other
15 entity of the United States to the extent required by federal law; except that a private
16 leasehold, contract, or other interest in the property is taxable to the extent of that
17 interest;

18 (9) natural resources in place including coal, ore bodies, mineral
19 deposits, and other proven and unproven deposits of valuable materials laid down by
20 natural processes, unharvested aquatic plants and animals, and timber.

21 * Sec. 3. AS 29.45.030(e) is amended to read:

22 (c) The real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and
23 permanent place of abode by a (1) resident 65 years of age or older; (2) disabled
24 veteran; or (3) resident at least 60 years old who is the widow or widower of a person
25 who qualified for an exemption under (1) or (2) of this subsection, is exempt from
26 taxation on the first \$150,000 of the assessed value of the real property. A
27 municipality may, in case of hardship, provide for exemption beyond the first \$150,000
28 of assessed value in accordance with regulations of the department. Only one
29 exemption may be granted for the same property and, if two or more persons are
30 eligible for an exemption for the same property, the parties shall decide between or
31 among themselves who is to receive the benefit of the exemption. Real property may

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1 not be exempted under this subsection if the assessor determines, after notice and
 2 hearing to the parties, that the property was conveyed to the applicant primarily for the
 3 purpose of obtaining the exemption. The determination of the assessor may be
 4 appealed under AS 44.62.560 - 44.62.570. A municipality may by ordinance opt out
 5 of application of this subsection. The ordinance may be made subject to voter
 6 approval. A municipality that opts out of application of this subsection is subject
 7 to (o) of this section.

8 * Sec. 4. AS 29.45.030(f) is amended to read:

9 (f) An exemption may not be granted under (c) or (o) of this section except
 10 upon written application for the exemption on a form approved by the state assessor
 11 for use by local assessors. The claimant must file the application no later than January
 12 15, or a date provided by ordinance that is not later than March 31, of the assessment
 13 year for which the exemption is sought. The governing body of the municipality for
 14 good cause shown may waive during a year the claimant's failure to make timely
 15 application for exemption for that year and authorize the assessor to accept the
 16 application as if timely filed. The claimant must file a separate application for each
 17 assessment year in which the exemption is sought. If an application is filed within the
 18 required time and is approved by the assessor, the assessor shall allow an exemption
 19 in accordance with the provisions of this section. If a failure to file by January 15, or
 20 a date provided by ordinance that is not later than March 31, of the assessment year
 21 has been waived as provided in this subsection and the application for exemption is
 22 approved, the amount of tax that the claimant has already paid for the assessment year
 23 for the property exempted shall be refunded to the claimant. The assessor shall require
 24 proof in the form the assessor considers necessary of the right to and amount of an
 25 exemption claimed under (c) or (o) of this section, and shall require a disabled veteran
 26 claiming an exemption under (c) or (o) of this section to provide evidence of the
 27 disability rating. The assessor may require proof under this section at any time.

28 * Sec. 5. AS 29.45.030(g) is amended to read:

29 (g) The state shall reimburse a borough or city, as appropriate, for the real
 30 property tax revenues lost to it by the operation of (c) or (o) of this section. However,
 31 reimbursement may be made to a municipality for revenue lost to it only to the extent

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1 that the loss exceeds an exemption that was granted by the municipality, or that on
2 proper application by an individual would have been granted under AS 29.45.050(a).
3 If appropriations are not sufficient to fully fund reimbursements under this subsection,
4 the amount available shall be distributed pro rata among eligible municipalities.

5 * Sec. 6. AS 29.45.030(i) is amended to read:

6 (i) In (c) - (i) and (o) of this section,

7 (1) "disabled veteran" means a disabled person

8 (A) separated from the military service of the United States
9 under a condition that is not dishonorable who is a resident of the state, whose
10 disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the military service
11 of the United States, and whose disability has been rated as 50 percent or more
12 by the branch of service in which that person served or by the Veterans'
13 Administration; or

14 (B) who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, who is a
15 resident of the state, whose disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of
16 duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, and whose disability has
17 been rated as 50 percent or more;

18 (2) "real property" includes but is not limited to mobile homes, whether
19 classified as real or personal property for municipal tax purposes.

