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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: March 1, 2002

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 21 MAR 02

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

SCR 23

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

ALASKA TARTAN DAY

Relating to declaring April 6, 2002, as Alaska Tartan Day.

Recommends it be replaced with CS () [] Same Title [] New Title

For Senate Bills with new title: [] Technical Title [] New Title: HCR _____

[] attach amendments

[] add new referral to _____ Committee

[] Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of Abbrev. for Depts.:
 ADM
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<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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List by Dept(s):	*FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero
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<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Hugh Tate</i>	Tate	✓			
<i>James</i>	JAMES	✓			
<i>James J. Crawford Jr</i>	STRESE CRAWFORD	✓			
<i>Regan Wilson</i>	wilson	✓			
Chair: <i>John Coghill</i>	Coghill	✓			



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SCR 23 – Declaring April 6th, 2002, as Alaska Tartan Day

Sponsor Statement

In recognition of Americans of Scottish descent and in support of their cultural activities, which enhance the spectrum of diversity in Alaska, I proudly sponsor SCR 23, designating April 6, 2002 as Alaska Tartan Day.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SCR 23
 (S) Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Alaska Tartan Day BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Senator Phillips
 Requester Senate State Affairs Committee Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimat of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

Prepared by: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Phone 465-4797
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 Approved by: /s/ Senator Therriault, Chair Date 2/19/02
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Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Senator Phillips:

The Board of Directors and Members of the Alaskan Scottish Club join together with Clan Campbell Society of Alaska in support of declaring April 6th as Alaska Tartan Day in perpetuity. The first Tartan Day in the United States was observed at the national level on April 6, 1997. Previously, there had been observances by individual states, counties and other regional entities, but the year 1997 was the first time the observance swept across the nation. The United States Congress passed Resolution 155 Tartan Day is celebrated around the United States and Canada where many Scottish immigrants settled after the uprising of 1745 and "cleansing" of the Highlands.

Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of the United States. From the framers of the Declaration of Independence to the first man on the moon and beyond, Scottish-Americans have contributed mightily to the fields of the arts, science, exploration, politics, law, and more.

Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scottish and Scotch-Irish roots --making them the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States. These are the people and the accomplishments that are honored on National Tartan Day, April 6th.

The contributions of people of Scottish descent in the development of the United States, including the Great State of Alaska have been myriad. The wearing of the tartan, once inviting a sentence of death, proudly speaks to those who continue to fight for freedom and self-rule in the world today. The wearing of the tartan reminds us of the fires walked through for our own freedom and self-rule. The wearing of the tartan honors those who came before, and who are here now, to build, develop, invent, and sustain the United States. Along with the famous are the many ordinary families who silently toiled throughout the years and whose stories may never be told. They all were proud to be Scottish and even prouder to be Americans.

We urge you to submit resolution to the Alaska State Legislature making April 6th an officially recognized holiday to be celebrated by Scots and those who appreciate the contributions of this stalwart group.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Phillips,

I would like to thank you for your continuing support of the Alaska Tartan Day Resolution. We Alaskans with Scottish blood in our veins appreciate all the work you have done. We are proud of our heritage and the Tartan is a very visible part of it.

The Alaskan Scottish Highland Games are also an important part of the Eagle River summer activities. I would like to invite you and your family to attend the games on June 22 at the Eagle River Lion's Park. If you choose to attend, please stop at the Clan Campbell Tent for some Scottish hospitality.

If you have any questions concerning the Highland Games, the Alaskan Tartan Day Faire or Scottish culture in general, please feel free to contact my deputy, Paul Campbell or myself.

Thank you again. I look forward to meeting you in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Madigan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Russ Madigan
Alaska Commissioner



National Tartan Day

United States Senate Resolution



Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS), Senate Majority Leader and sponsor of Senate Resolution 155 for National Tartan Day. Senate Resolution 155, 105th U.S. Congress

Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document:

Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times;

Whereas this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document;

Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times; Whereas this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

Whereas this resolution commends the more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on

April 6 a success; and

Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate designates April 6 of each year as 'National Tartan Day'.

A Letter from Siol nan Gaidheal

As a Scottish ultra-Nationist organisation whose very name, Siol nan Gaidheal (Seed of the Gael) articulates the inheritance and decendance of our historic national and cultural community thrown to the four winds through centuries of emigration (both voluntary and enforced) and deportation, we regard as paramount the maintaining of a dialogue between all of Scotland's far-flung children, home and abroad, and it is in this spirit that we remember the particular experiences of the American diaspora and salute their contemporary progeny.

American of Scottish origin are thought to number 23 million today and while many are proud of their links to Scotland and celebrate their cultural inheritance vociferously at Highland Games and in Caledonian or Burns Clubs, it is a constant source of regret for many of us in Scotland that so little is still done to reassert the bonds of friendship and mutual descent that binds Scots at home and those of Scottish descent on the other side of the Atlantic. Its all very well that Scots/Americans attend and join the aforementioned Clubs and take the obligatory visit back to the "auld country" at least once in their lives, and feel that the dollars they spend whilst here will help to keep the Scottish economy afloat, and therefore "have done their bit". Instead, we would ask them to take a deeper interest in exactly what is going on in Scotland politically and culturally, and aid and support us during the difficult years ahead as we struggle to achieve our rightful place as a free independent nation.

