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 Title: Federal Gun Policies BRU: _____

Sponsor: Senator Donley Component: _____
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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Senator: /s/ SENATOR THERRIault Date 3/19/01
Committee Chair

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3/19/01

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Halford, Leman, Kelly, Taylor, Ward, Cowdery, Phillips, Therriault, Austerman, Green

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to requesting that President Bush renounce and reverse Clinton**
2 **Administration anti-gun-ownership policies and reorient the United States Department**
3 **of Justice towards policies that accurately reflect the intent of the Second Amendment to**
4 **the United States Constitution to grant individual Americans the right to keep and bear**
5 **arms.**

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

7 **WHEREAS** the founding fathers considered popular ownership of firearms by private
8 citizens to be a natural right and one of the surest safeguards against tyranny and
9 governmental excesses; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution recognizes and
11 protects the inalienable right of American citizens to keep and bear arms; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, was amended
13 by an overwhelming majority to specifically protect an Alaskan's individual right to keep and
14 bear arms; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Clinton Administration's stance on gun ownership moved

1 dangerously in the direction of abridging or eliminating individual Second Amendment
2 freedoms; and

3 **WHEREAS**, under the Clinton Administration, the United States Department of
4 Justice interpreted the Second Amendment to not protect the right of individual citizens to
5 keep and bear arms but to apply only to governmentally recognized military organizations;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS** the Clinton Administration's stance on gun ownership intentionally
8 ignored the original intent of the Constitution's framers and sought to dramatically limit the
9 Constitutionally affirmed Second Amendment freedoms of individual law-abiding Americans;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Bush to
11 renounce the Clinton Administration's anti-gun ownership policies; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests President Bush to
13 use his executive powers and influence to reorient the United States Department of Justice
14 towards a policy that fully recognizes the right of individual Americans to keep and bear arms
15 as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
17 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
18 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S.
19 Senate; the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J.
20 Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard
21 Gephardt, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John
22 Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
23 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
24 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.



SENATOR DAVE DONLEY

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Gene Therriault, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Dave Donley, Co-Chair ^B
Senate Finance Committee

DATE: March 1, 2001

RE: Hearing request for SJR17, "Urging President Bush to renounce and reverse Clinton Administration anti-gun-ownership policies"

I request that you schedule Senate Joint Resolution 17, an act requesting that President Bush direct the United States Department of Justice to acknowledge ownership of firearms by individual, law-abiding American citizens as a constitutionally guaranteed, Second Amendment freedom, at your earliest convenience.

Under President Clinton's Administration, the United States Department of Justice advocated the legal position that the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution afforded no protection to individual citizens who were not active duty military or members of the National Guards. Furthermore, attorneys for the Justice Department argued in open court that the Second Amendment of the Constitution was consistent with the Clinton Administration's position that the United States government could, without explanation or rational justification, relieve otherwise law-abiding American citizens of any and all firearms.

Senate Joint Resolution 17 is consistent with the popularly enacted amendment to Article I, section 19 of the Alaska State Constitution, protecting the individual's right to keep and bear arms.

Attached is a copy of the sponsor statement.

If you have any questions, please contact Jomo Stewart of my staff at x2705.

Thank you for your consideration.

DD/jlps

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