20 * Sec. 7. AS 29.45.030(k) is amended to read:

21 (k) The department shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of (g),
22 [AND] (j), and (o) of this section.

23 * Sec. 8. AS 29.45.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (o) The real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and
25 permanent place of abode by a resident who is (1) a disabled veteran or, (2) at least
26 60 years old and the widow or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption
27 under (1) of this subsection, is exempt from taxation on the first \$150,000 of the
28 assessed value of the real property. A municipality may, in case of hardship, provide
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 2 benefit of the exemption. Real property may not be exempted under this subsection
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 4 conveyed to the applicant primarily for the purpose of obtaining the exemption. The
 5 determination of the assessor may be appealed under AS 44.62.560 - 44.62.570. This
 6 subsection applies only to a municipality that has adopted an ordinance opting out of
 7 (c) of this section.

8 * Sec. 9. AS 29.45.050(i) is amended to read:

9 (i) A municipality that has not opted out of application of AS 29.45.030(e)
 10 may by ordinance approved by the voters exempt from taxation the assessed value that
 11 exceeds \$150,000 of real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode
 12 by a resident who is (1) 65 years of age or older; (2) a disabled veteran, including a
 13 person who was disabled in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial
 14 Guard; or (3) at least 60 years old and a widow or widower of a person who qualified
 15 for an exemption under (1) or (2) of this subsection. An ordinance adopted under
 16 this subsection may limit the exemption to only those individuals with financial
 17 need as defined in the ordinance.

18 * Sec. 10. AS 29.45.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (p) A municipality that has opted out of application of AS 29.45.030(e) may
 20 by ordinance approved by the voters wholly or partially exempt from taxation the
 21 assessed value of real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode by
 22 a resident who is (1) 65 years of age or older, or (2) at least 60 years old and a widow
 23 or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption under (1) of this subsection.
 24 An ordinance adopted under this subsection may limit the exemption to only those
 25 individuals with financial need as defined in the ordinance.

26 * Sec. 11. AS 29.45.040 is repealed.

27 * Sec. 12. EXCLUSION FROM LOCAL TAX LIMITATIONS. Taxes levied on property
 28 that was wholly or partially exempt from property taxes under AS 29.45.030(e) during 1999
 29 may not be considered for purposes of applying any limitation on municipal taxation during
 30 2000 imposed by ordinance or municipal charter.

31 * Sec. 13. This Act takes effect January 1, 2000.

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*moved by Sen. Pavnell
Sen. Adams object.*

*8-1(Adams) ADOPTED
as working draft*

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11 real and personal property in each district in a city or borough. If there is no local
12 assessor or current local assessment for a city or borough school district, then the
13 Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall make the determination of full
14 and true value from information available. In making the determination, the

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3 be included in the determination to the extent of the exemption. The determination
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5 receipt requested, on or before that date to the president of the school board in each
6 city or borough school district. Duplicate copies shall be sent to the commissioner.
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9 Department of Community and Regional Affairs only upon a finding of abuse of
10 discretion or upon a finding that there is no substantial evidence to support the
11 determination.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 29.45.030(e) is amended to read:

13 (e) The real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and
14 permanent place of abode by a resident who is (1) a [RESIDENT 65 YEARS OF
15 AGE OR OLDER; (2)] disabled veteran [;] or, (2) [(3) RESIDENT] at least 50 years
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7 partially exempt from taxation the assessed value of real property owned and occupied
8 as a permanent place of abode by a resident who is (1) 65 years of age or older, or (2)
9 at least 60 years old and a widow or widower of a person who qualified for an
10 exemption under (1) of this subsection.
- 11 * Sec. 5. AS 29.45.040 is repealed.
- 12 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect January 1, 2000.

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10 discretion or upon a finding that there is no substantial evidence to support the
11 determination.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 29.45.030(h) is amended to read:

13 (h) Nothing in (i) [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (g) OF THIS SECTION,
14 NOTHING IN (e) - (j)] of this section affects similar exemptions from property taxes
15 granted by a municipality on September 10, 1972 [, OR PREVENTS A
16 MUNICIPALITY FROM GRANTING SIMILAR EXEMPTIONS BY ORDINANCE
17 AS PROVIDED IN AS 29.45.050].