The recent news about Tartan Day has gone some way in assuring us that our people in America are aware of our country's existence, so for this we say...God Bless America and congratulations to the American people and in particular to the United States Congress and all Scottish Americans for the successful campaign which led to the decision by the U.S. Senate to declare 6th April, the date of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, as National Tartan Day. This is a victory for all Scots and those of Scottish descent from all around the world.

THE
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Tartan Day is a celebration of all things Scottish and a recognition by the American people and Senate that 6th April 1320, the day that Abbot Bernard of Linton and the Earls and Barons of Scotland signed The Declaration of Arbroath is to quote Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader "an important day in the history of all free men" the Declaration of Arbroath was an inspiration for that other great document of liberty, The American Declaration of Independence.

There is a direct line of ancestry from the 1320 Declaration of Arbroath which put the rights of personal liberty and popular sovereignty above the privileges of Kings, to the great American war for freedom and independence against an English dominated Britain in the 18th century.

Tartan Day honours Scotland's role in the human struggle for liberty. It is, we would hope, a sign of recognition in the contemporary world by the United States for a kindred nation struggling to be free. It is fitting that the torch of freedom ignited by the Scottish people in 1320 should be symbolically passed back to us by America, "the land of the free", with encouragement and assistance to achieve our goal, Scotland, also "the land of the free".

Freedom, as the United States of America knows only too well, means complete political independence and democracy. It has nothing to do with the half-measure Parliament grudgingly ceded to us by the British Labour Party and endorsed by the Scottish people in the Devolution Referendum of 1997. Power devolved, as the late Enoch Powell so rightly stated, is power retained by the English State. It was not possible to set a limit to the concept of freedom in America, and it is not possible to do so here in Scotland in this day and hour.

The struggle for Scottish Independence is an ongoing one and there will be many hardships ahead, but it is encouraging to those of us in Scotland who have been involved in the National Movement all our lives, to see such a magnificent gesture of support coming from the American people and especially Scottish Americans to whom our heartfelt thanks are due.

Let us then celebrate the special relationship between Scotland and the United States of America. Let us join together with the tens of millions of Scottish Americans to commemorate not only that great document of freedom, The Declaration of Arbroath, but also the contribution to American life made by Scots and those of Scottish ancestry.

There is much to celebrate, it is accepted that 21 Scots were among the 56 signatories of The American Declaration of Independence. A Dumfries and Galloway man John Paul Jones, founded the U.S.

Navy. Another American revolutionary hero was Alexander McDougall, born in Islay, Scotland, and went on to run the military academy at West Point. There were dozens of U.S. Presidents of Scottish ancestry, from George Washington to Bill Clinton. Enterprising Scottish industrialists like tycoon Andrew Carnegie built up America and Scots-born environmentalist John Muir helped to preserve America's natural heritage. Scots inventors like Alexander Graham Bell gave America the edge in technology.

The contribution of the Scots according to the Senate resolution which brought in National Tartan Day has led to America's pre-eminence in the fields of Science, Technology, Medicine, Government, Politics, Economics, Architecture, Literature, Media, Visual and Performing Arts. (See list of notable Scots & Scottish Americans after this article).

Scottish Americans "boldly went where no-one had gone before", the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong's family came from Langholm in Dumfriesshire and of course it wasn't Christopher Columbus who discovered America in the first place, it was a 15th century Scot called Henry Sinclair of Orkney.

National Tartan Day marks a milestone for all of us who have struggled to raise Scottish consciousness and thereby increase the self-confidence of Scots to claim once more for Scotland a place among the nations of the world.

Americans of Scottish ancestry and especially those who campaigned to get the Senate to pass the Tartan Day resolution should feel proud of their very valuable efforts, enjoy the success of this important victory, remember your roots and your ancestral homeland, Scotland/Alba, but more importantly, spare a thought for the Scots still living here, spare a thought for the struggle to gain independence, spare a final thought for Siol nan Gaidheal and others like us who continue to dedicate our lives to the cause of Scotland's freedom, without Scotland free and whole again there can be no Scottish heritage with any real meaning or significance in the world.

We in Siol nan Gaidheal continue the fight for Scotlands Freedom:

"For liberty alone which no good man loses but with his life" Saor Alba

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Senators:

Davis
Ellis
Green
Halford
Kelly
Leman
Olson
Phillips
Taylor
Ward

Tartan:

Davidson Clan
Tweedside District
Roxburgh District
Inverness District
MacDonald Clan
Lamont Clan
Caledonia
MacDonald of Glencoe & Keppoch
Taylor Clan
Tweedside District

10 Senators have Scottish names.

Representatives:

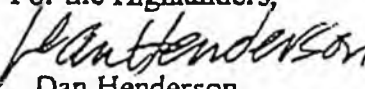
Coghill
Crawford
Davies
Dyson
Foster
Halcro
Harris
Hays
Hudson
James
McGuire
Morgan
Porter
Stevens
Williams
Wilson

Tartan:

Sutherland District
Crawford Clan
Davidson Clan
Davidson Clan
MacDonald Clan
Sinclair Clan
Campbell Clan
Hay Clan & Leith District
MacDonald Clan
Tyneside District
MacQuarrie Clan
MacKay Clan
MacNaughton Clan & Glen Lyon District
Stephenson Clan
Gunn & McKay Clans
Wilson, Gunn & McKay Clans

16 Representatives have Scottish names.

Maiden names and mothers maiden names could add to our totals.

For the Highlanders,

Dan Henderson
Pipe Major