18 * Sec. 3. AS 29.45.030(k) is amended to read:

19 (k) The department shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of [(g)
20 AND] (j) of this section.

21 * Sec. 4. AS 29.45.050(i) is amended to read:

22 (i) A municipality may by ordinance approved by the voters wholly or
23 partially exempt from taxation the assessed value [THAT EXCEEDS \$150,000] of
24 real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode by a resident who
25 is

26 (1) 65 years of age or older;

27 (2) a disabled veteran, including a person who was disabled in the line
28 of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard; or

29 (3) at least 60 years old and a widow or widower of a person who
30 qualified for an exemption under (1) or (2) of this subsection.

31 * Sec. 5. AS 29.45.030(a)(6), 29.45.030(e), 29.45.030(f), 29.45.030(g), 29.45.030(i), and

- 1 29.45.040 are repealed.
- 2 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect January 1, 2000.



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Senate Finance Committee

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 151 Municipal Property Tax Exemptions

Senate Bill 151 addresses the municipal property tax exemptions for senior citizens and disabled veterans. Current statute, AS 29.45.030 (e), requires that municipalities must exempt those citizens from paying property tax, up to \$150,000 of assessed value. SB 151 amends this statute to give municipalities control over the program by allowing either whole or partial tax exemptions in these cases.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name

committee on Senate Bill 151, dated 4-22-99
bill/subject

I UNDERSTAND SENATE BILL 151, IF PASSED, WILL ELIMINATE THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN THE OWN HOMES. IF SO I AM OPPOSED TO THIS BILL. IF PASSED DOES THIS MEAN YOU WANT THESE SENIOR RESIDENTS TO GO ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR JUST GET UP AND LEAVE THIS GREAT STATE? EVERY TIME WE TURN AROUND SOMEONE IS TRYING TO TAKE SOMETHING AWAY FROM US. SOCIAL SECURITY, LONG CARE, PERMANENT FUND, SENIOR PROPERTY TAX, ETC. ETC... WE ARE FORCED TO GO ON MEDICARE, THEN YOU LOSE YOUR GOOD DOCTOR AND HAVE TO FIND A NEW ONE THAT WILL ACCEPT MEDICARE. THEY ARE HARD TO FIND.

SOME DAY, I HOPE ALL OF YOU THAT ARE TRYING TO RUIN OUR LIVELIHOOD, GET OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE TO PUT UP WITH WHAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION IS TRYING TO POKE DOWN YOUR THROATS. I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE 1954, RAISED SIX CHILDREN WHICH FOUR STILL LIVE HERE, ONE IN ARIZONA AND ONE DECEASED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Signed: Dale A. Albinus
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

4-20-99

Please submit as written testimony to the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee regarding HB 200 and the Senate Finance Committee regarding SB 151:

"The state's plan to continue excessive government, bureaucracies, etc. at expense of municipalities and senior citizens is a travesty (HB 200, SB 151). Cut whole departments, reduce all operational expenses and salaries by 10% (Governor on down), SELL state land, stop "discretionary funding" and put a one-year moratorium on all capital projects. Thanks."

**Stan Thompson
Box 217
Kenai, AK 99611**

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Testimony
Senate Bill No 151
Senate Finance Committee

As a retired Engineer and University Educator one becomes ^{more} conscious of what isn't said or left out than ^{what} is included in a paper or document. Such appears to be the case with Senate Bill No. 151.

Without an accompanying letter of submission and/or intent, anything that ^{the} Alaskan Legislature considers these days is suspect. It automatically has to be related to either reducing state spending or in helping municipalities to face transfer of responsibilities or reduction in state funds to them.

Assuming these suspicions are correct I'm writing this after appearing in Kenai to testify at a teleconference scheduled this morning which was postponed after waiting for two hours.

Being over 65 and disabled I can sympathize with those much worse off than myself and likely to be adversely affected by the permissiveness

of this revised Statute.

The loss of benefits once granted to the special groups identified in this Bill as well as to others ~~and~~ seem to be the primary target of the Twenty First⁽¹⁾ Legislature.

Any loss of ^{potentially} benefits or increased fees for use of services should be considered only when those who had none of these benefits to begin with are in some way ~~also~~ also taxed at the same time. I will not vote for any aspiring legislator or other elective officer whose claim to fame is promise to reduce my taxes or promise of no new taxes and in attempting to do so reduces his attention and care of the needy especially because of age (the old or the young), the infirm (the old or the sick) and the weak (needy care and support).

In the 14 years since I decided to become an Alaskan in fact rather than just by desire, all I've seen is band aids ^{applied} to problems. Now that a tourniquet is necessary it appears to be being applied to the neck.

Recently the effective action of The Legislature and The Administration

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was to reduce the taxes and/or royalties on those benefiting from the resources which belong to all Alaskans not to the migratory industries (extractive businesses)

I beseech each of you collectively and individually to have the intestinal fortitude to quit thinking about being reelected but bite the bullet and consider seriously sound equitable and fair taxes to reduce dependency on and becoming further hostages to the Oil Industry. Then and only then apply the tourniquet but not to the neck of the old, the young and all who can't defend themselves.

Once there was an Alaskan Income Tax. Once there was a surplus of available state funds from oil. Now there is neither. Regardless of where the tourniquet is applied its not going to work very long. When the patient dies it will be too late!

Thank You
Byron L. Bondurant, P.E.

April 22, 1999

I oppose Senate Bill 158
and other such attacks on other
public social programs

The multi national oil executives are smiling in their plush living conditions ~~with their English beer~~, while destroying the public benefits from our ownership of Alaska's oil resources; whether such benefits are Permanent Fund dividends or include property tax exemptions on senior citizen and veteran's homes, medical & health care benefits, schools, roads, etc, the oil companies know that as the public as individuals or ~~the~~ ^{the} whole, have less personal benefits from the income from the depleting oil resources; ~~Thus~~ the oil industry can more easily rape the public owned resources because less benefits equate to less public interest.

These companies have at least two clear weapons in their rape of Alaska's oil resources. They jack oil prices up and down, making huge profits under either market situation, while claiming their need of better business consideration ^{such as} of less or even no royalty ^{tax} charges, what so ever.

Their massive media propaganda claims

a need of public partnership in the
rape of our oil wealth, while at the
same time merged companies to increase
profits by ~~cutting~~ cutting competition,
less jobs and increase pressure to
completely destroy the permanent fund
and beneficial public programs.

The created present economic situation
~~is is now present~~ is designed so as to
drain our permanent fund and eliminate
such tax exempt benefits as reflected
in SB 151, which otherwise transfers
state funding to municipal funding
responsibility of such necessities as
schools road, healthcare etc.

The solution for these created financial
short falls is to demand truly fair
and responsible returns from Alaska
oil resource. When these nonrenewable
public resources are depleted and the
public permanent fund accounts are
completely drained, the oil ^{companies} will leave
Alaska with big smiles and tell
in house jokes of how they raped
Alaska while drinking mugs of English
beer.

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on Senate Bill 151, dated 4-22-99
bill/subject

I UNDERSTAND SENATE BILL 151, IF PASSED, WILL ELIMINATE THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN THEIR OWN HOMES. IF SO I AM OPPOSED TO THIS BILL. IF PASSED DOES THIS MEAN YOU WANT THESE SENIOR RESIDENTS TO GO ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR JUST GET UP AND LEAVE THIS GREAT STATE? EVERY TIME WE TURN AROUND SOMEONE IS TRYING TO TAKE SOMETHING AWAY FROM US. SOCIAL SECURITY, LONG CARE, PERMANENT FUND, SENIOR PROPERTY TAX, ETC. ETC... WE ARE FORCED TO GO ON MEDICARE, THEN YOU LOOSE YOUR GOOD DOCTOR AND HAVE TO FIND A NEW ONE THAT WILL ACCEPT MEDICARE. THEY ARE HARD TO FIND.

SOME DAY, I HOPE ALL OF YOU THAT ARE TRYING TO RUIN OUR LIVELIHOOD, GET OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE TO PUT UP WITH WHAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION IS TRYING TO POKE DOWN YOUR THROATS. I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE NOV. 1954, RAISED SIX CHILDREN WHICH FOUR STILL LIVE HERE, ONE IN ARIZONA AND ONE DECEASED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Signed:

Dale A. Hillman

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 873924 WASILLA AK. 99687

Address

907-376-6931

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name

committee on SB 151, dated 4/22/99
bill/subject

I am writing this letter on behalf of not only my husband and I (Dale A. Hillmer & Joan V Anderson), but also for the many longtime senior citizens, who have given so much to this state through the years.

I don't want to bore you with my life history, but if I may, I would like to give a glimpse of the endeavors and loyalty it has taken to build a young territory into the great state we have today. We need leaders who are also honest and loyal to protect us from fraud and the greedy exploiters who will always be at the front door for the handouts without giving of themselves in return.

Signed: JOAN V ANDERSON
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 873924
Address
Wasilla Alaska 99687
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Alaska State Legislature
Senate Finance Committee - SB-151

DALE A. HILLMER / JOAN V ANDERSON

Long ago, in 1940, my brother, Bob and I, Jan, accompanied our parents, James and Vivian (Vie) Norene to Alaska, via the Alaska Steamship. In 1941 we arrived in Anchorage on the onset of World War II. Because of the housing shortage, we lived in a one-room cabin in Mountain View, pioneering in every aspect.

After the war was over, my mother operated a small grocery store - and on that store window ^(Vie's Grocery) she hung the first real estate license in Anchorage. I do have pictures of such, plus a letter from an attorney, who stated "he was relieved he could then have help to close real estate transactions." There were times my

NOTES
(NORENE REALTY)

Mother gave up her commissions to help their fellow Alaskans to be able to own a home. My father worked hard on civic matters, he helped to "father" the School Board, was on the planning Commission and served in the last Territorial and 1st State Legislature. Their riches were not monetary, but of the respect they received for their honesty and many contributions to their fellow Alaskans and the state they so loved.

In turn, my brother, Robert Norene, managed Alaska Title & Guarantee in Kenai. He became very active in local politics and was very respected for his honesty and leadership.

I worked hard for many, many years in the grocery business, raising my child and keeping my money here in Alaska never taking - only giving of myself in many ways.

JOAN V ANDERSON

My husband, Dale A. Hillmer, has been a resident of Alaska since 1954. He worked hard to support and raise 6 children through hard times when he badly broke his leg, never asking for any assistance.

And now we are both retired and on fixed incomes, which are underpaid and overtaxed! Within the last few years, we have experienced major health problems: I myself had a heart attack, Dale has progressive emphysema, which was largely caused from construction work. We no longer can enter the work force. There are threats of reductions in ^{our} health insurance, plus the fact that there is an increase of doctors who are refusing to care for medicare patients.

Because of our ages, we did not qualify for other programs intended to help the seniors stay in Alaska. Last year we received our first Senior property tax exemption, which helped us greatly! No, we are not living at a poverty level, but if anything happened to either one of us, we would have a tough time. The cost of living, in general, is and will continue to be on the rise.

There are other avenues to take without hurting the seniors and disabled veterans. A statewide sales tax would be a fair way of taxing everyone equally and gain substantial revenue.

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* Crackdown on the fraud involved in the Longevity and Permanent Fund Dividend programs. Also the fraud of property owners putting their elderly parents names on their deeds. Some required to reside in Alaska each year is very much abused. Perhaps demand longer residency before filling their greedy pockets (5 to 7 years).

The State created the Senior tax Exemptions, but has not funded this program for the municipalities or boroughs. This, I believe, is unlawful! If further cuts are made to local governments, they certainly will want the revenue for their pet projects.

We need a Governor who will take a firm stand for the good of all Alaskans and not cater to special interest or his best interests. And we need politicians who will do the same.

We would appreciate your views on our concerns, which I believe are concerns of many fellow Alaskans. We love Alaska and would like to live out our lives in our own home (the first home I have ever owned), in the State that we love.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joan V. Anderson
P.O. Box 873924
Wasilla, Alaska 99687
1-907-376-6931

DALE A. HILLMER
JOAN V. ANDERSON
P.O. Box 873924
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FROM VFW, DEPT. OF ALASKA 9072786780

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SB151

Please do not support House Bill 200. I think it is completely unfair to try and balance the budget deficit on the backs of disabled veterans and elderly people.

SB151

House Bill 200 is a disgrace to individuals who have given so much for the freedom of this country. Their earning power is already diminished due to their disability and now you will penalize them more if House Bill 200 passes.

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House Bill 200 needs to be deep sixed immediately. This would cause undue hardship to disabled veterans and elderly residences of this great state and cause many of them to have to relocate.

SB151

I request that you do not support House Bill 200. If passed, this bill would be devastating to our handicapped veterans and other elderly people.

John W. Minnick

STATE COMMANDER
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
PO Box 870455
WASILLA AK 99687

April 19, 1999

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Juneau, AK 99811

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*Stop trying to take money
from senior citizens - CUT
THE LEGISLATURE EXPENSES
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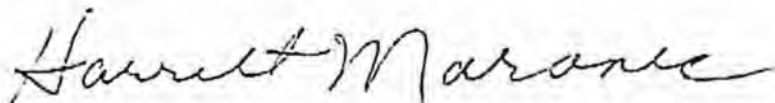
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Soldotna AK 99669

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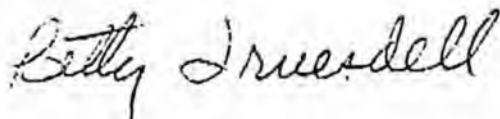
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April 22, 1999

Senator Ferguson:

My husband and I are 70 plus years of age, and we have lived on the Kenai Peninsula for 38 years.

We understand our state is experiencing financial difficulties and one of the options in question are HB200 and SB151. In reading the information, these bills will eliminate or allow the elimination of the exemption status for senior citizens.

We are asking you to please look elsewhere for your money.

My husband and I have always been active in support of programs which have benefited our citizenry. Remember that 30-40 years ago jobs were seasonal and people could not build up a big retirement base.

We feel that this is very insulting to have worked and sacrificed as many others have done, to have the state increase our financial burden so very late in our lives.

Please Vote No on SB151

cc: Gail Phillips - Rep Kenai

Gary Davis - Rep Sitka
Harold Amelby - Rep KenaiVernard E. & Susan E. Jones
P.O. Box 39221

Ninilchik, Alaska 99639

Phone: 907-567-3653

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SB 151-MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

NAME: HANK HOVE Subject/Bill No: 151
Co./Dept./Title: MAYOR - FNSB Phone: 459 1300
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: DAVE VEAZEY Subject/Bill No: 151
Co./Dept./Title: ASSEMBLY MEMBER FNSB Phone: 455-4013
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: LIZ LUCAS Subject/Bill No: 151
Co./Dept./Title: AARP Phone: 789-9655
Address: 2880 Fritz Cove Rd, Juback Zip: 99801
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Gene Day Subject/Bill No: 151
Co./Dept./Title: AARP - DAY Phone: 586-3816
Address: 642 70995 Jim Zip: 99802
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Peggy MULLIGAN Subject/Bill No: 151

Co./Dept./Title: CETF/ARP Phone: 364-3144

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Marie Davlin Subject/Bill No: 151

Co./Dept./Title: Narfe Phone: 586-3637

Address: _____ Zip: _____

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HB200
 Co./Dept./Title: CCTF, AARP Phone: 364-3144
 Address: P.O. Box 240335 Douglas, AK Zip: 99824
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NAME: GERALD J. DORSHER Subject/Bill No: SB-151
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 Address: P.O. Box 240003 DOUGLAS, AK Zip: 99824
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Marie Darlin Subject/Bill No: SB-151
 Co./Dept./Title: Nurse Phone: 6-3637
 Address: 415 Willoughby #506 Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Juli Kraft Subject/Bill No: SB151
 Co./Dept./Title: Alaska Muni League Phone: 586 1325
 Address: 217 2nd Street Zip: 99804
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions