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Esther Mielke

From: Mike Heatwole <akheatwole@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:52 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6

Dear Chairman Lynn,

I write to you in full support of SB6. I have opposed Daylight Savings Time in Alaska, and frankly in the country, since I learned that it does not really accomplish anything. It does not save money. As a parent, I have seen how disruptive it is every year to the routine we have established in our household.

You will hear from people opposed to the bill that it will be a problem because the rest of the country will continue with it. Change comes slowly and I hope to see the day when DST is fully repealed across the nation. The only way we will see that change is to have states demonstrate the leadership necessary to affect this change nationally.

Thank you for your time,

Mike Heatwole
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Esther Mielke

From: Green, Richard <rgreen@sbsalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 6

Representative Lynn,

Bob, As a businessman, I want to express my support for SB 6. The minimal effect on business is shadowed by the negative effects to the vast majority of our population.

It is high time we correct time.

Thank you for your service.

(I also want to let you know that I very much enjoy your photography on FB!)

Richard

Richard Green LEED-AP BD&C

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Esther Mielke

From: JoAnn <steininj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:13 PM
To: gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Please maintain Daylight Savings Time. The arguments for abolishing it are unsubstantiated. Please keep us connected, in a timely manner, with the rest of our nation by keeping Daylight Savings Time.

Thank you,
JoAnn Steininger

Esther Mielke

From: Renee Schofield <renee@tss-safety.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

It's easy if you do the math. A five hour time difference hurts Alaska business. My industry associations (who provide most of my national training) are on the east coast. To have an employee attend a training, they will need to arise and be at work by 3 a.m. for an 8 a.m. meeting. This will not only slow productivity of that employee due to fatigue, but will also increase my labor costs for overtime. That does not make sense. My eastern seaboard clients will also be hindered by a 5 hour delay in my arrival to work. They'll simply find a vendor closer to home. I'll lose business. This doesn't make sense to me. KEEP DST!

Renee Schofield, CEO

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April 6, 2015

House State Affairs Members:

Rep. Bob Lynn, Chairman
Rep. Wes Keller, Vice Chair
Rep. David Talerico
Rep. Liz Vazquez

Rep. Louise Stutes
Rep. Max Gruenberg
Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

Re: Opposition to State Senate Bill 6 – Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representatives:

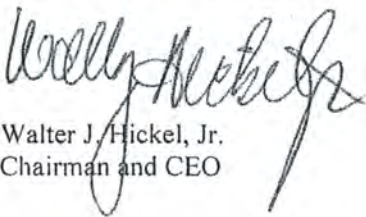
Hickel Investment Company respectfully opposes Senate Bill 6 (SB 6), an act exemption the state from Daylight Savings Time (DST).

Hickel Investment Company owns and operates the Hotel Captain Cook, the Voyager Inn and other commercial real estate properties in Anchorage and Eagle River, Alaska. Our company employs over 350 Alaskans and provides hospitality services to thousands of visitors from all fifty states and many parts of the world on an annual basis.

SB 6 will cause scheduling difficulties for the airline, transportation, tourism, and cruise industries. SB 6 will create headaches for our guests by unnecessarily throwing Alaska out of sync with time zones in the United States. We believe there is zero doubt that SB 6 will create frustrating and unnecessary difficulties for all Alaskan businesses, non-profits, tribal governments, the military, state and local governments, and even businesses located outside of this state.

With today's drop in oil prices Alaska is in an uncertain fiscal position. Alaskan businesses are the foundation to a strong, vibrant and diverse economy. The State of Alaska needs to "clear the way" for businesses to thrive and not implement policies that are unnecessarily harmful and create more hurdles. We believe the impacts of SB 6 will far outweigh any perceived or proposed benefits and therefore respectfully request that SB 6 is voted against and tabled until a change is made on a federal level.

Yours Respectfully,



Walter J. Hickel, Jr.
Chairman and CEO

Esther Mielke

From: Michelle Masden <mm@islandwings.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:34 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Island Wings Air Service - Opposition to SB06

Island Wings Air Service

1245 Tongass Ave

Ketchikan, AK 99901

(907) 617-6925

April 7, 2015

RE: Opposition to Alaska becoming exempt from Daylight Savings time

Dear Representative Bob Lynn,

I respectfully request that you vote NO to Senate Bill 06 which would exempt Alaska from daylight savings time.

For the past 23 years, I have owned and currently operate a single plane single pilot air taxi business in Ketchikan. The majority of our business comes from tourism via the cruise ship industry. If Alaska adopts an exemption to daylight savings time the combined effects of early cruise ship departures for the entire summer and the loss of daylight hours in late summer would result in a loss of approximately 16% to 20% of our revenue. The aviation industry has a small profit margin and cannot sustain those losses.

Ketchikan has a total of 36 floatplanes being operated by 13 different companies. This bill will affect us all creating financial hardship and potentially putting many companies out of business. Additionally the economic trickledown effect on this community would be a huge loss.

A better alternative to becoming exempt from daylight savings would be for Alaska to remain on daylight savings time year round.

I implore you to vote against Alaska from becoming exempt from daylight savings time.

Sincerely,

Michelle Masden

Owner / Pilot

Island Wings Air Service

Esther Mielke

From: Jillian Simpson <jsimpson@alaskatia.org>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sarah Leonard; 'scott.habberstad@alaskaair.com'
Subject: ATIA Resolution regarding Daylight Savings Time
Attachments: Resolution 15_7_Opposition to Eliminating DST.pdf

Dear Representative Lynn and Committee Members:

Attached please find a resolution The Alaska Travel Industry Association Board of Directors recently passed in opposition to eliminating Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. The economic impact would be significant for many tourism businesses operating in all regions of the state. We respectfully request that you consider these implications as you review SB6 or any other companion legislation.

Thank you for your service and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jillian Simpson, Director of Membership, Sales & Tourism Policy

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Alaska Travel Industry Association Board of Directors
A Resolution in Opposition to Eliminating Daylight Savings Time in Alaska
Resolution #15-7

WHEREAS the Alaska Travel Industry Association's mission is to promote Alaska as a top visitor destination, communicate and promote the tourism industry as one of the state's major economic forces, and is the respected voice of the industry for the growth of the industry while remaining attentive to care for the environment, recognition of cultures and Alaska's unique quality of life;

WHEREAS annual visitation to Alaska is nearly 2 million with 86 percent traveling between May and September, spending \$1.8 billion and creating 46,000 jobs;

WHEREAS over half of visitors participate in wildlife viewing activities, 39 percent take a sightseeing tour and 16 percent go flightseeing with local Alaskan businesses;

WHEREAS eliminating daylight savings time in Alaska would have adverse effects on tourism businesses throughout the state who depend on daylight in the evening to operate sightseeing tours especially in late August and September by having to reduce operating hours and therefore revenue;

WHEREAS half of Alaska's summer visitors travel on a cruiseship and being an additional hour from Seattle time will change itineraries and reduce time in Alaska's ports resulting in less time for shore excursions;

WHEREAS many businesses could be impacted by millions of dollars in lost revenue in visitor spending which will impact employment and other support services in the state;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THAT ALASKA TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION is opposed to Senate Bill 6/ Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 64 due to the negative impacts eliminating daylight savings time will have on tourism businesses and the State of Alaska.

Signed on this 24th day of March 2015 by:

Sarah Leonard
President & CEO

Scott Habberstad, Alaska Airlines
ATIA Board Chair

Esther Mielke

From: elvispolaris <elvispolaris@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 9:10 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: please move on this bill

Please un-stall and move forward the bill regarding doing away with "Daylight Savings"

I don't care so much with time we stay on as long as its one of them.

Given a choice , I hate the fall when we change 1 hour forward. Mental hit to our family. All of a sudden it's dark when I leave for work and dark when I return. would like to keep that afternoon light to do something out doors with the kids for that extra few weeks.

PLEASE

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PLEASE

Thank you,
Mike and Khanh Deaver
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Esther Mielke

From: Richard Mylius <rhmylius@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:50 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 6 - Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn - I oppose Senate Bill 6, the bill to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in Alaska. I encourage the House State Affairs Committee to not advance the bill. If Alaska stays on standard time while most of the US changes to DST, it will complicate business and family communications, particularly with the Eastern US (including the federal government in Washington DC) as we will be five hours different for much of the year.

Of greater concern is the impact on Southeast Alaska, particularly if the elimination of DST results in SE Alaska moving to Pacific time. I remember when Juneau was on Pacific time and most of Alaska was on Alaska time. That resulted in great difficulty for state agencies and the public to communicate between SE offices and the rest of the state as the two hour time difference resulted in three hours out of a 7.5 hour day when work hours did not overlap. That was one of the arguments for putting all of Alaska into one time zone many years ago.

Sincerely,

Dick Mylius
3018 Alder Circle
Anchorage

Esther Mielke

From: William Wuttke <wwuttke47@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:14 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Saving Time Bill

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Please support the Bill to change and eliminate Daylight Savings. I am aware there are businesses that complain about the change impacting their operation. This will be minor and it impacts the health of Alaskans to perform this meaningless change.

It would be so nice to see the sun match the geography of Alaska.

Thank You,

William Wuttke
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Esther Mielke

From: Jim Blizz <akjblizz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2015 7:57 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6

Hello Rep.Lynn

I ask for your support of Senate Bill 6, Eliminate Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time is a gross inconvenience to Alaskans. Studies conclude it is detrimental in schools and in the workplace. It doesn't save any daylight in Alaska except for a brief couple of weeks in the spring and fall. No one I know of in our state likes it and all would be grateful to the legislature if you take action to end it. I read testimony from businessmen arguing for Daylight Saving Time and why the state needs to keep it. Two states do not observe Daylight Saving Time and experience no harm to commerce.

Senate Bill 6 is something most Alaskans support. As amended it allows SE Alaska to change to Pacific Time which is in harmony with British Columbia, Yukon, and the West Coast. Please bring this bill to a vote and send it to Governor Walker.

Respectfully,

Jim Blizzard

Fairbanks

Esther Mielke

From: Brenda Hansen <brenda@anchoragechamber.org>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: SB 6 - Letter of Opposition Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
Attachments: SB 6 Opposition - Rep Bob Lynn - Anchorage Chamber.pdf

Dear Rep. Bob Lynn,
Please find attached letter of opposition from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce board of directors representing the membership of the Anchorage Chamber.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hansen
Vice President Business Development
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April 3, 2015

The Honorable Bob Lynn
Chair, House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Rm 108
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Opposition to State Senate Bill 6 – Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn:

The Anchorage Chamber is an independent, 501 (c) (6) not-for-profit organization with a collective voice of nearly 1,000 business members representing over 50,000 constituents. A business-familiar, board of directors represents the members that make up one-quarter of Alaska's workforce, govern the Anchorage Chamber and ask that SB 6 not move forward for approval.

We asked our membership to let us know how the repeal of Daylight Savings Time would affect their business. The survey showed almost 60% were against the repeal of DST in Alaska.

Direct responses sighting opposition were a burdened 5-hour time difference, effectively reducing the business day to just a few hours. The ability to conduct business nationally across key industries including, financial, telecommunications, transportation and tourism would suffer. Local business that derive revenue from outside, daylight activities would see revenue loss that would result in fewer jobs and vendor spending.

The significant majority in opposition of the bill, with responses outlining the direct financial impact, results in the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce opposing the repeal of Daylight Savings Time.

For 100 years, the Anchorage Chamber membership has worked to advance a successful business climate by attending to the civic, economic, and cultural betterment of our community. We achieve this through three channels: advocacy, connectivity, and education.

Respectfully,



Janelle Pfeieger, Chair 14-15



Bruce Bustamante, Interim President

Esther Mielke

From: Dan Fabrello <dfabrello@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:04 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Re: AK HB 64 - Please vote against repealing/exempting Alaska daylight savings

Representative Lynn,

I see that the scheduled meeting on SB 6 HB 64 was cancelled.

My name is Dan Fabrello, 2476 ODay Drive, Juneau, AK 99801. I have lived in Alaska since 1972 coming to Alaska when I was 3 years of age. I'm proud to call Alaska home and is a great place live and raise a family. I am writing on HB 64 exempting the State of Alaska from daylight saving time and opening up the possibility for the allowance of the US department of transportation to change time zones in Alaska as proposed in SB 6.

I am opposed to SB 6 and opposed to HB 64 and implore you to take action to reject and vote against this legislation of repealing/exempting Alaska from daylight savings time. If this legislation gets rammed down the citizens throats then the entire State needs to be on Pacific time and should be a condition of the bill and the ability for the US department of transportation to enact and separate Alaska into various time zones should be off the table. I've lived through the time changes in the 80's and this is a different State than those earlier days. We grew as a State during those days making one time zone for Alaska, minus the far reach of the end of the Aleutians, and I believe helped the economy of Alaska immensely. These two SB and HB bills as currently proposed are bad for Alaska. In a time of declining oil prices we must focus on bills that will help all Alaskans weather this slowdown in the economy not set up Alaskans for further failure. Our citizens are already separated from the rest of the Union (lower 48) by time and distance, enlarging this time divide creates a greater barrier and promotes further hardship to our citizens living and working within all of Alaska and that is a fact. Just this morning at my workplace our accountant had to do some financials with a company that we work with on the East coast and we needed to contact them and make a important decision and give them direction by 11:30am East coast time, 7:30am Alaska time, and is a time of day prior to our usual opening for the day. With the proposed legislation we would be even further separated from the rest of our Union and would have to pay someone to come in not a half hour early but an hour and half early to do this. That's just to contact someone just prior to noon East coast time! That is a hardship to employers. Who pays for this extra time to employees...not the legislature. We would be forced to live with the ramifications of this legislation though. This is just one simple example of the tip of the iceberg this troubling legislation will cause. If the bill passes and the US department of transportation is allowed to enact time zones across Alaska turning back the clock 30+ years this will be even further exacerbated the financial hardships this bill will cause Alaskan business not to mention our State employees of the permanent fund. Enacting legislation that unintentionally harms the economy of our State is simply reckless. One of the reasons I've heard and read is this legislation was proposed in regards to the health and well being of citizens suicide rate and heart attack rate from having to adjust to the 1 hour time difference twice a year. Won't traveling and dealing with 2+ hour time change for frequent travelers and professionals in and out of state be problematic in regards to health concerns? If the State moves to multiple time zones again, wont this cause a similar health concern to citizens when traveling between regions of our State? The logic proposed behind the bill as a health concern is flawed. If allowed to pass this legislation will cause even greater health risks to our citizens as they would need to adjust to a greater time change when traveling outside and inside of Alaska, if multiple time zones are enacted. Thankfully one time zone, Alaska Time, as currently enacted we only have to adjust twice a year to time changes. This twice a year time change will look a pittance to the amount of unintended financial consequences this legislation creates if allowed to pass.

Please reject the repeal/exemption of Alaska from daylight savings as currently proposed in SB 6 and HB 64 and keep Alaska time and daylight savings as currently implemented for the last 30+ years.

Respectfully,
Dan Fabrello

Esther Mielke

From: Joann Flora <joann.flora@Goldbelt.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 comments

Greetings,

Please accept this as my testimony against SB6 and the elimination of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. I know that you have already heard all the reasons against making this change: the extra hour we will lose for those of us communicating with the east coast; the major readjustment to air travel schedules; the lost revenue to the visitor industry. There is another reason to reconsider this change: the impact on relationships within the state.

Those of us living in Alaska prior to the adoption of Alaska Time will recall the divisiveness we felt due to the time disconnect. Anchorage seemed to SE Alaska like another state; the southwest was nearly another country. One of the most successful moves to unite us all was converting to the same time zone. Foisting SB6 on regions that will be negatively impacted pits south central in a power struggle against southeast and southwest. Short of moving the capital, there's nothing you could do to divide us in a more negatively impactful way.

I urge you keep harmony within the state and not sacrifice business and economy in a power move. There's really nothing to be gained statewide by making this change and so much to lose. Changing the clock is not nearly as big a deal and dividing our state over this issue.

Respectfully,

Joann Flora

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Esther Mielke

From: Clint Jefferson Farr <cjfarr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:09 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Wes Keller; Clint Farr
Subject: Comment on SB 6 - ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Dear State Affairs Committee,

When most of Alaska became a single time zone in the 1980s, Juneau left the Pacific Time Zone and lost an hour of after work daylight. Losing daylight savings time means another lost hour of useable daylight after work. Two lost hours of daylight from that most useful and useable time of day; after work, after school, after summer camp.

I'm not sure you are aware of this, but it rains a lot in Juneau. We are a light deprived people. Which is why the health based arguments for losing DST don't make a lot of sense to me – at least for Southeast residents. In addition to just the aggravation with the loss of two usable hours of light, those two hours of after work is time for a hike, a bike ride with the kids, a run with the family. Healthy things. Sure, we can do those things in the dark, and do, but really, we live in Alaska and evening light is like a birthright. If we're going to put up with the rain, the isolation, the winter ice factory that is Juneau, then – darn it – we should have a decent amount of light in the spring and summer to be good Alaskans!

The rest of Alaska is far enough north or far enough west for this action to have minimal impact. And I totally get it, whether the sun sets at midnight or 1AM is somewhat silly and changing clocks twice a year is annoying. But solving an annoyance for Northern and Western Alaskans delivers a gut punch to Alaskans living in Southeast. We'll have two hours of less usable afternoon light during the summer for people who are already severely light deprived and vitamin D deficient – I think you're going to have to budget for more mental health services.

I feel like I'm single handedly keeping the LED industry alive.

So I think the order of actions is backwards. We should first petition to the federal government to divide Alaska back into time zones, putting Southeast Alaska back into the Pacific Time Zone. That alone will give us one hour of afternoon daylight. Then, in the future, if you get rid of daylight savings time at least Southeast Alaska maintains the status quo. Otherwise, we'll have two more hours of evening light in the summer to fish, hike, camp, roast marshmallows, or watch whales. There's been a lot of testimony about the economic impacts to Southeast tourism businesses, and that's great stuff, but I'm just talking about quality of life and happy Alaskans. Don't force your fellow state residents, already a light deprived people, to deal with even less usable light.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Clint J. Farr

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www.mudrooms.org

“That is my principal objection to life, I think: It's too easy, when alive, to make perfectly horrible mistakes.”

Kurt Vonnegut

Esther Mielke

From: jim <sumnerjim@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:19 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Your support of HB 64-The Elimination of Daylight Saving Time

Please help our students, especially, as well as the rest of us Alaskans by supporting HB 64 – the elimination of daylight saving time. Our student's grades suffer and the additional month of dark mornings creates unnecessary dangerous conditions for morning travel. Thank you. Claudia Sumner

Esther Mielke

From: Vicki Tweet <dvtweet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:18 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: DST

Hello Mr. Lynn,

I understand you are the Chairman of the House Affairs Committee. Will just make this short and simple. Please don't let SB6 die in your committee. It is long overdue. Thank you

Vicki Tweet

Esther Mielke

From: diane.schenker@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:16 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Move SB 6 to Eliminate Daylight "Saving" Time

Dear Rep Lynn,

Please move this bill forward ASAP. We are sick of having our sleep disrupted for the misperceived benefit of a few rich business, which are now very obviously trying to thwart the will of the majority by hiring rich lobbyists to kill this bill. We all know that support for this bill is strong, and if it doesn't move, it will be obvious that our interests were sold out for money. Any business that can't manage one hour difference between Alaska and other jurisdictions for part of each year doesn't deserve to stay in business. It is ridiculous to disrupt sleep/wake patterns of every citizen just because of poor business management skills by people who obviously have too much money in the first place if they can afford to buy a lobbyists influence for \$10K/month.

Why has the hearing been canceled? Why drag your feet on what most people, especially from your district, clearly want?

Diane Schenker
diane.schenker@gmail.com

Esther Mielke

From: Stanley B. Gwizdak JR <sgwizdak@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:13 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 Daylight Saving Time End

Sir:

I vehemently urge you to reconsider your decision to cancel the session regarding SB6. Why does something that has a significant majority of support in the State have to be killed by parliamentary tactics rather than an up or down vote?

I am writing hoping to change your mind about this but you and the speaker have probably already made them up. It's very depressing.

Please reconsider.

Respectfully,

Stanley B. Gwizdak, JR.

PO Box 73456

Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-3456

"My merit comes from His mercy; for I do not lack merit so long as He does not lack pity."

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM

Esther Mielke

From: Juaneta Cannon <juaneta@akforest.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: daylight savings time

I vote to abolish daylight savings time.

Thanks for considering the change.

I have lived here 40 years –

As I get older the twice per year change is torture.

Southeast losing tourist dollars?

I'm sure they will figure an acceptable solution.

Regards

Juaneta Cannon

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Ketchikan, AK 99901

Esther Mielke

From: Mullikin Surveys <mullikin@xyz.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

\$\$\$ Money, Time and Daylight Savings Time.

Many people in Alaska have five or more clocks they have to reset twice a year: microwave clock, car clocks, alarm clocks, coffee pot, and wall clocks. It will take an average of one hour per year to accomplish this useless task. Therefore, 400,000 people in Alaska x \$10 = at least \$4 million a year in lost time.

The President of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce is opposing Daylight Savings Time even though he said most members want to change daylight savings time for ALL STATES. Let Alaska be a leader in changing this rule. (AK Dispatch, Page 1, 3-30-2015) Smart people in Arizona, Hawaii, and Indiana do not have Daylight Savings Time.

This time change is detrimental to most people, especially children. A short poll in the Homer Tribune on March 18, 2015 showed that 80% of the people want to end Daylight Savings Time.

One lobbyist and perhaps 10% of the people want to keep Daylight Savings Time.

90% of the people of Alaska want to eliminate it.

Please vote to end Daylights Savings Time

Don Mullikin

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Esther Mielke

From: Leslie Stella <rivershore1507@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:41 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Say to to continued DST-student safety

Honorable Representative Lynn;

I write from Kodiak Island. Most of our school children either walk to school or walk to bus stops and wait for the bus to arrive. In the afternoons, they walk home or walk home from the bus stops.

For most of the year, in the morning, they do so in the dark, at the same time that many drivers are driving to work. This "walk in the dark" period is made longer by daylight savings time.

Yes, in the afternoons, they might walk back in "twilight" for a longer period of the year, but the school day ends early, so this isn't for as many days as the morning impact. Additionally, they don't walk home at the same time as work traffic, so this change won't simply shift the safety issue to the afternoon.

I ask you to look at the issue of stopping DST from the perspective of school safety.

I am aware that South West is opposed. To that, I say, why not allow them to continue? Many states are in more than one time zone, why not allow part to continue DST while the majority stops DST?

Thanks for your consideration,
Leslie Stella
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Kodiak, AK

Esther Mielke

From: Teresa <Teresa@alaskalogcabininn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:40 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Kids and Clocks

Just sent my son off to Early Bird Jazz Band at Kenai Central High School. It's 4:30 AM by the sun, 6:30 by the messed up clock. We are all dragging, and I've been so discouraged lately with all the rhetoric about DST, especially from the Juneau and southeast folks who seem to care nothing about the kids who bear the brunt of these early mornings. We are two hours off over here in central Alaska, which affects the largest populations in the state from the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak to Anchorage to Fairbanks. We're tired, we're struggling to finish the year of school, and we have testing starting this week. Please figure out ways to save BTU's, fish in the evening, and walk your dog after work without forcing the rest of us to accommodate your needs by shoving our clocks forward every spring. Please.....**support the bill to eliminate DST.**

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Esther Mielke

From: Isaac Moerlein <zeektribe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:29 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Please support the passage of SB6

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Please support the PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 6 TO END THE USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN ALASKA. DLST causes many Alaskans major depression in the fall with the additional hour of daylight loss. We are loosing 5 min a day.

<http://www.endalaskadaylightsaving.com>

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Esther Mielke

From: Dave Catchpole <dcatchpole@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:46 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6 - Repeal Of Daylight Savings Time

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Dear Representative Lynn,

As the you are the person representing my district in South Anchorage, I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposal to opt Alaska out of daylight savings time. I cannot think of anything more ridiculous then setting us back 32 years. Many of us remember when Anchorage was permanently five hours behind the east coast and two hours behind our nearest neighbor state. It was a nightmare to do business outside of Alaska, and such a relief when in 1983 we went forward an extra hour to catch everyone else up. Now Sen. MacKinnon wants us to again be five/two hours behind east coast/pacific coast time for half a year? How out of touch is she? Does she ever do business outside her own world? Her claims of health benefits don't pass the straight face test – if they did congress would mandate that no state changes time. As it is, if she has such convictions she should lobby our congressional delegation – however I doubt that her proposal would get very far. This proposed legislation is going to cause no end of trouble to the travelling public as well as those conducting business out of the state.

I ask you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

Dave Catchpole

Esther Mielke

From: Lindsey Wenzel <lindseywenzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:01 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Support for the Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Honorable Representative,

Please accept this email as my request that you support the elimination of Daylight Savings Time for Alaska.
Thank you.

Lindsey Wenzel
31283 South Mastodon Rd
Talkeetna, AK 99676

Esther Mielke

From: George Trabits <george@trabitsgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 6

Trabits Group supports the elimination of Daylight Savings Time.

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Esther Mielke

From: Robert Wenzel <robert.wenzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Liz Vazquez
Cc: Lindsey Wenzel; Terrance Pearson; Robert Wenzel
Subject: Support for the Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Honorable Representatives,

Please accept this email as my request that you support the elimination of Daylight Savings Time for Alaska.
Thank you.

Bob Wenzel
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Esther Mielke

From: Everett Robbins <everettrobbins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight savings Time

Mr. Lynn,

I am a resident of Anchorage and wish to express my opinion on the DST issue. I've heard many say, "if it's not broke, don't fix it." I say it is broke. It was put in place to save energy, which in today's technology world does not save energy. If a fish and game regulation says you can only hunt 1 caribou because the numbers are dwindling, we will follow that regulation. However when the numbers of caribou improve, the regulation CHANGE allowing for the taking of more than 1. My point is the DST was set in action when it was said to save energy, when that is no longer the case then we need to get rid of it. Its time for a CHANGE.

Everett Robbins

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Esther Mielke

From: George Moerlein <gmoerlein@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Fw: Daylight Savings Time

----- Original Message -----

From: George Moerlein
To: isaac moerlein
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2015 8:57 PM
Subject: Fw: Daylight Savings Time

----- Original Message -----

From: George Moerlein
To: bob.lynn@akleg.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2015 8:55 PM
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Rep. Lynn:

I would like the following to be included in the testimony before your State Affairs committee on April 2.

My name is George Moerlein residing at 7300 O'Malley in Anchorage. I am totally opposed to daylight savings time in Alaska and urge you pass SB6. Daylight Savings Time prolongs winter in Anchorage by another 6 to 8 weeks by making people arise and go to work in the dark. It is depressing. It is unnecessary. In western Alaska it is even worse. Both Hawaii and Arizona get along just fine without day light savings time, so can we. If sports come on TV at an inconvenient time, they can always be recorded and viewed later. Gads, I remember when pro football games were broadcast a week late up here and we were happy just to see them! Affected businesses will adjust - they apparently have in Hawaii and Arizona - and there is always email that works 24 hours/day. Please get this out of Committee and on to the house floor. Among my acquaintances, who are also voters, the overwhelming majority is anti-Daylight Savings Time.

George Moerlein
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Anchorage, AK 99507

Esther Mielke

From: Jake Maenpa <jmaenpa@amt.lynden.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Jake Maenpa
Subject: Please Eliminate Daylight Savings Time

Representative Bob Lynn,

I am writing this email to encourage the House State Affairs Committee to eliminate Daylight Savings Time for the following reasons:

- Monetary or energy savings due to DST are questionable at best.
- Hawaii does just fine not adhering to the time switch and they do plenty of business with the mainland. Alaska would okay too.
- There are many health reasons to eliminate DST including a decrease in the risk of heart attacks, sleep disruption, and body clock confusion.

Thanks.

Jake Maenpa

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Esther Mielke

From: Chriss Homan <homan1728@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: DST and Medicaid expansion

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Dear Mr. Lynn,

Where is the DST bill at in the House? I know the Senate passed it a while ago, but I have not heard what is happening in the House. I am in favor of dropping DST and eventually moving toward going to Pacific Coast standard time with no DST. In the summer it doesn't matter what time it is, but in the winter being in that time zone would provide more daylight after school/work.

Also, I am not in favor of medicaid expansion. I don't believe the projected cost savings, the federal government is dropping the 100% coverage in a year and the State of Alaska is already spending more on health care (I think around 2.4Bil) than our current revenue at the low oil prices. This is unsustainable. Medicaid expansion is not free, taxpayers like myself and future generations are paying for it. Where is the 16% in cuts that the governor promised during the campaign? I have voiced these concerns with my senator too.

Thank you,

Chriss Homan

Esther Mielke

From: Carol <busface1999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Re: New Pom:Miscellaneous

3/17/15

As was stated on Facebook as a comment on the DST issue:

"A wise old Native once said, only a fool believes they can cut the top off of a blanket, sew it onto the bottom and have a longer or shorter blanket."

The "extra daylight" in the winter is not going to make a difference. Same thing for extra daylight in the evening. In Alaska, it doesn't make a difference.

Business and commerce will not be hurt in any way. When I first moved to Anchorage in 1973, we were 5 hours behind the East Coast. No problems arose.

Hawaii seems to do business just fine, as do the other states that do not switch time every 6 months.

Carol Jensen

On Monday, March 16, 2015 3:43 PM, Rep. Bob Lynn <Rep.Bob.Lynn@akleg.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Jensen,

I am passing this message along from Rep. Lynn:

Thank you for communicating regarding Daylight Savings Time 'DST.' This has been a highly controversial issue for years.

One of the points in favor of keeping daylight savings time is that it means more daylight during the darker months, and that's a good thing. Another of the major points against eliminating DST is that it could cause a five hour time difference between Alaska and the East Coast. That could have a negative impact on business communications of all kinds.

Our State Affairs committee will likely hear the bill and listen to a broad range of testimony. You are invited to testify before our committee either in person or by phone.

I'll be carefully considering both sides of the issue before voting.

Thank you.

Bob Lynn

Esther Mielke

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Esther Mielke

From: Mullikin Surveys <mullikin@xyz.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Alaska Day Light Savings

Hello,

The best and easiest solution for you to accomplish for the people of Alaska in this session would be to stop utilizing Day Light Savings Time. Everyone has a biological clock and it is insane to make people try adapt to a federal government clock. It is especially difficult for children who are going to school to somehow change their wake up time.

Please do approve the state's right to opt out of Day Light Savings Time.

Thank you.

Donald E. Mullikin

Homer, Alaska

Esther Mielke

From: akwillis@mtaonline.net
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 7:35 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: Request for committee hearing on SB6

Representative Lynn,
I request you hold a hearing before House State Affairs Committee on SB6 (Eliminate Daylight Saving Time). Thank you. Lynn Willis

Esther Mielke

From: diane.schenker@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 7:33 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; representative.max.gruenbert@akleg.gov; representative.jonathan.kreiss-tompkins@akleg.gov; Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Subject: Please Pass SB 6 to Eliminate Daylight Savings Time

Dear Chairman Lynn and State Affairs Committee Members,

I hope you will schedule SB 6 for a hearing right away and pass it out of committee. It is a simple fix to a problem that negatively affects many Alaskans. It is hard to believe anyone was ever boondoggled into thinking that it made sense to yank our clocks forward and backwards twice a year, but sadly, we have been stuck with this unhealthy and needless practice for many years. It does no good, and is especially hard on parents with young children, the elderly, those requiring medical care and strict prescription drug schedules, and, of course, working class folks who must punch that clock at the job, and who cannot afford to take time off as they experience home-grown jet lag every year.

The naysayers are concerned about being off-schedule with other states, but let those other states catch on and join us by opting out of this silly practice. I have spent decades working with federal agencies in Washington, DC, and it is just not that big of a deal to contact them in our morning, before their workday ends. Whether we are 4 or 5 hours off is a minor difference when it comes to scheduling phone calls, compared to trying to make our own biological clocks lurch forward and back. The other criticism of the bill is that it is just "not important". Hah! It is important to those whose sleep is disrupted and health affected. This is a very popular bill. I noticed that when the story of this bill passing out of the Senate was posted on Facebook by one of the Anchorage news stations, there were over 1100 "likes" in less than three hours! By the next morning, there were close to 3,000 "likes". Then I stopped counting.


One of the things I love most about my lifelong home, Alaska, is the way the sun rises and sets at a different time every day of the year. It is Nature's way to move sunrise and sunset by a few minutes every day. We disrupt this natural, gradual progression of time and seasons with DST, and for what? To keep up with other states that do the same, for reasons they do not understand, either? No one even knows what the purpose is, and it is highly doubtful that anyone ever "proved" it would save fuel oil or whatever foolish notion they had to justify the practice when it was implemented. It is nonsense; something to be ashamed we ever fell for, and something that is long overdue to be corrected.

This is a popular bill, a great idea, and a VERY simple fix to a bad problem. Please pass this as fast as you can and get it voted on by the House. Please don't delay, lest it slip through the cracks in the last minute rush of the session. Could it be improved? Could we revisit the issues of Southeast perhaps changing their time zone or the delay until 2017 to finally get off the DST crazy-wagon? Sure, but it's just not worth it to slow this thing down and risk losing our chance to finally be rid of DST. Please leave the bill alone, and just pass it. We are counting on you to finally rid us of the scourge of clock tampering.

Thank you.

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 c: Senator Anna MacKinnon



Esther Mielke

From: Will Madison <willmadison@alaska.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Undisclosed Recipient
Subject: HB 64

Importance: High

Good Morning Representative,

I hope that you will join your Senate colleagues in voting to pass HB 64 to eliminate Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. The disadvantages clearly outweigh the advantages.

Thank you,

Will & Jane Madison

Esther Mielke

From: Trina Lovdahl <tlovdahl@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:13 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: daylight savings time

Please do away with daylight savings time.

John Lovdahl

Esther Mielke

From: Sonny Petersen <sonny@katmailand.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings
Attachments: Daylight Savings.JPG

Dear Representative Lynn

The reason I don't like daylight savings time is related to commerce, logistics and safety. Coastal Alaska, including Anchorage, is notorious for early morning fog and low clouds that usually lifts or burns off as the day goes on. If you need to move people and materials with aircraft, daylight savings time exacerbates the morning fog problem by an additional hour. I am in the tourist business in Katmai National Park. Back when noon was at 12 PM like it should be instead of 2 PM like it is now the morning fog wasn't much of a problem. And of course the difference between sun time and clock time is greater the further west you go.

The most common reason given in favor of daylight savings is that it provides more daylight for recreational activities in the evening. It seems to me that in the summer there is so much daylight that it doesn't make much difference. Let's not forget that we already have daylight savings year round. Alaska Standard Time was moved ahead an hour years ago.

We have the opportunity to ditch daylight savings time now. Please do us all a favor and vote for its repeal.

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Esther Mielke

From: Lance Roberts <roberts.lance@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 6:50 AM
To: Legislature
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Howdy All,

I want to thank the Senate for passing the bill to remove Alaska from Daylight Savings Time, and encourage the House to do likewise. There is a huge cost to industry in having to deal with the peculiarities of DST, and it ultimately just causes confusion.

Thanks,

Lance Roberts
Fairbanks

Esther Mielke

From: Brad Peterson <brad@anchorageports.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:39 PM
To: Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Liz Vazquez
Cc: Rod Hill
Subject: Daylight Saving Time

Dear Anchorage Representatives,

I am writing this to all of you because I am represent an organization that has many members from each of your districts. I am the Softball Director for the Anchorage Sports Association. We are a 501 (C)(3) non-profit, member supported organization that provides the community with recreational sports programs. This proposed legislation to do away with daylight saving time would have a massive affect on both our high school and our adult softball programs. None of the 12 softball fields that we utilize are equipped with lights that would allow for game play after dusk. This bill, if passed, would have an effect on people's quality of life during our short Alaska summers. It would also greatly reduce the services we can continue to offer our members, your constituents.

Twenty years ago the Anchorage Sports Association entered into a partnership agreement with the Anchorage School District and the Municipality of Anchorage to form the sport of Fast-Pitch softball for the high school aged girls in Anchorage. We organize the league and do all of the scheduling for the eight Anchorage high school's varsity and junior varsity programs. This league runs from mid/late April until the end of May and typically consists of a 16-22 game season. We often do not get to start the season by our target begin date because we are removing snow from our fields and getting them into a safe, playable condition. This does not leave us much time to get in the required games. This proposed bill would lessen the available time we have to schedule these games for our high school teams as this sport cannot safely be played without ample light. We do our best to promote fast-pitch softball as an "outsourced" high school activity and are proud of the athletes that come through our system, many of which are able to earn scholarships and travel outside of the state to further their education. It would be a shame if these girls were not provided enough time and games to polish their abilities to display to the college recruiters who come and scout our state tournaments and view video tape of our players searching a scholarship opportunity.

Our adult program consists of approximately 250 teams which equals out to over 3600 adult softball players in our association. This does not include the other Anchorage softball players that play in the Anchor Town Sports Association's softball league which sanctions over 100 teams each year. Softball in Anchorage is a huge recreational activity and for many it is a way of life. We operate our leagues at near capacity each year and have a full slate of games going from the first week of May until the middle of August. During this season we have games that are scheduled as late as 9:45pm to fit every team's games in before the state tournaments begin

in August. This bill would end those games, potentially causing us to start turning teams away because we would not be able to schedule all of the games into the allotted time we have.

As a non-profit organization this loss in funds would greatly affect the services we provide. The other sports leagues we manage typically function at a financial loss. Softball is the only sport we offer that makes money and allows us to offer our other programs. If we are forced to reduce the number of our teams due to lack of field time this could no longer be the case. While we do not look to make a profit we still need to produce a steady enough revenue stream to support our programs and employees. This legislation puts our entire organization at risk. The cost to install lights at the softball fields would exceed that of which our members could afford and I am very doubtful the Municipality of Anchorage would fund any type of lighting to the fields.

After our regular season concludes we offer a "fall ball" league that is already limited to 36 teams due to field and light limitations. This bill would completely eliminate our ability to offer this league to our members. That would be a loss in revenue of approximately \$35,000.00 for just that league alone.

I have been contacted by many of our softball players that are very concerned with this legislation. This has become a quality of life issue that is greater than just the annoyance of having to adjust a clock twice a year. Speaking for the Anchorage Sports Association and softball players all over the state I urge you to take a look at the possible victims of this legislation. Summers in Alaska are already short and we as Alaskans do all that we can to enjoy our limited amount of time in the sun. This legislation takes away that ability.

Brad Peterson

Softball & Basketball Director

Anchorage Sports Association

Esther Mielke

From: POMS@akleg.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: New Pom:Miscellaneous

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Congratulations and thank you to the Senate for passing the bill to get rid of Daylight Savings time. You House members...if you haven't passed this bill, please do so before the end of the session. We get enough daylight in the spring and summer.

Esther Mielke

From: Langdon Mary <mgerardl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2015 4:09 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: support for HB64

Dear Representative~ I am writing in support of HB64: "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time". I have lived in AK for 33 of the past 58 years, moving here with my family in 1958. I have never understood the need for Alaska to be on daylight saving time. Makes no sense in the spring, summer when we have daylight to spare. It penalizes early birds. I have also learned from sleep specialists of the increase in motor vehicle crashes the week after shifting forward an hour in spring. I agree with the sponsor's statement.

One argument I've heard against is that not having it in summer will move us farther in time from the east coast. That was how it was when I was growing up and we lived with that without difficulty. And in this time of 24/7/365 communication and business, shifting forward one hour is meaningless.

Thank you for your consideration and passage of this bill.

Best regards,
Mary Langdon, M.D.

Esther Mielke

From: Wade Wahrenbrock <akwwwade1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 6:51 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: HB-64

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Representative Lynn

As Chairman of the State Affairs Committee, I understand that it is your prerogative to schedule when (and if) various Bills will be heard and progressed through the Committee process. I would like to bring your attention HB-64 . This Bill has been referred to your Committee and it deserves prompt hearing and action.

There are many reasons to do away with the requirement that Alaskans observe Daylight Light Savings Time. Chief among them, given our northern latitudes and abundance of summer sunlight, it does not make common sense for Alaskans to mess around with changing clocks and peoples schedules.

The only comment or suggestion I have for change to the current bill language has to do with the effective date. Why not make the effective date Jan. 1, 2016 rather than wait till 2017?

The companion Bill in the Senate (SB-6) is starting to be heard and moving through Committee processes with positive "Do Pass" endorsement. It will be appreciated if you can get the ball rolling in the House of Representatives!

Thanks for your time and consideration!!

Wade Wahrenbrock
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Esther Mielke

From: Russ M <rcm@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: HB64 Elimination of Daylight Savings Time

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair House State Affairs Committee

I understand that HB64, eliminating daylight savings time in Alaska is currently in the House State Affairs committee

I urge you to support this bill.

I believe that the stated purpose of originating daylight savings time was to "save energy" during World War I. I am suspicious that the reason was to get people up earlier in the morning, to get more work out of them, work needed for the war effort. I believe that daylight savings time was again instituted during WW II for the same reason(s).

Perhaps the reason we have it now is it helps business.

I personally strongly resent having my life artificially manipulated by folks who don't know me, don't know and don't care how I am being affected.

Certainly having daylight savings time is especially ludicrous in Alaska. Kids having to get up in the dark, or go to bed in bright sunlight. It is made worse due to the state pretending that there is no significant change in longitude for most of the state. The majority of the state's population resides around 150 deg West longitude, what should be two hours different from west coast time. But powers that be legislated the time to be one hour different than west coast time. (Heck, why not put the whole earth on Greenwich, England time and pretend the earth is flat. It would make it easier for commerce. I heard that the legislature of Iowa, once introduced legislation to make the mathematical pi equal to 3, to make things simpler.) The resultant being that during the summer, most of the population of Alaska is essentially on double daylight savings time, being two hours ahead of the standard time for 150 deg West longitude. Nome, at longitude 165 deg West is essentially on triple daylight savings time, being three hours off from standard time for 165 deg West. That is during the summer, the sun is at its highest in Nome at 3PM, not noon. Note that PM stands for post meridian. normally 3PM would mean 3 hours past when the sun crosses the meridian, but in Nome the sun doesn't cross until 3PM. Note that Los Angeles is three hours off from New York. It is no wonder parents in Nome have problems getting their children to bed at "night".

I could go on and on, but you probably wouldn't have time to read it anyway.

Suffice it to say that I strongly support doing away with daylight savings time in Alaska. I strongly support HB64 and urge you to support it also.

Sincerely,

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Esther Mielke

From: Steve Parkinson <sdparkinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer; Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Although daylight savings time is annoying and pointless, don't mess with it. Doing so forces every computer in the state to be reconfigured to not adjust the time automatically. There is a real cost to eliminating it.

Also more annoying than DST would be twice a year having to remember everyone else down south's changed but not ours.

What a waste of time even talking about this.

Esther Mielke

From: Gallant Kennedy Family <gallantkennedy@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 9:35 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Bills (HB 64, SB 6 and 11)

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Dear Representative Lynn:

As one of your constituents, I implore you to bring some common sense and sanity to the debate about Daylight Savings.

Being on Daylight Savings with the rest of the country has great benefits for Alaska. Here are some of them:

- It keeps us from being five hours removed from the East Coast financial and business centers.
- It keeps us from having to make even bigger time adjustments when we travel to the lower 48 on business, to visit grandchildren, to help aging parents, etc.
- It keeps tourists from having to face outrageous jet lag in order to come to Alaska.
- It allows us that fun illusion of "midnight sun" in Fairbanks and (almost) in Anchorage, which is a huge tourist draw.
- It prevents endless confusion about what time it is in other time zones, reducing those middle-of-the-night phone calls.

One final point: the argument that the changeover to and from Daylight Savings causes adverse health effects is the worst kind of junk science. Even if it were true, it would only point out that increasing the time difference between Alaska and the lower 48 would cause the very same health effects every time people travel—only those health effects couldn't be measured.

In this time of budget crisis, surely we have better things to do that "fix" something that isn't broken and that in fact yields significant economic benefits to Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Christopher (Chris) Kennedy

2028 Brandilyn Circle

Anchorage, AK 99516



Esther Mielke

From: Victorie Heart <vheart@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:50 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Saving Time

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please do not vote to change Daylight Saving Time (DST). We need to stay synced with the rest of the country. Changing DST won't make anything easier for us. We will still have to make constant time conversions, while we won't change, the rest of the country will. Don't turn us into an oddball like Arizona.

Thank you,

William Kline

Russell Circle

Anchorage

Esther Mielke

From: Shelli Cutting <shelli@osleepworks.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: SB 6
Importance: High

I want the House to know that I am very much opposed to SB 6 and the idea that Anchorage would be two hours behind the west coast and five hours behind the east coast. As a business owner who deals with the east coast on a regular basis this would make a bad situation worse. As it is, I already get to work at six am to start my day and absolutely anything that needs doing has to be done by noon to make it during their business day. Adding another hour would just make it worse.

Ironically I own a sleep diagnostics company and we deal regularly with advanced and delayed sleep phase in patients who struggle with lots of different issues relating to their sleep. In 20 years I have never had a patient who couldn't regulate their schedule after daylight savings time. If the issue is truly a health concern for a very small group of people, my suggestion is to change those folks schedules and not disrupt commerce for the entire state. I strongly urge you to vote no on SB 6.

Thank you,

Shelli L. Cutting, RPSGT, RST, President

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Esther Mielke

From: Jared Oien <rainydaycharters@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Ketchikan Visitors Bureau; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Steve Thompson; Vice Chair Representative Dan Saddler; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Mike Hawker
Subject: Day Light Savings Time

To Whom it may Concern,

My Name is Jared Oien with Rainy Day Charters here in Ketchikan, Alaska. I am writing you today to voice my opposition to the abolishing of daylight savings time. The ending of daylight savings time would effect all of Alaska and especially Southeast. Ketchikan is a town that depends on the time change to keep the ship schedules consistent. With out daylight savings time in effect these ships will leave earlier causing shop owners and tour operators, including myself, to close early and cancel many tours. This will trickle down into less money and less jobs here in southeast and hurt an economy that is largely dependent on the tourism industry. As a representative of the people of Alaska, I request that you take this information into consideration as you make a final decision regarding the abolishing of daylight savings time.

Thank You, and God Bless,
Jared

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Esther Mielke

From: Nancy DeCherney <nancy@jahc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:23 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: oppose repeal of daylight savings time.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please do not repeal daylight savings time.

It places a real and unnecessary burden on businesses in Southeast.

The change would be confusing and difficult for those trying to conduct business across the nation, and costly through shortened evening business hours in the summer.

It also affects severely the quality of life in Southeast – already one hour off the time zone it belongs in.

This is no time to assault the fragile economy in the state through an unnecessary change of this nature.

The only acceptable option to this would be to return Southeast to Pacific time.

Please do not repeal daylight savings time. It directly affects our summer trade and activities.

Thank you,

Nancy DeCherney
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Esther Mielke

From: Fish Creek Company <hamilton@fishcreekalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:48 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; pmackey@visit-ketchikan.com; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Steve Thompson; Representative.Dan.Sadler@akleg.gov
Subject: SB06 Daylight Savings Time

Hello!

I am the owner of a small business in Ketchikan called Fish Creek Company. I live year round with my wife and 1 year old son in Ketchikan.

Around 95% of my business income is from cruise ship tourists visiting Ketchikan during the summer months. I employ 6 full time positions and 1 part time during the summer. I employ 2 full time positions during the winter months.

I have been informed that there is a proposed bill that would eliminate Daylight Savings in Alaska. This would effect the cruise ship stops in Alaska by shortening their dock time and would have to depart Ketchikan earlier than current. The cruise ship dock time is already short and this legislation would only make it shorter. This would have a considerable negative effect on my business. With less business during the summer months I would have to cut back on the number of full time employees.

During the winter we rely on phone and internet sales via our website and catalog that we distribute.

Its already difficult for our out of state customers to figure out what time zone we are in and what the time difference is for them to call during our winter operating hours. Eliminating Daylight Savings would only create more confusion and make doing business in Alaska more difficult.

I really don't see much of any reason to eliminate Daylight Savings time in Alaska.

This would only create more confusion and have a negative impact on Alaska's business environment.

I please urge you to eliminate this SB 06 legislation. It's not commonsense policy making and will have a negative legacy if passed.

Thank you very much for your time.

Hamilton

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April 1, 2015

State of Affairs Committee
Alaska House of Representatives

RE: ELIMINATION OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA

Dear Representative Lynn and Committee Members:

The mission of Explore Fairbanks is to be an economic driver in the Fairbanks region by marketing to potential visitors and optimizing the visitor experience.

The Fairbanks region hosts about 325,000 visitors in the summer. These summer guests engage in a wide variety of activities - such as flightseeing, floating on rivers, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, and tours - that take full advantage of the extended daylight in the evening hours.

Please take into consideration that the elimination of daylight savings time would have an adverse economic impact on those tourism businesses who conduct evening activities, especially as daylight wanes in late August and September.

If you have any questions, please feel free to directly contact me at (907) 459-3770 or dhickok@explorefairbanks.com.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb Hickok'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Hickok
President and CEO

Esther Mielke

From: Bruce Abel <bruce@donabel.biz>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Sam Kito
Subject: Senate Bill 6

April 1, 2015

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Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins Representative.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov

Dear House Affairs Committee;

I wish to express my opposition to Senate Bill 6, the repeal of Daylight Savings time. I own a retail business specializing in sourcing building products not available locally to communities throughout Alaska. If this legislation passes it will make doing business with the lower 48 much more difficult. Think about it, if this Bill passes you are simply cutting away 1/7 of our work day. Connecting with other regions of the State would also be more difficult. This Bill has a direct impact on my ability to serve my customers and connect with my suppliers. It will also diminish my need for employees proportionally.

I question why the legislature trying to fix something that is clearly not broken? The argument that this is a health issue is weak at best as evidenced by the lack of hard scientific research. Has the State's switchboard been bombarded over these last few years with Alaskans demanding a change to Daylight Savings Time? Frankly, this Bill appears to be a personal mission for one Senator rather than a compelling issue for Alaskans. And I am old enough to remember the hardships associated with multiple time zones prior to our current system.

I appreciate the hard work and challenges you all face and I urge you not to let Senate Bill 6, in any form, become law. There are real jobs at stake and Alaska cannot afford to be binding commerce, especially now.

Sincerely,
Bruce Abel
President

Don Abel Building Supply
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Esther Mielke

From: Juneau Chamber of Commerce <juneauchamber@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:05 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: Senate Bill 6- Oppose the repeal of Daylight Saving Time
Attachments: LTR to House State Affairs - Oppose Repeal of DST.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter of opposition to SB6 from the Juneau Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you,

Andrea Kihlmire

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Re: Senate Bill 6 – Oppose Repeal of Daylight Saving Time

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce opposes the repeal of Daylight Saving Time.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 400 businesses in Juneau. We have taken the time to survey our membership regarding the *repeal of Daylight Savings Time*. 31% of our membership responded to the survey with 75% voting against the repeal of Daylight Saving Time. (20% in favor, 5% no opinion).

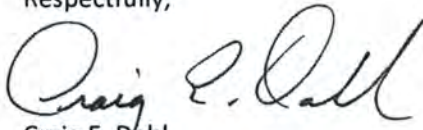
Discussions with many businesses and organizations over this past month have all focused on the loss of an hour of daylight during the months of peak business and recreation. Flight operations, marine charters, and retail businesses related to tourism and recreational activities, especially on the shoulder months of March/April and August/September, will all be financially harmed with the loss of an hour of daylight.

In addition, creating a two-hour time difference between Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, and a five-hour difference to the east coast during this peak business period (or any period for that matter) adds further complexity and cost to those businesses needing to communicate with these areas of the country.

Whether it's personal recreation or chartered access to experience and enjoy the beauty and resources of Southeast Alaska, we all understand that it happens in the few short months of summer. Losing daylight at the end of our summer days takes away business opportunities and reduces our personal time to enjoy the quality of life in Alaska.

There is a logical compromise to achieve the repeal of Daylight Saving Time and ensure that we retain the hour of daylight, which is at the center of debate. However, the current version of the bill does not assure both and so the Chamber opposes the passage of SB-6 in its current form.

Respectfully,



Craig E. Dahl
Executive Director
Juneau Chamber of Commerce

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Sam Kito
Representative Cathy Munoz

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Esther Mielke

From: Alaska Tom <alaskatom66@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 1:00 PM
Subject: Do Not Abandon Daylight Savings Time

Please do NOT support abandoning daylight savings time. There is NO valid data connecting the increase in accidents and suicides to changing our clocks twice each year. What other contributing factors are affecting such data? No one knows. It is bad enough Arizona and Hawaii refuse daylight savings time. Please do not add Alaska to that list.

Thomas U Rachal, Jr.

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Anchorage, AK 99504

Esther Mielke

From: Patti Mackey <pmackey@visit-ketchikan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: SB06 impacts on communities
Attachments: KVB Resolution 15-10 signed.pdf

Chairman Lynn, Vice Chairman Keller and members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am enclosing a resolution approved by the board of directors of the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau in opposition to the elimination of Daylight Saving Time in Alaska.

There are some very significant impacts to Ketchikan's tourism industry that would be realized if SB6 or any of its companion bills were to become law.

As you are no doubt aware, this legislation is of great concern to the businesses and residents of Southeast Alaska. Ninety percent of the tourism businesses operated in Ketchikan are owned by local or Alaskan residents. As one of our leading industries and a major contributor to municipal revenues, it would be a hardship on our community if this legislation becomes law.

I encourage you to review our concerns as outlined in the resolution, and to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration and your service in the Alaska House.

Patti Mackey

President/CEO

Ketchikan Visitors Bureau

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From: Nick Panduren <panduren@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

I would like to voice my opposition to deleting daylight savings time.
Thank you
Nick Panduren (your old AAA travel agent)

Esther Mielke

From: John Grummett <johng@sginc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

I am opposed. It will make our work day that much more unproductive. We deal with companies located all over the United States. This will give us one less hour to be able to effectively service your constituents.

We effectively lose a day trying to simply change an auto if the request comes in at 3:30pm presently just to Seattle. So if you make it 2:30pm then you can see that we cannot get quick answers.

John Grummett

Vice President

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From: Ketchikan Charter Boats <info@ketchikancharterboats.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: No on Bill 06

Please, do not abolish daylight savings.

This will impact a minimum of 30 people we hire during the summer. m These jobs will not exist. Can our economy handle this loss with just one business? How many other individuals and companies will this impact?

This will also impact my family personally with loss of income. What about the ships not coming into Ketchikan? This would kill this community.

Please vote No to abolish the Daylight Savings.

Regards,

Carla Szitas

Ketchikan Charter Boats, Inc.

Esther Mielke

From: Marc Cappelletti <Marc@expeditions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:55 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill No. 6 - Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn,

My name is Marc Cappelletti and I am the Director of Expedition Development for Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. I am writing with question and concern over Senate Bill No. 6, currently before the House State Affairs Committee, regarding the motion for the state of Alaska to exempt itself from observation of advanced time, or daylight savings time.

Lindblad Expeditions, in alliance with National Geographic, operates small ship expeditions in southeast Alaskan waters, and has done so for over 30 years. We pride ourselves on operating the most life-enhancing, immersive voyages in Alaska under the leadership of some of the region's most knowledgeable naturalists, historians and caring citizens. We take advantage of every moment to ensure that the approximately 2,000 travelers who join us each season are inspired by what they see.

Should Alaska choose to observe standard time instead of daylight savings time starting January 1, 2017, this will mean the loss of crucial daylight hours for our operation and others. The affects can be very immediate, like a reduction in runs for air taxis and tours, or more global, like a strain business relations between Alaskan companies and partners in other time zones. It will also strain entries into Glacier Bay National Park, frequented by thousands of travelers a day via large and small cruise ships, by forcing ships in the park at earlier daylight, long before anyone would be awake, in order to receive the full amount of daylight time in the park. Since the sun rises prior to 5:30 am at the latest throughout the summer, this only means the loss of evening light for those on a typical schedule. In our experience, even one hour of daylight can mean the difference between a once in a lifetime experience and a near miss.

Turks and Caicos recently addressed a daylight need that affected tourism, their number one industry, by shifting their time zone ahead one hour. This way tourists can have fuller days and enjoy sunsets later in the evening, instead of the typical pre-5pm sunset the island sees during winter months. It is perhaps a novel point, but at its core it benefits business. The motion from Alaska seems to do the opposite.

This said, I would be most appreciative for information on the benefits to Alaska and its businesses when considering this legislation. I believe it is a point that could benefit from further explanation and examination. Thank you very much for your time and for taking these points into consideration.

Sincerely,

Marc Cappelletti



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Esther Mielke

From: Devin Johnson <akbraces@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:46 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6

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Representative Lynn,

I appreciate all the time you dedicate to serving the citizens of this great state. I know Senate bill 6 is scheduled for a hearing this week in the house. As one of your constituents I wanted to let you know that I am opposed to this bill. As a business owner the four hour time difference with the east coast is already difficult enough to work with and adding an hour to it will only make it worse. We have many vendors that are in the eastern time zone and all phone call need to be made in the morning or miss their working hours. This bill will shorten that window of over lapsing working hours.

The other reason I am opposed is that opting out of daylight savings will make our summer nights one hour shorter. Those long summers days are one of the things that makes Alaskan summers so unique. As you know with daylight savings Anchorage's summer solstice sun set is 11:40, and if we opt out of daylight savings our longest night will be a sunset of 10:40 PM and a sunrise at 3:20 AM. Those long hours of daylight are part of what makes Alaskan summers so amazing and many more people take advantage of that extra hour at night than in the morning. In my opinion this bill is bad for business and bad for Alaskans. The only way I would support opting out of daylight savings is if we can get Alaska in the Pacific time zone.

Thank you for your consideration,

Devin Johnson

Esther Mielke

From: Brian Holst <bholst@jedc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:38 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: JEDC Opposition to SB6



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March 30, 2015

Representative Bob Lynn

Alaska State House of Representatives

Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Lynn,

The mission of Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) is to foster a healthy and sustainable economic climate in Juneau and Southeast Alaska. The Board of Directors of the JEDC would like to urge you to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 6, exempting the state from daylight saving time.

We feel that this legislation will have unintended adverse effects on the tourism industry in the region. The loss of the extra hour of evening daylight during the peak months of business activity, particularly in May, early June, late August and September will have an economic impact on aviation, marine services and many retail businesses serving the vibrant tourism industry in our region. The loss of daylight will result in the loss of operating hours, business opportunities, and the concurrent loss of revenue for shore excursion, air taxi, and marine tour businesses. Shifting schedules to the earlier morning daylight will not substitute for the evening hour because of the undesirability of early departures. We anticipate a decrease in tourism-related business, which will trickle down to reduce support business revenues as well, and therefore reduce the amount of sales tax collected by communities. None of these adverse economic consequences are warranted while our state is facing economic uncertainty due to the state's fiscal situation.

Of further concern, this bill will create a two-hour time difference between Juneau and Seattle, and a five-hour difference between Juneau and the East Coast, for much of the year. This would reduce the time available to conduct business by an additional hour, and conducting business in a time zone that does not remain consistent with adjacent states could create additional confusion.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Holst", enclosed within a simple circular outline.

Brian Holst

Executive Director

Juneau Economic Development Council

Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

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March 31, 2015

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I write this letter to express the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce's opposition to the passage of SB 6 and our desire that CSSB 6(FIN): "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" not be moved from the House State Affairs Committee.

Our Chamber works hard to promote economic diversity, regional growth, a climate that is good for business, a lifestyle that attracts year-round residents, and a stable, productive workforce. We strongly believe that the elimination of Daylight Saving Time will dampen our ability to further any and all aspects of this mission, and we are duly concerned about the impacts that the loss of an additional hour of daylight during the peak months of business activity will have on aviation, marine services, and many retail businesses serving the cruise industry here in Ketchikan. Further, the loss of another hour of daylight during the summer will negatively affect the overall quality of life for those who live, work, and do business in our region. Specifically, we are concerned about the following:

- Alaska will stay on 'winter' time year-round and thus will be two hours behind Seattle and five hours behind New York when they shift to Daylight Saving Time along with the rest of the country. One result of this discrepancy will be that south-bound cruise ships departing Ketchikan and Alaska for points south will have to leave an hour earlier to achieve parity with Pacific Daylight Time, resulting in a nearly \$9,000,000.00 loss in revenues to our city and to Alaska.

- When these regions return to Standard Time we will be one hour behind Seattle and four hours behind New York as we are currently. This will confuse businesses and individuals across the country and complicate communications, particularly the scheduling of teleconferences and appointments. Businesses here in Alaska may have to shift their start times to earlier in the day for half the year (and then switch back) in order not to lose valuable time with partners farther East.

- Sunset during the summer months will be an hour earlier than it is currently. This will detrimentally impact flight operations, marine charters, tour businesses, and the safety of shift worker transportation. Individuals will lose time to participate in valuable recreational activities that make Ketchikan and our region a special place to live, and those who depend on subsistence activities will suffer both culturally and economically by darkness coming earlier. Similarly, commercial fishermen will be forced to shift their schedules and suffer the burden of having to wake up at 2 or 3 am in order to maximize their fishing time.

- Financially, there will be a rise in programming costs to transportation, shipping, logistics, and broadcasting businesses. Municipal governments like our own will lose sales tax revenues, particularly as a result of losses in the tourism sector, and a negative "trickle-down" effect will damage sales at those businesses which support other, directly-impacted sectors.


Our Chamber understands the necessity of living within our means as Alaskans and advocates for reductions in state spending in order approach budget sustainability. Given that, we must to all we can to protect those parts of our economy that generate revenue for our state and our people. Now is not the time to raise logistical and technical issues for Alaska's businesses and taxpayers.

The only acceptable compromise is to *ensure* that if Daylight Saving Time is repealed, Alaska be moved to Pacific Standard Time, thereby preserving the hour of daylight that affects business and the overall quality of life for Alaskans during our most active months. This compromise, of course, is complicated by the size of our state and the fact that, internally, population centers such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan must be able to do business with each other efficiently (making multiple time zones an equally messy proposition). Our Chamber feels strongly that the best option for all Alaskans is to maintain Daylight Saving Time and continue as we currently operate.

On behalf of the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce and our community's businesses, I implore you to consider SB 6 carefully and do all you can to ensure that CSSB 6(FIN): "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" stays in the House State Affairs Committee and is not passed during this legislative session.

Thank you for your service to Alaska and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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Esther Mielke

From: Dan Blanchard <danb@un-cruise.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:58 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 is bad for Alaska

Dear Representative Lynn,

Good day and thank-you in advance for listening.

I am writing you today concerning my sincere and strong objection to SB6 which proposes to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in Alaska. The proposed legislation would allow Alaska to stay on standard time throughout the year beginning on January 1, 2017.

Eliminating daylight savings time will result in the loss of daylight hours in the evening, principally in the months of April, May, late August and September. This action will result in the loss of operating hours for our off-vessel operations and the concurrent loss of revenue for shore excursion, air taxi, and marine tour businesses. This change will also touch other tourism-related business as well, and therefore reduce the amount of sales tax collected by communities. For these reasons, I believe that SB6 is bad for Alaska.

About my company...Un-Cruise Adventures employees over 300 staff in SE Alaska starting in late April and continuing to the end of September each year. This summer we will bring nearly 8,000 guests to Alaska with roughly 13 million in expenses paid within our state.

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From: Jack Davies <jackd@davies-barry.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:28 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Representative.Dan.Ortiz@akleg.gov
Subject: Senate Bill 06, Re Daylight Saving Time

Dear Representative Lynn:

I would like to express my strong objections to the passage of any bill which would eliminate Daylight Saving Time in Alaska. I was born and raised in Ketchikan and am a third generation Alaskan. I run a business which employs 25 people in Ketchikan, Craig, and Juneau. The loss of Daylight Saving Time would put Alaska 2 hours behind Seattle, and this can have a significant impact on the level of service we are able to provide to our customers.

In addition, the geographical location of Ketchikan, and all of SE Alaska means that we would lose an additional hour of daylight during our treasured summer months, especially in August and September. Our area already paid the price when we were taken off Pacific Time several years ago.

The impact on our cruise ship businesses would be significant as some ships would have to depart Ketchikan an hour earlier than normal in order to make their scheduled arrivals in Seattle and Vancouver.

I can see no upside to the elimination of Daylight Saving Time, while there are many significant detriments. I urge you to reject this measure.

Thank you.

Jack Davies

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Esther Mielke

From: Brian Tillotson <btillotson@mckinleycapital.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: senate bill 6 day light saving time

Hello Mr. Nob Lynn

Please do not allow Alaska to move away from the time change.

To be 5 hours off from the east coast is a terrible idea and would effect me and the company I work for directly.

This would also effect many other businesses in the state.

The best thing to do is nothing and just leave it alone.

Also isn't there many other more important issues that should be dealt with that the state needs then this. The representative that put this on the table needs to start focusing on things that bring in more revenue to the state.

Thank you

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SB6

Email's For **and Against**

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Esther Mielke

From: jasonthekimmel@hotmail.com on behalf of Jason Kimmel <jason@alaskadeli.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:17 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Good morning Mr. Lynn,

My name is Jason Kimmel and I am a small business owner in Anchorage. I wanted to take a minute or two of your time to let you know my personal economic impact of the potential repeal of daylight savings time. If the bill approves, and we move away from daylight savings time, I believe that it will have a negative effect on our sales. My business provides goods and services, predominantly food, to many businesses throughout southcentral Alaska. Some of our better customers are tourism related businesses.

I am hoping that you will consider a vote to keep daylight savings in place, as it currently exists. It will be good for my business, my 28 employees and their families, and many other small business owners throughout southcentral Alaska.

Thanks for taking time to read my e-mail,
Jason Kimmel

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Esther Mielke

From: Fil and Tim <feli@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 7:53 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight savings

Hi Bob:

I have already written my own Rep and when I heard you were Chair on this I thought I'd write you as well. I am very strongly AGAINST repealing daylight savings and I've got 4 great reasons why.

1. Our military. These guys risk their lives for us and now we want to move them another hour away from communicating with their families? That's just plain hurtful.
2. Our kid's safety. Right now it's 7:45 pm and it's still light out. If my kids were riding bikes it would be safe. If we did not have daylight savings, it would be dark by now. Yes, in June and July who cares but that's two months out of 12!
3. Tourism. No tourist is going to want to come to the Land of the 11:00 Sun. It's no novelty saying you came to Anchorage and it was dark by 11:00, heck that's just Oregon and Washington. Again, yes in June and July who cares but that's two months out of 12!
4. Hawaii. How many of us go to Hawaii? Everyone. Now we'll be so out of sync with their flights we'll have to go to Seattle to catch the best flights. How does that help Anchorage?

Bob, one of the things I've always respected about you is your loyalty to what's right and not just what your party says is right. My Senator ignored all these things and she'll pay for it at re-election.

Glad to see you're still around my old band friend! (PS This is Neal's last semester)

Fil Spiegel

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Esther Mielke

From: Ken Kugel <kenkugel@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:36 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Senate Bill 6

Representative Lynn,

I would like to add my name to the growing list of Alaskans in opposition to Senate Bill 6, the elimination of daylight savings time in Alaska

As chair of the State Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, I urge you to kill this bill in committee. Passage of this bill will ultimately create confusion and economic hardship in Alaska.

Please vote against Senate Bill 6. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Kugel
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Esther Mielke

From: Jeff & Trish Baker <bakerak@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:52 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 6

Representative Lynn

I am sending this to you as Chair of the State Affairs Committee.

Regarding Daylight Savings Time, I at first was in favor of this bill and the elimination of DST. However, once I learned how this change would negatively impact SE Alaska, I no longer support it.

What prompted me to initially support this bill does not amount to any importance at all when compared to the harm it would cause SE Alaska communities. And I feel strongly that all of Alaska ought to be in the same time zone.

I hope your committee agrees that any possible upside to this bill pales when compared to the detriment that would be done to the SE communities that rely so heavily on late sunset for their economic activity.

Thank you.

Patricia Baker

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Esther Mielke

From: Charlie Williams <vpc@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:44 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: 'Juneau Chamber of Commerce'
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Importance: High

To Whom it may Concern,

I own Valley Paint Center, Inc in Juneau, Alaska. My business is extremely seasonal – people can only paint the outside of their homes when the weather is warm and dry. Many of my retail customers can only paint in the evenings when they are off work. If this proposed change takes effect, my customers will lose an hour of daylight after work. This evening window of opportunity is crucial to their ability to do maintenance painting of their homes.

Additionally, moving to two hours difference (for half the year) from the Pacific time zone will make it more difficult and very confusing to communicate with my vendors –especially those on the east coast!

Please reject this idea and vote against repealing Daylight Savings time! This law would essentially steal evening hours that could otherwise be spent painting!

Thank you,

Charlie Williams

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Esther Mielke

From: Stuart Schmutzler <alpinestu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 5:15 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Saving Daylight Savings

Representative Lynn, I am against this current repeal of Daylight Savings Time. Doing business with vendors etc that are in the lower 48 is always problematic because of our various time zones. However, over the years, we have all learned how to keep track of our different times and maintaining consistency is very important. It certainly adds another layer of error to calculate the different hours between us depending on which months of the year we are in. I hope that it is not too late to offer my opinion.

Stuart Schmutzler
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Esther Mielke

From: Sally Foo <bafoo@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:55 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Please Do Not Eliminate DST

Dear Representative Lynn - Please do what you can to leave DST intact in Alaska. My husband and I both have family on the East Coast, and his head office is there as well.

Aren't we in Alaska separate enough? Do we even have to consider a five-hour time difference for part of the year? I hate to see a lot of time and energy spent on this. It should be a non-issue.

I appreciate your time and effort for Alaskans.

Sally Foo
Eagle River

Sent from my iPad

Esther Mielke

From: Alan C. Trawver <alan@trawverlandservices.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Against Changing Alaska Daylight Savings Time

Dear Bob,

I am a 45 year+ Alaska resident and a life long Republican. We live on the upper Hillside in Anchorage. I see from the newspaper you will be holding a hearing about the proposed time changes.

I wanted to let you know my thoughts on the current time change issues. I also have emailed with Mike Hawker previously about my objection.

I am perfectly happy with the change of time every year, as it has been for a long time. Especially during the summer and having the late daylight hours for fishing and outdoor events and recreation. Dip netting in July and fishing downtown at ship creek for kings and silvers closes at 11pm. If we do not go on daylight time the result will be they will move the 11pm daily closing to 10 pm. That would limit the hours of fishing by an hour each summer day for all users all over Alaska except way north. There are many other recreation, outdoor events and types of uses that will have to be shortened 1 hour each day in the summer. Of course we also typically will not be the "land of the midnight sun" either. I know some say that suicides are higher but I don't believe that is a big problem in Alaska. I also think it makes Alaska even more unique than the rest of the USA. Please consider what would be the possible effect of shortening evening summer activities of all types for most of the population adults and kids? It could be substantial? Think of how many total hours of recreation will be lost during the summer all over Alaska.

I am against any changes, however if the goal is to not make any change to the time each year, then I would say we should maintain the summer daylight time year around. In the winter kids go to school in the dark and workers go to work in the dark in the morning. If daylight time was maintained year around, both groups would still go in the dark in the morning, but the sunset would be later at a time that might be more useable for the masses, adults and kids. Again, there are huge benefits in the summer to all residents.

Moving us away further in time from the southeast (State Capital) would be objectionable as it was in the past. Being further away in time from the Continental USA especially the east coast will also likely impact many businesses.

As I recall one of the main issues for a capital move was they difference in time for the mass of Alaska residents for access to the main state offices in Juneau.

Recreation is a huge benefit to all Alaskans. Please don't limit the summer daylight. I hope you will consider my concerns in your overall decisions.

We appreciate all your hard work.

Thanks,

Alan

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Esther Mielke

From: Brenda Campen <bcampen1562@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Time Zone Change - opposed

Dear Senator:

I am amazed at the speed in which SB 6/ CSSB 6 has made its way through the committees. I would like to register my **opposition** to the passage of this legislation. While on the surface it may sound like a good idea, especially to those in western Alaska, I believe that much more analysis is needed to determine the full extent of the consequences of such a move. I recall the days of 4 time zones in Alaska, and the awkward transition to most of AK being on one time zone. Please vote against this bill. It will hurt much of Alaska, especially Southeast, and the benefits to the rest of the state are not proven.

Sincerely,

Brenda Campen

Esther Mielke

From: Don Cornelius <doncorn@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Please reject SB 6

Dear Representative Lynn:

Re: SB 6

I know the purported reason for eliminating daylight saving in Alaska is public safety, but I have my doubts. More logically, public support is based upon the late sunrises southcentral and western Alaskans experience as a result of reducing four Alaska time zones into one back in the 1980s as well as the brief inconvenience it incurs. I testified against it back then and we are now seeing the fruits of that ill-conceived legislation.

SB 6 carries a real thorn that all Alaskans will have to deal with. That is putting us out of sync with virtually all of the rest of the nation. Just today I signed up for a webinar that broadcasts out of Arizona and here is a quote from the organizer of the event:

“Broadcast start time can be a bit confusing because of the various time zones in which our audience is located..... Use the chart below to find your start time in the US.”

It certainly has been confusing since in summer most of Arizona remains on standard time putting it out of sync with most of the rest of the nation. This confusion has caused me to miss more than a few of their past webinars. This legislation will make interaction, especially commerce and communication, inconvenient at best and even costly at times.

Incidentally, with it's position in Pacific Standard Time, Arizona is effectively on daylight savings time all year.

It seems the real problem, the condensation of four time zones into one can only be corrected by returning Alaska to the four natural time zones. The idea of putting us on daylight saving year round to address the problem is like chasing flies around your house with a fly swatter when the real problem is in the open garbage can under your sink. like taking two aspirin for a headache while leaving the brain tumor that causes it untouched. It's a bandaid that will wreak havoc on residents of southeast Alaska who have already lost one hour of our evenings due to the action taken in the 1980s.

SB 6 would take another hour away from our southeast Alaska evenings. That's two hours — enough time for a family picnic. Here in Petersburg on June 21st, sunrise would be 2:58 AM with sunset at 8:47 PM. That would be our latest sunset of the year — two hours earlier than we had before than we had in the early 1980s. It just gets worse from there on for anyone who doesn't work the night shift.

I can't help but wonder how loss of this quality of life factor might even affect the decision of retirees regarding where to live? Through pending reductions in ferry service,

we're facing the equivalent of a closure of the Alaska Highway much of the time reducing our access to the rest of the state and nation. Our winters have become one prolonged season of rain. Somewhere many residents have a tipping point. This legislation just puts another weight on the negative side of the scale.

This bill is purported to be in the interest of public safety, but where is the safety in reducing opportunities for Alaskan's to engage in outdoor pursuits — hunting, fishing, walking, bicycling — for kids to play outdoors after dinner. A couple of days ago, neighborhood kids were playing in the street in the dark in front of my house at 7:00 PM. Then we went on daylight savings and now they can play in daylight. Is playing on the street, walking on the road (we have limited sidewalks) and riding bicycles in the dark safe? I don't know many people who are likely to be engaged in outdoor activities between 3 and 6 AM, but there are plenty that I see out and about well after 9:00 PM. If health is an issue, this bill sacrifices it for southeast Alaska residents.

Another aspect of that is our mental health. My wife and I both get depressed when we go off daylight saving time and feel elated when we go back on it. Isn't the mental health of Alaskans an issue worthy of consideration for Alaskan governing bodies? More mental health problems — more chance of accidents involving those who exercise later in the evenings will certainly have adverse effects on Alaskans.

I suspect many employees work schedules may even have to be altered every spring and fall just to stay in synch with areas with which they are dealing. How will that affect child care arrangements for affected employees?

Travelers driving into and out of Alaska will encounter a bizarre situation. British Columbia and the Yukon are both on Pacific standard time in winter changing to daylight savings time in spring as virtually all of the remainder of the continent. If this change is enacted, drivers will cross the border into Canada will suddenly find themselves in two time zones further west, even if they are traveling east. Or is it further east. You figure it out. This confusion will certainly affect their calculations in connecting with Alaska ferries and finding open restaurants.

Alaskan's dealing with businesses in the Pacific northwest that close at 5:00 PM will have to complete any dealings by 3:00 PM. Seattle sunsets will be later than those in southeast Alaska. On June 21st the sun will set in Seattle at 9:11 PM while Petersburg will see it go down at 8:47. Crazy for the "land of the midnight sun."

In summary, I urge you and your colleagues to reject SB 6. A lot of the reasons giving to eliminate it are based on questionable statistics. It only makes the real problem worse. It will have adverse effects on health, commerce, and the quality of life for southeast Alaska residents as well as putting the entire state out of synch with virtually the remainder of North America. Please address the issue in a way that resolves it rather than just complicating it.

Thank you,

Don Cornelius

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Esther Mielke

From: Jane and Paul McIntosh <pjmac@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

To Representative Lynn,

My husband and I live in Anchorage and are for preserving the current status of daylight savings time.

The proposed change would result in confusion in communicating with the rest of the US.

Secondly, the idea of splitting the State into different time zones would result in reduced access to State personnel for those Alaskans in the different time zone. I remember when Anchorage and Juneau were in different time zones and the lost productivity was significant.

Sincerely,

Jane and Paul McIntosh

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Esther Mielke

From: jmcolonell@addthis.com on behalf of jmcolonell@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 8:22 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: [Office Contact] via housemajority.org from jmcolonell@gmail.com

As one of your constituents, I request that you oppose the bill to abolish DST. Having experienced the difficulties posed by an additional hour difference from Lower-48, I assure you this is a valid objection. The alleged health issue with DST is bogus.

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To: Alaska State House State Affairs Committee
From: Lynn Willis, Eagle River, Alaska
Regarding: Senate Bill (SB6) – Repeal of Daylight Saving Time
Date: April 2, 2105

I am representing myself and I support SB6.

I understand that SB6 will decide this issue and that similar bills (HB64 and SB11) will not be addressed. After this committee referral another hearing was later assigned. Based on past performance my question now is, will SB6 in the 29th Legislature suffer “death by committee inaction” as was the fate of all similar legislation proposed since 1999? The list includes HB4 (1999 - 21st Legislature); HB409 (2002 - 22nd Legislature); HB176 and SB120 (2005 -24th Legislature) and HB19 (2009 -25th Legislature)?

What other issue has been so vetted over time? During all the previous hearings (when they were allowed) have we heard a compelling justification to impact over 700,000 Alaskans with this invasive practice of changing the time of day twice each year? If a compelling reason did once exist does that compelling reason still exist in 2015? I would argue that it or any other compelling reason simply does not exist.

- We live in the “Land of the Midnight Sun” where day length is so variable that the effect of changing the time of day is rapidly offset by the natural change in periods of daylight.
- Only energy savings are mentioned as a public benefit Congress¹ found “would” be seen by using Daylight Saving Time. Any other benefits are described using the words “may”, or “should”. I suggest Daylight Saving Time does not save energy in Alaska or you would have heard it often mentioned in all the discussions regarding consumer energy prices in Alaska. Energy cost in Alaska is based on ambient temperature and total available daylight, not the time of day. Did you experience a cost savings in your energy bill after March 8th of this year because we changed the time of day?
- Daylight Saving Time is arguably no longer essential for the conduct of business transactions given the current state of communications technology. Alaska now has relationships and potential relationships with markets of the Pacific Rim nations including Japan, Korea, and China where Daylight Saving Time is not observed. Also, international business often uses Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) which does not recognize Daylight Saving Time.
- Alaskans must work and study when their efforts are required; therefore, how can you, with any sense of fairness, favor one profession or practice over another by forcing the entire state population to support what amounts to the personal convenience or financial benefit of a few.
- When you delay the time of sunset you delay the time of sunrise the next morning. After the 1983 time zone change the greatest area of Alaska with most of the population now live under permanent Daylight Saving Time. The period of Daylight Saving Time was expanded in 2007 and now for seven months a year these same regions and people experience “double” and even “triple” daylight saving time with more of a loss of morning daylight.

¹ United States Law - 15 U.S.C. §6(IX)(260-7)Time zones and daylight saving time
United States Code Title 15 - Commerce and Trade Chapter 6 - Weights and Measures and Standard Time
Subchapter IX - Standard Time Sections 260-267

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However, this is not a decision to be based on the merit of any subject argument. History has shown us that this decision is based on the maximum political leverage that can be obtained by trading this legislation for political advantage. In that arena I, and any other common citizen not ingrained into the Alaska political hierarchy, have no influence.

Now, despite a “zero” fiscal note and with a finance committee hearing already recently held in the other body, this repeal legislation is now to be heard by the House Finance Committee. With so few days remaining in this session can that hearing and a final resolution by the entire House of Representatives be expected this session? If SB6 is finally allowed that final committee hearing next session, will not the implementation date of repeal be delayed from January 2017 to yet a later date? After all these years, my optimism is “guarded”. Please move this bill from your committee today. Thank you.

Esther Mielke

From: Matt Nevala <matt.nevala@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Rep. Matt Claman
Subject: Staunch opposition to SB 6

Good afternoon, House State Affairs Committee members.

As I look out the window of my Anchorage home on March 28, I'm already enjoying the light Daylight Savings Time provides. It only makes me anticipate the upcoming summer months all the more.

I strongly oppose SB 6 because of the negative impact the loss of an additional hour of daylight during those aforementioned months will have on business activity around the state. Why purposefully "close up shop early" on visitors to our state, giving them less time to help improve our economy? It makes little sense, but would result in a large loss of dollars and cents.

Quality of life is also a huge factor. I'm speaking up for those like me who enjoy a quality of life that includes 8:40 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. summer softball games and teeing off at the golf course with the sun shining late into the day. Those are the activities that make the winter months bearable.

Add in the disruptive impact SB 6 would have on viewing of live sporting events from around the world - 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. NFL kickoffs, etc. - and it's easy to see how the negatives of the bill far outweigh any positives.

Do the right thing - stop SB 6 from advancing any further and turn your focus to solving the dire financial quagmire the state currently finds itself in.

Thank you.

- Matt Nevala
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"I wasn't aware that ratings equals quality." - Jon Stewart

Esther Mielke

From: Jim Ducker <jimducker.inak@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2015 12:35 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Joanna Lewis
Subject: Support taxes, reduce spending, protect important services and the PFD (and DST) and expand Medicaid

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Representative Lynn,

I am sure that you are very busy, but I want you to know that this constituent **fully supports instituting new taxes** to deal with the state's budget crisis. We Alaskans have been living in a dream world corrosive of societal values far too long. People, not just oil companies, should pay for the government they get. It has always offended me that we Alaskans, particularly those of us lucky enough to have good jobs and healthy incomes, pay virtually no State taxes, yet receive the benefits of government. That some Alaskans then complain about taxes is maddening, especially since there are few households in the state that do not receive PFDs that outstrip what they pay in property and any other minor taxes. I would particularly recommend that the legislature enact:

- a **tripling of the gasoline tax** with a proviso that the tax rate be reduced back to its current rate as (if?) oil prices rise--Alaska is in a very favored position regarding this tax. With oil and gasoline prices dramatically down, an increase in 16 cents a gallon will barely be noticed by the vast majority of drivers if it is phased in over 3-6 months. And should oil prices go up, thus relieving the State's budget problem, the reduction in the tax will cushion the rise in gasoline prices that would follow a rise in oil prices. (Roger Marks argued for this tax in a letter to the *ADN* earlier this month.)
- an **income tax** of approximately 10% of the federal income tax. A broad tax, rather than a lot of small taxes that nickel and dime the public is fairest. It is preferable to an attack on the Permanent Fund, which many poorer Alaskans rely on heavily. (That said, use of some of the earnings of the Permanent Fund would be warranted so long as the principal and an amount that inflation proofs the fund is not touched.) A phased reduction in the percent of the tax might be written into the law similar to that for the gasoline tax if oil *revenues* (not oil prices alone) go back up.

Other "revenue enhancements" are also warranted, including a reexamination of revenues and credits for the oil industry.

It obviously is essential to reduce spending, particularly on large capital projects. I strongly favor ceasing spending on big, unnecessary projects like the Knik Arm crossing and the Juneau road extension. I also suggest putting on a long-term hold or ending spending on the Susitna Dam project and a slowing of local road projects. As much as I hold education and public TV and radio dear, I can see that some modest cuts are necessary. Also, a reduction for a few years of what seems to be a very useful program to help Alaskans with medical school expenses in order to provide physicians for ill-served communities in the state may be warranted, but the legislature should preserve the program.

While some worry that Medicaid expansion will cost the State money, it is the right thing to do. Coupling expansion with money-saving reforms may be the right path. If the legislature fails to achieve this goal during its regular session, I hope the governor calls a special session to deal with the issue.

Oh, BTW, keep daylight saving time just the way it is. My wife and I look forward to its arrival every spring; we would hate to lose it. And the letter to the editor from the Channel 11 representative in the *ADN* a couple weeks ago suggests that if the House goes along with the Senate in abolishing DST, come football season in 2016, if not March Madness and the baseball season next year, the governor will have to call the legislature back into session to address the revolt by sports fans who can't get home from work in time to catch games.

Sincerely,
Jim Ducker
E. 99th Avenue

Esther Mielke

From: Daniel Bruce <dbruce@baxterbrucelaw.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 4:36 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Opposition to SB 6 - elimination of Daylight Savings time

To the honorable Robert Lynn, Chairman of the Alaska House State Affairs Committee:

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in opposition to SB 6. As a busy lawyer in private practice I must routinely make phone calls, write emails and attend telephonic hearings in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, New York, Colorado, Texas, California, Arizona and many other states. The elimination of day light savings time would further complicate my frequent dealings with the lower 48 in terms of coordination of schedules due time differences. Missing appointments and court hearings due to changing time zones is a real threat and danger. It may also drive up the cost of doing business if my employees have to come in early to participate in meetings and hearings, yet still maintain a presence in our office for hearings and appointments that could be two hours later than the conclusion of the business day on the west coast for a significant part of the year. An 8:00 AM appointment or hearing on the west coast would require the employ to report to duty at 6:00 AM yet if they had 4:00 court hearing or meeting in Alaska they would be at work for well over 10 hours. While attorneys are exempt from overtime support staff is not and they are integral to our operations.

On a personal level and on my staff's part I oppose the loss of an hour of precious daylight in the spring and summer months. We work hard at my office and the loss of that hour of daylight when the weather is at its best may mean the difference between enjoying a picnic, hike or other outdoor outing with our families after work and just getting off work with no time to enjoy the short Alaskan summer. Physically and psychologically those days when you can enjoy the extra daylight and do something special have an immeasurable value; and, those experiences in a significant part make living in Alaska so special. Please do not deprive of us of those pleasures and the health benefits they provide. Please vote no on this bill.

Best regards,

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Esther Mielke

From: Tim McDonnell <tim_mcdonnell@temscoair.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 2:53 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: day light savings time SB 6

Dear Representatives,

Senate Bill 06 is a very onerous bill for Temsco Helicopters Inc. tourism operations in the Skagway, Juneau locations. A 1 hour loss of time each day will effect 42 days of operation out of a 140 day season and the financial short fall will be \$1.5 million dollars in revenue not to mention the loss of wages to local employees in the Skagway and Juneau areas.. This loss is to one company in tourism the total loss in Southeast Alaska would be overwhelming. I would hope you would look beyond outside test and consider the effect to all of Alaskans and not pass SB 06. Thank you for your consideration.

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Esther Mielke

From: Frank Bergstrom <frank.b@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight savings time
Attachments: Frank Bergstrom.vcf

Dear Sir:

SB6 is a bad idea and would detrimentally impact my business and personal life. So far, I have suffered no discernable health effects from turning the hands on my clock twice per year, nor has it proven overly burdensome to do so. In fact, I adjust my clock much more frequently due to power outages, clock errors, etc., such that interruptions in the perceived flow of time are fairly routine. Losing an hour of business time in the busy summer is a negative impact on my business. Depending on where I am in the Great State of Alaska I can see the sun set at just about any time I want, so is it not arbitrary to play with the clock? Why is it OK to have sunset today at 7:28pm in Juneau when it is setting almost two hours later in Adak? This illustrates the arbitrariness of being on daylight or standard time. What counts is business time and our relation to the rest of the world with which we do business. It is entirely counterproductive for outsiders to be confused by a variable time differential.

Finally, if Southeast Alaska is put on Pacific Time we will become more a part of Washington and less a part of Alaska. The people of Alaska deserve a capital on their own time and the residents of Juneau are very protective of keeping the capital in Juneau!

Best regards, Frank Bergstrom

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: No repeal of DST

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature:

As registered voter in Juneau, I ask that the Alaska State Legislature NOT repeal Daylight Savings Time.

All of Southeast Alaska depends upon the tourism industry; many of my friends are directly involved in tourism and stand to lose thousands of much needed revenue if should DST be repealed. They'll have to cut back on their hours of operation, which will also cut the number of hours their seasonal staff can work - people like my own son, who has worked at one of the ziplines for the last two summers.

Also, the repeal will put Alaska at a disadvantage in working with partners and businesses back east, especially in terms of scheduling flights and conference calls, but also in terms of lost productivity because of the time differences. Asking Alaska financial industry, for example, to add another early hour to their day is counterproductive.

Considering a cut will also reduce sales tax revenues at a time when the state is struggling with its budget, I'm at a loss to see how the repeal is beneficial.

On a personal note, I have always appreciated DST because it allows me recreational time after my work day that I would not otherwise have, whether its a hike or an evening fishing excursion. However, DST also affects my spending - if I can't get out, I'm not buying bait, gasoline, or snacks. In a small way, this also impacts sales tax revenues. I'm just one constituent, but if you add all of us together, the impact is significant. A repeal of DST doesn't make financial sense for the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Liz Perry
Juneau

Esther Mielke

From: Midgi Moore <midgi@juneaufoodtours.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:38 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Please Say No to SB 6

Dear Sir:

As a business owner in Juneau, I implore you to say no to SB 6 and to preserve Daylight Savings Time. On the surface the change seems to have little or no effect on the state. However, in Southeast Alaska it will have a tremendous effect on the tourism industry. A loss of daylight will force tour departures to stop earlier and limit the options visitors have here. For example, I have a culinary walking tour, and my last departure is at 2:30pm. In late August and September we will start to see darker days, which may preclude visitors from wanting to walk around in the dark or twilight hours. We see cruise ship arrivals until late September, and to limit the options for these visitors and the businesses that rely on them seems unreasonable.

I also conduct business with vendors and visitors from the East Coast and a change in DST will put our business communications behind significantly. My husband, who runs a fishing charter business frequently receives 5:00am calls. I can imagine getting 4:00am calls to book tours because a person in New York doesn't realize that it's still early here.

In a time when Alaska is feeling a severe economic crunch, I respectfully request that you consider the industry that consistently brings new money into the state and do whatever is possible to support it. A loss of an hour may not seem like much to those in the Southcentral or Interior parts of the state, but those who are further south will definitely feel the difference. I believe that if it isn't good for the whole state, it isn't good.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Kelly "Midgi" Moore

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Esther Mielke

From: Teresa Young <teresa@sginc.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 11:48 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Keep daylight savings

Good afternoon,

I have already expressed to Senator MacKinnon and Senator Egan about my displeasure with even suggesting we eliminate DST. For one, based on our state's placement (longitude/latitude), we already experience lack of daylight and always will. Alaskans are here for a reason, and it surely isn't for daylight. Eliminating DST, will not change our location, nor will it truly "help" those who feel they "need" more daylight. Also, to even suggest this at this time of budget shortfalls, economic crisis, oil/gas issues, a change in administration, etc, is anything but impressive. I believe the majority of all constituents are quite frankly tired of these non-impactful bills being brought up. I would even go as far to suggest that all Alaskans be advised that bills that do not address the budget or a fundamental need (food, shelter, safety, education or healthcare) will be tabled until our State budget is balanced and healthy.

As for those of us who work every day with the lower 48, the extra hour is impactful to our business. Four hours difference with the East Coast is already a challenge, and now it's being suggested to extend to a five hour difference, and would it be two hours difference then with PST in lieu of one? Clearly, those who are in support of this bill do not do business on a daily basis outside of Alaska.

I'm not sure what the common sense approach is with this bill. Mental health? Again, due to our longitude/latitude positioning, that will not change in any meaningful way (in my opinion). Do I worship the sun/additional light as we spring forward every year – you bet I do. Will it impact my business practices and abilities to do business with the lower 48? Absolutely yes. And I'm sure other business owners would tell you the same.

Thanks for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Teresa Young

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Esther Mielke

From: Linda V <ldvlastuin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 2:46 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Vote NO on SB 6

Please vote NO on SB 6. This will produce many negative effects for Alaska, including large and small businesses. I am a Registered Nurse and have researched the claims about negative affects on health.....there is no solid medical research on this topic and effects are greatly exaggerated in SB 6. Alaska cannot afford the economical impact that this change will cause.

Thank You. Linda Vlastuin

Esther Mielke

From: Barbara Cash <bcash@rim-design.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 6:12 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB6 - VOTE NO - Please Keep Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn,

As a 40-year Alaska resident and 36-year business owner, I'm writing to implore you NOT to change daylight savings time. I recall the days of Alaska's 4 time zones and Anchorage's 5 hour separation from the east coast, which isolated us further from our nation and each other.

From my business perspective, our work with consultants and product manufacturers across the US is already hampered and will be even less efficient if we shorten the common active workday by yet another hour. It is cumbersome already, and I implore you not to increase the level of inefficiency by adding another hour to our separation.

As a resident, parent, and grandparent, verbal communications with loved ones across the nation is precious and strained enough due our current time separation. Family calls outside working hours are nearly impossible, and will be even more difficult with a 5-hour difference.

Please vote NO.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cash

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Esther Mielke

From: Dan Fabrello <dfabrello@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:32 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: AK HB 64 - Please vote against repealing/exempting Alaska daylight savings

My name is Dan Fabrello, 2476 ODay Drive, Juneau, AK 99801. I have lived in Alaska since 1972 coming to Alaska when I was 3 years of age. I'm proud to call Alaska home and is a great place live and raise a family. I am writing on HB 64 exempting the State of Alaska from daylight saving time and opening up the possibility for the allowance of the US department of transportation to change time zones in Alaska as proposed in SB 6.

I am apposed SB 6 and appose HB 64 and implore you to take action to reject and vote against this legislation of repealing/exempting Alaska from daylight savings time. If this legislation gets rammed down the citizens throats then the entire State needs to be on Pacific time and should be a condition of the bill and the ability for the US department of transportation to enact and separate Alaska into various time zones should be off the table. I've lived through the time changes in the 80's and this is a different State than those earlier days. We grew as a State during those days making one time zone for Alaska, minus the far reach of the end of the Aleutians, and I believe helped the economy of Alaska immensely. These two SB and HB bills as currently proposed are bad for Alaska. In a time of declining oil prices we must focus on bills that will help all Alaskans weather this slowdown in the economy not set up Alaskans for further failure. Our citizens are already separated from the rest of the Union (lower 48) by time and distance, enlarging this time divide creates a greater barrier and promotes further hardship to our citizens living and working within all of Alaska and that is a fact. Just this morning at my workplace our accountant had to do some financials with a company that we work with on the East coast and we needed to contact them and make a important decision and give them direction by 11:30am East coast time, 7:30am Alaska time, and is a time of day prior to our usual opening for the day. With the proposed legislation we would be even further separated from the rest of our Union and would have to pay someone to come in not a half hour early but an hour and half early to do this. That's just to contact someone just prior to noon East coast time! That is a hardship to employers. Who pays for this extra time to employees...not the legislature. We would be forced to live with the ramifications of this legislation though. This is just one simple example of the tip of the iceberg this troubling legislation will cause. If the bill passes and the US department of transportation is allowed to enact time zones across Alaska turning back the clock 30+ years this will be even further exacerbated the financial hardships this bill will cause Alaskan business not to mention our State employees of the permanent fund. Enacting legislation that unintentionally harms the economy of our State is simply reckless. One of the reasons I've heard and read is this legislation was proposed in regards to the health and well being of citizens suicide rate and heart attack rate from having to adjust to the 1 hour time difference twice a year. Won't traveling and dealing with 2+ hour time change for frequent travelers and professionals in and out of state be problematic in regards to health concerns? If the State moves to multiple time zones again, wont this cause a similar health concern to citizens when traveling between regions of our State? The logic proposed behind the bill as a health concern is flawed. If allowed to pass this legislation will cause even greater health risks to our citizens as they would need to adjust to a greater time change when traveling outside and inside of Alaska, if multiple time zones are enacted. Thankfully one time zone, Alaska Time, as currently enacted we only have to adjust twice a year to time changes. This twice a year time change will look a pittance to the amount of unintended financial consequences this legislation creates if allowed to pass.

Please reject the repeal/exemption of Alaska from daylight savings as currently proposed in SB 6 and HB 64 and keep Alaska time and daylight savings as currently implemented for the last 30+ years.

Respectfully,
Dan Fabrello



Esther Mielke

From: Jim Larsen <jimlarsen2002@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Do not eliminate DST
Attachments: .al7fs Jim Larsen.jpg

Dear Bob:

This is an input from a 37 year Alaskan. I want you to know that I enjoy and appreciate Daylight Savings Time (DST). It makes summers more fun. I urge you to vote down any misguided attempts to eliminate DST.

Thoughts to consider

A few hardships for me if DST goes away are as follows:

- My 92 year old Mother is in Iowa. It is hard enough to keep in touch with her without losing another hour of contact time if we lose DST in the summer.
- I deal often with the Upledger Institute in Florida. If we eliminate DST, we are five hours from the Institute for 7 months a year. It is hard enough to make my calls now with only four hours difference. The same applies to my calls to Minneapolis.
- If we make the change we have to remember which states have eliminated DST. It is bad enough with Hawaii and that other one. Nevada? Arizona?

There are benefits to me personally to retain DST:

- DST shifts summer daylight to evening hours, when it can be enjoyed more. I think this is a good reason.
- It saves energy, because I don't use my lights as much in the evening.
- DST reduces accidents, because people are less likely to be driving in the dark. People coming out of bars can see what they are doing and the police also can see them better. Really...I dislike drunks on the road and it is worse in the dark of winter.
- It is fun to tell folks that the sun sets at 11:43PM on June 21st and the sun only goes 2 1/2 finger widths below the horizon all night. There is light all night. Way more fun than just "The sun sets at 10:43PM."

The negatives brought up are so unsupported as to be funny.

- Folks say they lose sleep and can't adjust. I assume they never, ever travel out of state, ever. If you even go to Seattle you are off by an hour. Within 2-3 days the traveler will adjust. For sure in a week. I travel a lot and I find my body adjusts one hour per day. East coast travel take about four or five days and then all is okay again.
 - People can, if they choose, adjust their going to bed time by one hour. Problem solved.
- Folks can't figure out how to change their clocks. This is another non-issue. Seriously?

I have read about the Alaska businesses who depend on the long daylight hours in summer and that hour created by DST. Why in the world would you want to penalize Alaskan businesses that way? I could not believe it when the Senate voted to delete DST.

I think we should use Daylight Saving Time all year round. Perhaps that is the real solution.

Please don't listen to the bogus claims by DST naysayers. They are getting worked up based on emotion...not logic.

Best regards,

Jim

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Esther Mielke

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I strongly oppose the bill in the legislature to eliminate day light savings time. I believe that this will have a negative impact on business in the State. Let's keep Alaska as "The Land of the Midnight Sun". Thank you!

Richard Teders

From: Art Petersen <art.petersen@uas.alaska.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Nancy Manly
Subject: Unpacking SB6, Impacts of a bill to repeal DST

March 24, 2015

Subject: Unpacking SB6, Impacts of a bill to repeal DST

To Representative Lynn

cc: Nancy Manly

Fr Art Petersen, Juneau

Dear Representative,

I am writing to encourage you to vote against repealing Alaska Daylight Savings Time. DST here is not about saving energy but about managing light for evening use and coordinating many business and financial activities with the rest of the country. Losing DST would produce many negative effects throughout Alaska, for example, on businesses large and small; on state government and the University of Alaska; on television programming; on flight schedules; and on the enjoyment of evening daylight hours after the workday.

These topics are taken up below, including SB6 claims of negative effects on health, safety, and learning. For most topics, links to online information appear in alpha order under References at the conclusion.

Business and City Revenue statewide would drop everywhere and severely throughout Southeast: Any business in Alaska that serves tourists will lose revenue to varying degrees. From bicycle rentals to restaurants, from flight-seeing to fish charters, from museums to shops, all businesses will lose at least one evening hour of business, even in the north where light in summer is plentiful. In some places it's a lack of light that's the problem, but in all places it's a matter of scheduling. To keep tours on schedule, Alaska's visitors are kept to a strict schedule so that arrival at the next place of call will maximize the day. Some businesses will lose revenue by a percentage in the single digits and some in the double digits, such as all of Southeast for the entire tourist season. Estimates here range from a loss of 20% during the "shoulder months" (Mar-Apr, Sep-Oct) to 15% during the season's apex. Government goes astray when it restrains all businesses and, in turn, prevents municipalities by receiving tax revenues for operations.

Evening summer recreation: Summertime sunlight in Alaska is plenteous but occurs over a short period. Much of it occurs in the very early morning while people sleep, but DST shifts an hour of that unused light to evening use. Alaskans endure long periods of darkness, which descends relentlessly in the fall and bears down in winter. Maybe that's why in summer the extra hour of golf, of fishing, of hiking, of boating, of the "outdoors" is so cherished by many. Repealing DST would erase that hour. The loss would be amplified in what are the called "the shoulder months" of March-April and September-October. Light expands quickly in Alaska, but it contracts just as quickly for a long, dark fall and winter. DST maximizes sunlight for public use.

Flight Schedules: Airline passenger traffic is increasing due in part to the lower cost of fuel. Flights are often fully booked. The airline industry has said that if Alaska DST is eliminated, the number of flights are likely to be reduced because of coordination schedules for connecting flights in the lower 48. For flights that remain, departure or arrival times would change by an hour during the 8 months of DST. For example, a nonstop flight from Fairbanks leaving at 6:30 am will arrive in Seattle, not at 11:05 am but 12:05 pm. For through travelers, many connecting flights will not be possible that day, requiring an overnight stay and early morning rush back to the airport. Or instead of leaving at 6:30 am, the same flight might leave at 5:30 am, requiring a 2:30 or 3:00 am rising time to get to the airport and checked in by the minimum required time. Repealing DST will likely reduce flight selections and make departure and arrival times even less convenient.

Television programming: "Primetime" television broadcasting is from 8 to 11 pm. Being 1 hour behind the lower 48, Alaska experiences primetime from 7 to 10 pm. Without DST, however, for eight months of the year, prime time in Alaska would be from 6 to 9 pm. The Family Guide to Prime Time TV rates shows from red to yellow to green, traffic-light colors for families that care about what their youngsters see on TV. This family service examines network shows during primetime each week and assigns color codes to classify them. During Lower 48 primetime, from 8 pm on, programming is all yellow and red (no green), and from 9 pm on, it's nearly all red. Repealing DST would cause these shows to begin at 6 pm. Here are the family guide descriptors for one of its categories, "sexual situations" in the red range: "References condoning pornography or masturbation, strippers, incest, nudity and partial nudity, oral sex, prostitution, sexual violence." (I'll leave out the examples of "language" in the red category except to say they're base.) Here are the red descriptors in the "violence" category: "sadism, death depicted, sexual violence, occult violence ... rape, viscera, decapitation, visible dismemberment." These primetime shows are not cable but network generated: ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, CW. Elimination of DST will force responsible parents into being even greater TV police at the early hour of 6 pm ... not a comfortable or enjoyable job, and for working parents, impossible to enforce. Flooding PG programming into households with children for seven nights a week at 6 pm is a broad-based harmful effect of repealing DST.

Alaska State Government Impacts: Of the 13 departments, 7 reported impact on regular business connections with other states and especially with the lower 48 East Coast, principally, Washington, DC, and New York City. These 7 are the Departments of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; Environmental Conservation; Natural Resources; Labor and Workforce Development; Education and Early Development; the University of Alaska; and Alaska Permanent Fund. (Quotations and summaries for each of these 7 appear under References.) While these agencies reported indeterminate or zero known financial cost, negative effects on the conduct of business and on employees were a constant among these 7. **Conclusion:** If DST is repealed, the proposed cure for impacts appears will fall on employees for 8 months each year, from March to November. The UofA may have the most employees affected. The University is already faced with a cut of \$35 million. DST repeal would strain constant interaction with the university's second largest source of operating revenue, federal grants, which are overseen out of Washington, DC. On-going coordination with Alaska's congressional delegation would also be affected as would coordination with out-of-state research sites. The severest and most troubling impact, though, is to the Alaska Permanent Fund. A shakeup to this department would not be good at any time, but happening during a state financial crisis could create an unacceptable risk. Management of Alaska's 54-billion-dollar savings and income generator will put even greater stress on its traders and support staff, requiring them to begin work, not at 4:45 am as is currently the case, but at 3:45 am. This problem is likely to affect retention, the department says, and cost an estimated \$11 million more each year if outsourcing is needed. Outsourcing control of one of Alaska's primary sources of financial security and income is not an acceptable risk. The question needs to be asked: Is repeal of DST worth this strain, disruption, and risk?

Alaska Survey by the SB6 sponsor: Senator MacKinnon said in a press release and on the senate floor, several times, that "over 78 percent of Alaskans" favor repeal of DST. She emphasized this percent by terming it "overwhelming." She repeated the point by saying, "78% of Alaskans in every community across the state

support the repeal" of DST. She emphasized how it is uncommon for 3700 people to "self-select" to participate in a survey. So ... it's not 78% of Alaskans, as in "all Alaskans"; it's 78% of the 3700 who "self-selected" to respond to the survey. In the floor presentation, the sponsor said she conducted the survey herself out of her senate office. No attempt was made to survey a cross section of Alaskans. The survey was put on line, and those who learned of it "self-selected" to respond to it or not. Open to all as it was, it is possible that people responded more than once, perhaps many times? Because there were no focus sections for the survey and no known control, it's appropriate to examine what the survey results might mean in terms of Alaska's total population. The 78% of the 3700 that opted for repealing DST comes to 2,886 registrations for repeal. The population of Alaska is 737,000. The sponsor said that "78% of Alaskans in every community across the state support repeal," but actually the percentage of Alaskans registering support for repeal is .0039%, or less than 2/5ths of 1% of Alaskans. Conducted as it was, the survey cannot be said to measure how Alaskans feel about repeal. Often said is that numbers can be made to say anything. This is a case in point.

Health, Safety, and Learning: The sponsor cites "emerging studies" about these topics in relation to when clocks are set forward and back for DST. One study on heart attacks associated with DST time changes was found. Others have been circulated for years. The studies that could be found tend to be limited and modest studies of dated data. None of these studies demonstrates a certain link between DST and adverse health, safety, or learning. Most conclude (in various ways) that based on findings, further study may be merited. Summaries of these studies follow. Links to some studies and background appear under References.

Heart Attacks: Studies that were found include one in Sweden that was published in the United States in 2008 as a general letter of findings in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The study itself is not readily available, only the reference to it. The other study was of data gathered in the state of Michigan only between 2010 and 2012 over 3 spring and 3 fall DST changes. It showed an uptick (on average) of 8 heart attacks on DST Monday in spring above the normal average of 32 that occurred every Monday. Victims were among those in whom heart disease taken hold. After the uptick, cases of heart attacks consistently fell to below a standard rate in the spring, and slightly rose and fell in the fall. The conclusion states that "the seasonal time change impacts ... but does not influence the overall incidence of this [heart] disease." Further, "There was no difference in the total weekly number of" heart attacks "for either the fall or spring...." DST continues to be observed in both Sweden and Michigan.

Safety: Various studies show an increase in vehicle accidents on the first Monday of DST, but the studies also show that because of increased light, accidents resulting in vehicle occupant and pedestrian fatalities are significantly reduced during DST, particularly in the afternoon and evening. These studies occurred from 1998 through 2010. The conclusion to the 2010 study reads, "Overall, we find that DST ... is associated with fewer crashes for most day parts; in addition, DST is also correlated with fewer fatal crashes than ST [Standard Time]." These positives were not mentioned in the sponsor's presentations although this study appears on the legislative web site as evidence of a negative effect on health. (A link to it appears under References.)

Suicide: The sponsors of SB6 claim suicide could be an effect of advancing clocks for DST. The only study found (and which is on the legislative web site, and found under References) was a study ending in 2008 that correlated DST with the suicides of "vulnerable" Australian men, for example, those who are bi-polar. In the DHSS SB6 impact report, stated is that in Alaska, "... suicide rates are high year round but peak in the mid-summer and fall around November. Causation has not been established...." DHSS cites no statistic regarding changes to and from DST.

Lower SAT scores: The study for this implication comes out of Indiana where for ten years the legislature allowed counties to opt in or out of DST. Fifteen of 93 counties opted in while 78 opted out. This difference continued for 10 years, which made possible a statistical comparison of SAT scores between the DST and non DST counties. The SAT scores on average for the 78 non DST counties were 2% higher than for the 15 DST counties. The study is complicated by the uneven split between the number of counties and because part of

Indiana is in the Central Time Zone and part in the Eastern (which remains the case today). After much confusion over what time it was in Indiana, in 2006 the legislature made DST mandatory for the state. The Indiana study of contrasted SAT scores is complicated and unclear about what it shows and does not show. The sponsor of SB6 cited anecdotal reports from northern regions of Alaska of poor performance on SATs and other tests and of that performance being correlated to DST time changes. The sponsor also, without attribution, said it may be that DST time changes are permanently harming young brains because they are still developing. The Indiana statistics published from nine years ago were reviewed in *Psychology Today*. Suggested was that short-term fogginess from the time change might occur but noted that the SAT was offered seven different times during the school year. The review concluded thus: "Because the SAT tests aptitude, investigators cautiously suggest DST observance leads to brain damage." About this assertion, the journal quoted a Notre Dame researcher about the research, who said, "Two points would be major. Sixteen is staggering."

Conclusion: This overview of the proposal to repeal DST is being shared with you because looking just a little into the arguments for repeal shows no certain negative effects. There are no meaningful studies linking DST to negative impacts on health, safety, and learning. On safety, one meaningful study does show that DST saves vehicle occupant and pedestrian lives. An inventory of the effects of repealing DST reveals many negative impacts, including to the economy of the state, particularly in Southeast. Perhaps someday repeal will occur nation and world wide, in which case negatives related to the repeal of DST in Alaska might become positives. Right now, though, Alaska is the 49th state of these United States, located up and away from the lower 48 states. Alaska is already separated by many time zones. There's not one good reason to stretch that separation further when so many negative effects would then occur. ... Personal note: I am a 40-year resident of Juneau who has taken interest in the case for repealing DST in Alaska. Having discovered that it lacks merit on every point and finding repeal of DST to cause much inconvenience, harm, and financial peril to Alaska, it seems appropriate to share these findings in the hope that unfounded and harmful public policy will be avoided.

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3:45 am. Retention of traders at public sector compensation is already difficult and thought will become a problem, and the cost of outsourcing the work could remove it from Alaska and cost about \$11.3 million per annum.

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Subject: Dont get rid of daylight savings time

Dear honorable and wise Representative of the great state of Alaska,

I urge you to keep us on daylight savings time and vote against the ridiculous bill that is being pushed in the State Legislature. I cant believe that I even have to write this. That this is even a thing that valuable time is being wasted on. We are billions in the red and you guys are debating something this trivial? Seriously???

Please stop the madness.

Justin in Juneau

Esther Mielke

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Subject: House Bill 64 - An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time

I would like to express my opposition to HB64. I am an owner/operator of several tourism business in Juneau and Hoonah and this would be detrimental to the Southeast Alaska tourism businesses. If this must pass, PLEASE exclude Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for you consideration.

-Jamie

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To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Opposition to proposed Daylight Savings Time legislation

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Dear Representative Lynn;

I am writing to request your support in defeating the proposed legislation to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in Alaska, which legislation I understand has been amended to accommodate having Southeast on a different time zone, which legislation was (incredulously!) passed by the Senate. There are multiple reasons to retain Daylight Savings Time, including Continuity, Safety, Convenience, Energy Savings, and Marketing, as noted below. Furthermore, please keep in mind that while not all of the below points apply to all Alaskan communities, *all Alaskan communities do benefit from a stronger Alaska economy* – and eliminating DST does not improve Alaska's economy!

CONTINUITY

The whole idea of resetting all clocks nationally to one hour ahead of 'standard time' was to enable a seasonal schedule wherein individuals could awaken an hour earlier with DST than they would otherwise, be able to begin and complete daily work routines an hour earlier, and then have an extra hour of daylight after their workday activities (Obviously this same rationale of one less hour of daylight at the start of each day makes the time change switch less practical during winter - especially for AK). From a continuity perspective, consider the interstate business and tourism confusion created by (and for) Arizona, where *most* of the state does not use DST as the rest of the states do (notwithstanding Hawaii).

Consider also that when the rest of the US goes to DST and Alaska does not, **all airline travel to the lower 48 will bump to an hour earlier in Alaska as the national carriers will NOT adjust their schedules to accommodate such Alaska foolishness.** That means getting up at 4:00 am to make a 6:00 am SEA flight will move to 3:00AM to catch the 5:00 AM flight, etc, etc, etc. Feeder flights across the state will need to make the DST jump in their schedules to make the incoming and outgoing connections at the hub airports. But not to worry; this will only affect thousands of travelers, with every 6 months' new flight schedules that will need to be implemented across the state to accommodate the DST jump for ALL of the lower 48 major airlines.

In fact every thing coming from the lower 48 will shift. Sporting events, TV programming, stock markets, etc. And of course those East coast telemarketer calls at 6, 7,8AM will become 5,6,7AM calls! Yes, it will be just grand to have a nominal three hour window for conducting any business on the East coast after AK is FIVE HOURS behind. That should just do wonders for improving Alaska's economy. Not.

Keeping DST would maintain the same four hours time difference between Alaska and East Coast time, whereas discontinuing DST would create a five hour difference – further exacerbating doing business with CONUS and adding confusion to the interstate marketplace. Not only would keeping DST maintain continuity of time zones between Alaska and CONUS, it would also maintain continuity of time zones with Canada and the European Union (both of which also utilize DST). This same rationale also applies for Alaska related Pacific Rim customers and tourists who benefit from continuity with CONUS time zones.

SAFETY

Especially during DST, Alaskans do/go to recreational boating, camping, cycling, hiking, flying, fishing, hunting – often (typically) by initially driving on the highway. Especially in urban areas, this requires substantial driving each way, and to maximize the use of daylight hours, homeward returns trips are often at or near dusk - the very times when moose and other wildlife become more active after the long daylight hours. In South Central Alaska, this means more moose are on the road during these driving periods. This is a safety issue, with more moose-vehicle collisions occurring at or near dusk and in hours of darkness than any other time, even more so when drivers may not be as attentive after the days' activities and/or they are hustling to cram as much daylight activity into their day as they can. Why make this recreational opportunity an hour less?

CONVENIENCE

DST is also an issue of convenience, especially for those who recreate closer to home in the evening after work - and DST is especially useful for gardening activities in the evening. Moving the mosquito dinner bell (that time frame prior to dusk when mosquitoes really become 'active') backward an hour will not help anyone but mosquitoes.

ENERGY SAVINGS

DST is also useful for energy savings, with less electric lighting required into the evening while folks are still up.

In fact these last two points of reduced energy consumption and enabling more gardening were promoted as part of the WW I and WW II war efforts, when DST, including the idea of "victory gardens," was widely promoted (year round DST was even implemented during WW II for energy savings!).

MARKETING

Marketing of Alaska will also suffer if DST is eliminated. The long days are part of the Alaska experience for tourists and "*Land of the 11 PM Sun*" just does not have the same *panache* as 'Land of the Midnight Sun,' not to mention the shorter hours of daylight available in the evening deleterious impact on seller/providers of tourist related services which elimination of DST would have. Moreover, those same tourists will not rave about the long Alaska days with a "*Land of the 11 PM Sun*" memory of their Alaskan experience and that direct word-of-mouth marketing will be lost (or, perhaps more aptly phrased, just thrown away).

WHY THIS EFFORT?

Finally, this entire effort of trying to segregate Alaska into multiple time zones begs the question of what is the real driver? Could it be to segregate Southeast AK from mainland AK and thereby help drive another 'Capital Relocation' effort? Perhaps the real driver is to build one more wedge, a 'they're not even in the same time zone' argument.

Finally, there is no truth or fact in anything Senator MacKinnon said during her impassioned speech supporting her bill. The health risks she cited are false. Over 1.6 billion people (most of the modern industrialized world) use DST without any of the harmful effects the Senator claims. Circadian cycle shifts are caused by exposure to light, not clocks, a situation that will not change in Alaska unless the earth shifts on its axis! If what Sen. MacKinnon claims were true about the health risks of changing a time zone, the worlds airports would have victims stacked like cord wood from the billions of travelers each year; don't think that is happening. Bottom line, there was a reason this same DST elimination effort that she promoted in 2009 was defeated. It was a bad idea then. It is still a bad idea.

Therefore, to address the above arguments, your efforts to defeat this bill are specifically, respectfully requested. Thank you for your consideration. Please advise if questions or if I can provide assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,
Paul Bowers

Esther Mielke

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Subject: Keep Daylight Saving Time in Alaska

To: Alaska State Senators and Representatives

PLEASE KEEP DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA.

The proposal to quit using Daylight Savings Time is very short-sighted. It is very difficult for Alaskans to conduct business with the East Coast, both personal and company business, as it is. If we do not keep Daylight Savings Time, it will be even more difficult. That's a 5 hour time difference from the East Coast. The Stock Market would close at 11 am Alaska time if we stop following Daylight Savings Time. That does not even allow a regular working Alaskan to conduct financial transactions, as most of us cannot take a lunch break before 11:30 am. It's hard enough now – don't make it worse.

Alaska is already isolated in so many ways from the Lower 48. We have many obstacles that we must overcome, including travel distances and times to the Lower 48, higher shipping costs, setting up meetings with people in earlier times zones, etc. Please do not compound these issues by refusing to keep Daylight Savings Time. This would affect us (badly) on a daily basis. Unlike those who simply don't like adjusting their sleep time on 2 days out of the year – this will cripple us on a daily basis for years to come. At a time when the state is suffering from loss of oil revenue, please do not place additional handicaps on the other Alaska businesses. Please do not further cripple both our business and our personal lives!

Also, the idea of changing our time zone to be Pacific Time (and still not following Daylight Savings Time) is equally disruptive. It still makes us too inconsistent with the rest of the country, and still adds too much complication, since for most of the year we wouldn't really be on Pacific Time. It would also have a negative impact on the sunrise/sunset times.

I have never written to legislators before, but this issue is causing me to panic. Life in Alaska would be miserable if we do not stay in sync with the rest of the U.S. I have discussed this with many friends and co-

workers, and every person is very much against changing the current Daylight Savings Time, regardless of the minor inconvenience of adjusting the clocks twice a year. In fact, the most common viewpoint was “ why don’t they stop trying to make our lives miserable, and get back to focusing on the real Alaska issues – like the budget, oil revenue, the gas line, crime, education,...”

Again, on behalf of myself and my friends and co-workers, please.....

PLEASE KEEP DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA.

Ann (Liz) Brown

Eagle River, AK

Esther Mielke

From: Gary Ellis <zetaarms@gmail.com>
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Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn,

I wanted to take a few moments to share with you a few of my thoughts on the proposal to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) in Alaska. Though I think DST is an issue that many people take a sort of natural reaction against (after all, nobody really enjoys resetting their clocks twice a year), I also believe that most Alaskans are fairly complacent about the gravity of it in general. That is to say, it seems to a lot of us that there are far more important things the Legislature can be focusing on at this point than DST. However, I also think that are a great many **unintended consequences** that will be brought about by the elimination of DST:

Reduced Daylight for Winter Sports

One of the more legitimate arguments that opponents of DST have in their favour, in my opinion, is that Alaska only has a couple of very short periods in the spring and fall where we will experience a significant reduction in evening daylight. However, the March/April period is also one of the best times for winter sports in Alaska, as we still generally have good snow, temperatures are warmer, and we have an ever-increasing amount of evening daylight. This makes it the perfect time for snowmachining, small game hunting, sledding, skiing, snowboarding, etc. For weekenders, it may not be such a big deal if we eliminate DST as they can just start the day earlier in many cases. But consider how many people do winter activities in the evenings after work, ranging from checking a trap line, to sledding with their kids, to going cross-country skiing, etc. All of these people will experience a 1-hour reduction in their evening daylight during this prime time for the enjoyment of winter sports. This is a substantial, negative impact that will affect a very large number of Alaskans.

Reduced Daylight During Fall Hunting & Fishing Season

Another period where Alaskans would experience a significant reduction in evening daylight is in the fall. The month of September sees large number of Alaskans enjoying the outdoors while engaged in moose, caribou and bear hunting, as well as late-season salmon runs and ocean fishing. While a great deal of this goes on during the weekends, there are large numbers of people who hunt and fish locally on weekdays because ***that is the only opportunity they have to do so***. Sunset on September 25 is around 7:45 PM with DST, so elimination of DST would shave off a whole hour of viable hunting time every single evening with sunset before 7:00 PM for the last week of hunting season. This would undoubtedly curtail a great many people, especially considering that many people work until 5:00 or later and many of them commute to Anchorage as well, and the loss of that hour of evening daylight might make the difference between them being able to enjoy their sport or not. In my own case, I regularly hunt on weeknights out at Point MacKenzie with my family, and it is usually 6:00 at the earliest that we can get in the field, leaving us with a scant two hours of hunting. Elimination of DST would trim that by another hour. There is no doubt that this will have a **direct, negative impact on myself and every member of my family, as well as many others throughout the state.**

Economic Impacts

Alaska is already at a disadvantage by being four hours behind the East Coast which, like it or not, we have a great many economic ties to. Even the West Coast being only one hour ahead of Alaska can cause significant problems. Imagine needing to make a business call to Seattle, for example, and trying to call at 5:00 when you get off work. Suppose that they close at 5:00 as well (4:00 Alaska time) and you would already have to get off work an hour early just to make the call. If we eliminate DST, you would add another hour between us, which would require you to get off **two hours** early to make the same call. To make matters worse, you would still

need to pay attention to whether the time zone you were trying to reach observed DST or not (instead of just remembering the time difference), further complicating the process. This problem would only get progressively worse the further East you need to call, and would make the cost of doing business higher for ordinary Alaskans.

Multiple Time Zones in Alaska

SB 6 and HB 64, as proposed, would divide Southeast Alaska into a separate time zone from the rest of the state, introducing all the logistical problems that we already have with the West Coast. This is something that would only drive a further wedge between regions of Alaska that are already geographically distant, and further isolate the Capital from the majority of Alaskans.

Alternatives

I do not personally believe that DST is a very big convenience in and of itself, considering that adjusting one's sleep pattern by one hour or more is something that many people do every weekend anyways, and our clocks and computers reset themselves automatically. And as for the inconvenience of resetting clocks that don't reset themselves; it took me about thirty seconds to reset the microwave clock and another twenty seconds to reset the dashboard clock in my truck. How can this even come close to the inconvenience of needing to leave work an hour early to make a business call to the lower 48? If we simply must do away with DST however, it would make much more sense to me to simply switch the entire state to Pacific Time. This would eliminate virtually all of the problems I have detailed above (especially the elimination of prime sporting hours in the spring and fall evenings), and allow people the convenience of not having to remember to change their clocks twice per year. This would have far less of a negative impact on this State than HB 64 and SB6 would and would represent a reasonable compromise for people on both sides of this issue.

My understanding is that the House version of this bill (HB 64) has not yet been scheduled for any hearings, though the Senate bill, SB 6 has already passed. I believe there is a lot of populist rhetoric surrounding the elimination of DST, but this current bill will cause far more problems than it will solve. I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill in any way possible, either by voting against it if it should come to a vote, or better yet, never let it make it out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gary M. Ellis

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Esther Mielke

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To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

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Mr. Lynn,

I live in your district and I own a small Anchorage based business and employ 12 people. Stinebaugh & Company is a technical sales organization and we represent 30 manufacturers, most of which are in the Lower 48, with a number of them located on the east coast. Our customers are Alaska Mechanical Contractors and they install our equipment in schools, hospitals and commercial facilities throughout the state. If DST is repealed, for part of the year, we will be 5 hours behind the east coast companies that we work with. Not only will it make doing business with them more difficult, it won't be the same time difference throughout the year. For some of the year, 8 am here will be 1 pm there. It is bad enough with the four hour difference that we have today.

Repealing DST is a bad idea.

Further, it is incredible to me that this has the traction that it does. I would prefer that the Legislature tackle more important issues such as investigating ways to generate more state income. How about a discussion about a state income tax or a state sales tax? Do something important.

Mike Stinebaugh

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To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Banks/Financial Industry concerns about SB6 - DST, financial markets in AK - disadvantaged

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Honorable Representative Bob Lynn,

While I respect the good intentions of the sponsors of SB6 legislation and said leadership, I am fearful of the unintended consequences on our financial markets industry that is tied to time zones of national money centers.

To distance Alaska one hour further behind national markets makes wire transfer, investment transactions, communications and settlements that much harder for Alaska commerce. Alaskans are already disadvantaged from U.S. financial markets based on time zones and this separation will disadvantage us further. The current 'cut-off' for wire transfer in Alaska is 12:00/noon which costs Alaskan's one-half day delay already, with this proposed change the movement of electronic funds through the federal reserve mechanisms would need to occur by 11:00 a.m.

One of the premises of the legislation is to lesson impacts on 'adverse effects on health, sleep cycles, wellbeing., etc.' but I ask about said impact on a financial markets person that would require showing up for work at 4:30 a.m. instead of 5:30 a.m. to function competitively in our industry. Moreover, most of our transactions already occur just prior to the cut-off and a one-hour change might cost a full day of delay in financial transactions. One hour delay, becomes a one day delay and in financial markets one day can make a huge financial difference.

Personally and as a member of the Alaska Bankers Association, please consider the negative impacts of distancing us further from national markets and stay this legislation.

Thank you for proudly servicing my district and for considering this request.

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Subject: DST Proposal

Dear Representative Lynn,

I was shocked to learn that the Senate overwhelmingly passed Senator MacKinnon's bill to end Daylight Savings Time.

In case you missed Dr. Tucke's letter (11 March, Alaska Dispatch News (letters)), there is no peer reviewed evidence that documents any of the negative health consequences the Senator is claiming. Perhaps this item from the *National Academy of Sciences of the United States* will enlighten you: "Despite the fact that approximately 1.6 billion people experience DST," (nearly all of the modern industrialized world) "few studies have investigated its impact on human physiology and behavior. The results of the few, relatively small studies that have addressed the question have generally suggested that sleeping patterns adjust within days."

A few minutes research of scientific information at the *US Library of Medicine* revealed that the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN), (a paired structure in the anterior hypothalamus is the site of a master circadian clock) when exposed to light in the biological evening or early night will delay the circadian pacemaker causing the circadian cycle to shift late relative to clock time. In contrast, exposure of light in the biological morning will advance the circadian pacemaker resulting in the circadian cycle to shift early relative to clock time. The melanopsin containing retinal ganglion cell is the primary circadian photoreceptor and most sensitive to blue light. The photic information reaches the SCN through a direct pathway - the retinohypothalamic tract, and an indirect pathway from the optic tract to the intergeniculate leaflet and then to the SCN via the geniculohypothalamic tract." Simply stated, exposure to light, causes the circadian cycle shift. In order to correct this situation and it's dire threat to our health, the Senator needs to repeal the earth shifting on its axis!

Additionally, polling a few (2,800?) of like-minded friends on a website does not constitute a survey. The small number of respondents, (less than 1 half of 1 percent of the population of Alaska), cannot rationally be used to determine the fate of 660,000 people.

Senator MacKennon's argument that the original justification for DST no longer exists couldn't be farther from the truth. If anything, it is more important now than ever before. If collectively, DST only saves 2 hours of electricity per person, per year, in Alaska, that's over 1 million hours of electricity saved and the environmental impact of its generation eliminated.

Alaska life is tied to aviation in ways we seldom think about. First, you must understand that all the major airlines will shift to DST with the rest of the civilized world regardless of what the Alaska legislature does with DST. This means if the legislature dumps DST, for 6 months a year all commercial flights will come and go one hour earlier in Alaska. "Doesn't affect me because I only fly inside Alaska" you say! Wrong! Alaska's small air carriers must schedule around the major airlines. The small air carrier passengers and cargo, statewide, will need to be at the airports and hour earlier to make connections with the major airlines. Your 7:00 am shuttle will become your 6:00 am shuttle, like it or not. Wanting to make the 3:00 o'clock FEDEX/DSL/UPS/USPS sort for outbound freight or mail, it will become the 2:00 o'clock sort, like it or not. This change will impact all ticket agents, baggage handlers, ground crew, air crew, maintenance people, TSA screeners, taxi drivers, hotel clerks, delivery people, delivery recipients, on and on, statewide.

Every business, federal agency and their employees statewide, that do business of otherwise sync to the lower 48 will be in turmoil. And in six months, it will all flip back, like it or not.

This proposal addresses a pet peeve of some people, but their arguments are not based on fact nor truth. Someone in Juneau needs to realistically look at the actual impacts and disruptions this action will cause before a few uninformed people arbitrarily push Alaska further into the backwater of American society.

Thank you for your time.

Elmer Webster

Anchorage, Alaska

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Esther Mielke

From: Shawn Carey - NOAA Federal <shawn.carey@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 7:31 AM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Sen. Dennis Egan
Subject: Please vote no on House Bill 64

Dear Representatives:

Please do not support House Bill 64, the bill to eliminate Daylights Savings Time in Alaska. It will further isolate us from the rest of the U.S. and will reduce usable daylight hours in the eastern part of Alaska (primarily S.E.) for businesses and individuals. While not a big issue right around the Summer Solstice, it is really important during the shoulder seasons, after we spring forward, and in the Fall before we fall back. At least in S.E., the benefits of the extra daylight hour in the evening far our weighs the slight inconvenience of changing your clock and feeling tired for a day or two.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shawn Carey

--
Shawn P. Carey
Federal Program Officer
907-586-7845

Esther Mielke

From: Tom Farris <kettlehillsdog@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time Repeal

Mr. Lynn,

As a new transplant from the Lower 48 just two weeks ago (although I was born in Anchorage and have always dreamed of returning), I have been made aware of the new effort to repeal Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. As the new Head Golf Professional at Anchorage Golf Course, I have very strong concerns about this, as do my colleagues. A large fiscal part of my industry, and the financial well-being of all outdoor activities, is the amount of available daylight after most individuals leave work. Reducing that amount of available daylight by an hour creates a serious hardship for many industries including mine.

Here's an example from my industry. Currently, we start tee times at 5AM and finish at 10PM. Every hour has between 7 and 8 tee times available in it, with up to four players in each tee time. If you eliminate an hour of tee times due to earlier darkness, that's up to 32 players per day being eliminated. 32 players, at an average rate of \$50, equates to a potential loss of \$1600 per day -- not including other revenue streams such as food and beverage, merchandise, etc. Multiply that over the length of an entire summer, and you're talking about a serious dent in our bottom line.

It isn't as simple as adjusting business hours, because the number of players that come out before work is limited. Would some players try to do it? Sure. However, that number is nominal. Would you want to play golf at 4AM? Very few like to play that early. Would some players only try to squeeze nine in as opposed to 18 after work? Sure. Again, some would, but that still is a loss of revenue to us.

A majority of our revenues come from after work customers, and this proposed legislation would put the squeeze on us and may cause my employer to eliminate positions -- notably, mine. After the expense of moving here, I have strong concerns about not having a position if this does take effect. I strongly urge you to rally your fellow lawmakers to defeat this damaging legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tom Farris, PGA
443-783-3591 (cell)

Esther Mielke

From: Suzanne Peschier <peschiers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:54 AM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: Daylight Savings

Please vote against the legislation to eliminate Daylight Savings Time. It would ruin the summer for residents of Southeast Alaska by taking away the long evenings we look forward to all winter. We would no longer be able to enjoy our favorite outdoor activities because it would get dark at 9PM. Compared to the rest of Alaska, Southeast Alaska already has comparatively short summer evenings and this change would make them even shorter. We would have a lot of daylight when we are sleeping and not much when we can really use it.

Thank you,
Suzanne Peschier

Esther Mielke

From: Marty Baumann <mbaumann@anchoragegolfcourse.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:43 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time

Dear Mr. Lynn,

I see recently that the Senate passed Senate Bill 6 eliminating Daylight Savings Time. I would like to encourage you to vote against this in the House.

I feel that this is a very bad Idea for Alaska for several reasons. First, with the rest of the country still observing DST, this will put the east coast 5 hours ahead of us half the year. That is New York, Washington DC and Miami to name a few.

Second the economic loss because of one hour less daylight 6 months a year is devastating.

Alaskans love their long summer days, and our economy is based on the midnight sun spirit of our long summers. Every industry in Alaska that is tourist based alone will lose time to fish, play, hike or enjoy Alaska. This is one hour a day LOST because it is being moved to 3:00 am by bringing the sun up earlier.

This is just a bad Idea. Please help to stop this movement.

Marty Baumann

Marty Baumann

Buildings and Grounds Manager

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Esther Mielke

From: Jack Cadigan <ceco@alaskan.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 3:54 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: CSSB 6
Attachments: CSSB 6.pdf

Dear Representative Lynn:

I apologize for the generic comments attached, but I wish to share this opinion and concern with ALL members of the legislature in your deliberations.

Respectfully,

Jack Cadigan
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired)
Juneau

CSSB-6

Years ago (1983), presumably to make dealings between state government and the citizens of Alaska easier, the State merged four time zones into one.

The negative effects of this, particularly during Daylight Savings Time, were particularly felt in Southeast as well as western Alaska.

Now with CSSB-6 looming near passage, Southeast Alaska would not only be one hour off its geographic time zone, but in summer be two hours off. Thus dawn in summer months would be before 3:00AM, and sunset before 9 PM. In September, we would see 5:30 AM sunrises and 6 PM sunsets.

In addition to cutting back late day outdoor recreational activities by yet an additional hour for citizens of SE Alaska, this negatively impacts on the late season tourist industry, both those involving outdoor activities as well as a variety of retail establishments including many local businesses whose market consists almost solely of tourists.

Within my family, we collectively run several businesses. Specifically a whale-watching business and two local retail businesses, one of which carries almost exclusively goods hand-made in Alaska.

One might speculate as to what would be the negative effects on retail tourism businesses. Even though many ships do not depart until well into the evening, despite the fact that Juneau streets are brightly lit, etc., tourists tend to start heading back to their cruise ships as soon as it begins to get dark.

This bill adversely effects the economic income of many, if not most, of those Alaskans in the tourist industry in Southeast, and will directly result also in a decrease of employment hours, local sales tax revenues, and State Unemployment taxes, as well as numerous service businesses supporting the tourism industry.

Although CSSB-6 does provide for petitioning the U.S. DOT to allow for (SE Alaska) to move back to the Pacific Time Zone, there is no provision for a fallback position if the DOT does not grant the request.

Unfortunately, the one means of solving the single "Alaska Time Zone" dilemma as it negatively affects many Alaskan communities is to simply revert to the geographic time zones all Alaskans enjoyed many years ago.

In 1979 Juneau petitioned to be in the Yukon time zone, one hour closer to the Railbelt. This was to counter some of the objections by Railbelt Alaskans to having the capital in Juneau. The rest of SE Alaska stayed on Pacific Time. A year later, March 1980, by a 2-1 margin, voters appealed to no avail to DOT for Juneau to revert back to Pacific Time. In September 1980 DOT reversed their decision and permitted Juneau to revert (along with the rest of SE Alaska) to the Pacific Time Zone. In April 1983, Alaska successfully petitioned DOT for the current setup, which moves SE one time zone to the west of where they belong, and the Railbelt one time zone to the east of where they belong. Simply put, if Juneau were placed one time zone to the east of where we belong we would be on Mountain Standard Time, and in summer be the same time as Pacific Daylight Savings time, thus having no need for yet another additional hour during the summer by virtue of Daylight Savings Time. It was not until 1999 that legislative efforts by Railbelt legislators to eliminate Daylight Savings for all Alaskans began.

I appreciate your consideration of the negative impacts of this bill on SE Alaskans, and opine that the proponent's speculation how it would improve safety and school achievement is not at all applicable in this area of Alaska.

Esther Mielke

From: Jeri Cunningham <jcunningham@anchoragegolfcourse.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings Time Repeal

Mr. Lynn,

I'm not sure what all the rush is to repeal daylight savings time. No one is considering the economic impact this will have on Alaskan business. The loss of one hour of sunlight in the evening will affect all companies who depend on tourism, recreational activities and travel. We market Alaska as the land of the midnight sun. We would shorten the time for visitors who come to Alaska for just this reason. Hiking, biking & fishing will be impacted. Airline schedules will change. I feel we need to have more public discussion about all the ramifications if daylight savings time is repealed. The company I work for would be significantly affected by it getting dark earlier in September and the loss of one hour everyday throughout the summer. This could affect the people we employ. People will stay up later to do activities but most won't get up earlier to do these same activities. People who work look forward to enjoying the extra daylight in the summer and all the fun activities Alaska has to offer. Please do not repeal daylight savings time.

Sincerely,

Jeri

Jeri Cunningham

Golf Operations Manager

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Esther Mielke

From: Elizabeth Arnett <elizabeth.arnett@traveljuneau.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 1:55 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Craig Jennison
Subject: Daylight Saving Time Resolution
Attachments: JCVB Resolution.pdf

Dear Representative Lynn:

Attached please find a resolution by the Board of Directors of the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau in opposition to the elimination of daylight saving time in Alaska.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Arnett

resident/CEO

Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau

800 Glacier Ave, Ste 201

Juneau, AK 99801

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**Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau
Board of Directors Resolution Number 15-01**

In Opposition to the passage of Senate Bill 6, Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 64; exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska

WHEREAS, the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau's mission is: *to increase the overnight stays of business and leisure travelers, who in turn support local businesses through consumer spending, and the city through payment of hotel tax; and*

WHEREAS, the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau represents 260 members involved in and interested in the business of tourism in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the visitor industry is a key component of Juneau's economy and accounts for eight percent of Juneau's employment, or 2,200 jobs and \$85 million in payroll; \$1,159,296 in hotel taxes; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 997,000 cruise passengers are expected to visit Juneau in 2015; and

WHEREAS, eliminating daylight savings time would result in the loss of daylight hours in the evening, principally in the months of May and early June, late August and September will result in the loss of operating hours, business opportunities, and the concurrent loss of revenue for shore excursion, air taxi, and marine tour businesses; and

WHEREAS, creating a two-hour time difference between Juneau and Seattle, and a five-hour difference between Juneau and the East Coast reduces the time available to conduct business by an additional hour; and

WHEREAS, conducting business in a time zone that does not remain consistent with adjacent states creates additional confusion; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of daylight savings time will require some tour operators such as air taxis and ocean charters to move their initial morning trips to begin earlier in the day to span the same amount of hours as previous summers, reducing passenger loads due to undesirable early departure times; and

WHEREAS, the decrease in tourism-related business will trickle down to reduce support business revenues as well, and therefore reduce the amount of sales tax collected by the City and Borough of Juneau;

WHEREAS, Alaska's governor has requested deep cuts to state services and capital appropriations putting additional pressure on the City and Borough of Juneau to maintain necessary infrastructure.

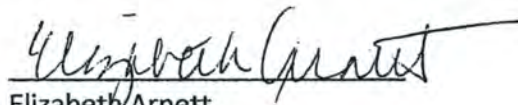
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau is opposed to the passage of Senate Bill 6, Senate Bill 11, and House Bill 64; exempting the state from daylight saving time; and petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors this 11th day of March, 2015.



Craig Jennison
Board Chair



Elizabeth Arnett
President and CEO
Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau

Esther Mielke

From: Capt. Kevin Burchfield <lostinalaska@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 6
Attachments: Daylight savings.jpeg

Greetings,

Please see the attached letter with the Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association's strong concerns about SB 6 Ending Daylight Savings Time.

This is a terrible idea and would cause irreparable damage to Alaska's Tourism Industry.

Best Fishes!

Capt. Kevin

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March 13, 2015

RE: SB 6 Ending Daylight Savings

To Whom It May Concern:

The Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association (JCBOA) represents charter fishing and nature viewing operators in the Juneau area. We are writing you to express our grave concerns about SB 6 ending Daylight Savings in Alaska. We simply cannot support this bill.

We feel that this bill a hindrance to the furtherance of commerce! The shorter daylight hours that would result in the summer months would inhibit our member's ability to conduct business in the evening and therefore create lost revenue opportunities. Simply put...this would gravely harm the tourism economy in not just Southeast Alaska but in the entire state!

We strongly encourage you to not support SB 6 ending Daylight Savings and protect our economy. Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JKB", is written over the typed name of the sender.

J. Kevin Burchfield
President

Esther Mielke

From: Jeanette Gann <jeanette.gann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 10:40 AM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: Daylight Savings for AK

Dear Alaska representatives,

I am writing to express my desire to keep daylight savings for Alaska. The extra daylight after work during early spring makes a big difference for those of us living in southeast. It is also much easier for businesses to stay open and attract shoppers when it's light outside, and consistent time changes between AK and the rest of the country make it much easier for communications between friends, family and other businesses.

Thank you for considering my comment,
Jeanette Gann

Esther Mielke

From: Sadie Wright <sadiwright@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: Daylight Savings

Hello All,

My name is Sadie Wright, I am a 36 year resident of Alaska currently residing in Juneau, and I am strongly opposed to House bill 64 and the loss of daylight savings time. Evening daylight is very important and allows me to get outside and do the things I enjoy after a long day of work. I have a number of friends here in Juneau who I fear would leave Alaska with the removal of daylight savings time in this state due to the increased evening darkness and logistical hassles. I will live in Alaska as long as I am able, but the loss of daylight savings time will make my life less enjoyable and will introduce more logistical frustrations. One of these frustrations will be communication with the Lower 48. A four hour time difference already presents a challenge when setting up meetings and teleconferences with my colleagues on the East Coast. The loss of daylight savings will make that communication more difficult and will likely result in needing to do more face to face meetings, reducing efficiency due to travel time and expense. And flight connections will become a bigger problem with Alaska being more temporally removed from the Lower 48. I have friends and family in the Lower 48 and the loss of daylight savings will also make it more difficult to communicate and visit them. Why did the Senate want to introduce these hardships? Why is the House considering it now? If the primary concern is the impacts to human health when we transition to daylight savings time, let's stay on daylight savings time year around. If the Uniform Time Act of 1966 prevents us from staying on daylight savings time, we could accomplish the same thing by joining the Pacific Time Zone and then opting out of daylight savings time. That's what I vote for!

--Sadie

Esther Mielke

From: Chris Lunsford <clunsford1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 8:41 AM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan
Subject: House Bill 64

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to let you know I oppose House Bill 64. Eliminating daylight savings places undue hardships on Southeast Alaska. It's your responsibility to vote accordingly to ensure a less represented section of the State does not suffer while the majority enjoy more balanced daylight hours.

This bill will result in reduced tourism opportunities in Southeast Alaska and the economy and local businesses will suffer because of the imbalance in morning versus evening daylight. In addition, I work for the federal government and interact daily with people in Washington D.C. Increasing the time difference between our region and other parts of our country is inadvisable and has not been adequately considered.

I believe most residents in Southeast Alaska support a time zone change but not the elimination of daylight savings. However, because a time zone change is at the discretion of the Federal Government I urge you to vote no on House Bill 64 and alternatively pursue a time zone change for the entire State of Alaska. Assuming that the time zone change will accompany this bill is an ill-advised decision. Vote no on House Bill 64 and rework the language of this bill to ensure Alaska does not make the wrong decision!

Chris Lunsford - Resident of Juneau

Esther Mielke

From: NICK SZABO <herschel@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 12:37 AM
To: Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Geran Tarr; Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: CSSB 6 (FIN) ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Please vote NO on CSSB 6 (FIN) ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. It may be a nuisance to reset our clocks twice a year, but many of us have family and business relationships on the east coast and everywhere in between. We don't want to be as much as five hours out of sync with the rest of the country for eight months each year. Many of the people I've spoken to who responded to some of the surveys did not consider the extra time differences with the rest of the country and were only thinking about the nuisance factor of resetting clocks. As far as the alleged health aspects, every time one travels out of Alaska, they have to reset their clock. Should we eliminate out of state travel too?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Nick Szabo

Esther Mielke

From: Jacek Maselko <akjacek@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 10:24 PM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan
Subject: Please oppose HB 64 and save the evening sunlight.

Dear Alaska State Representatives,

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 64 which would end Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. I live in Alaska because I love living here and enjoying what Alaska has to offer. This means outdoor activities which are not limited to the weekends, but must be pursued whenever the weather allows. For me this means flying, boating, fishing, hunting, biking, hiking, skiing and just barbequing with friends and family after a days' work. Every hour of sunshine counts and we try to make the most of it.

Reducing evening light by an hour will essentially preclude numerous activities that many Alaskans currently enjoy after work. And we do spend a lot of money buying avgas and boat gas so we can get away after work for that evening flight, or a boat ride, or a fishing trip, or numerous other outdoor activities that we live for.

This is not just a Southeast Alaska issue. Eliminating DST will have a negative impact on all of Alaska. We will be 2 hours behind Seattle and 5 hours behind Washington D.C. in the summer making conducting business or talking with family Outside that much more difficult. And then Fairbanks for example will no longer have midnight sun as the sunset on solstice will now be before midnight, not after.

I would also like to address the alleged negative health effects of switching to DST. The proponents of HB 64 would make us believe that this is a health and safety issue. By eliminating DST, men will have fewer heart attacks and there will be fewer accidents resulting in a healthier Alaska. It is true that there are more accidents and Emergency Room visits following a switch to DST. It is also true that following the switch to DST, people tend to be more active, to stay outdoors longer, to go for a walk, or a drive, in the daylight. It is also true that increased activity levels and just the fact of being outdoors is positively associated with increased heart attacks, accident rates and ER visits. But is that what Alaskans want? To sit at home, in the dark and watch TV so they can be safe from exercise and accidents? Or do they want to go out and enjoy this great State in the sunshine?

I implore you to oppose HB 64, so that we can enjoy Alaska to the fullest and the reasons we live here!

Thank you,

Jacek Maselko

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Juneau, Alaska

p.s. And for those who really do not like changing clocks twice a year – let's eliminate Standard Time instead!

Esther Mielke

From: Marina Lindsey <marinahlindsey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:40 PM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan
Subject: I oppose HB 64

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose House Bill 64. It's bad for Alaska businesses and bad for any of us that have work or personal lives east of Alaska. Getting rid of daylight savings time will impact the revenue of all eastern Alaska tourism businesses. People won't peruse in retail stores after dinner, cruise ships will leave earlier, small planes won't be able to fit as many trips within a day, river, hiking and fishing guides will have to end trips early. Any Alaska businesses that work with organizations and companies outside Alaska will miss half a business day with their counterparts. People won't have as much time after work to spend with their families outdoors or to accomplish the many projects that we all need the summer evening hours to complete.

I work for an office that is based in Maryland and already go to work by 7 am. I have family in Florida and Delaware. I travel frequently and regularly have trouble making airline connections because we are 4 hours behind the east coast.

I would be very happy if Southeast Alaska were moved to Pacific time, because that's the time zone we should be on, but I won't support that part of this bill until I know that the Federal government will allow Alaska to have two time zones. There is too much at stake for Alaska residents and businesses to count on a maybe.

I also find it ironic that people think switching their clocks is a hardship. What do they think putting our state in two time zones or 5 hours behind the east coast is going to be like?

Please vote against HB 64 and focus your energy on the real issues in our state like our budget and our schools. The time change affects only a few days out of the year. We need to refocus and address the issues that affect Alaska the majority of the year.

Sincerely,

Marina Lindsey

Esther Mielke

From: Allison Smith <allison_theresa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:25 PM
To: Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: House Bill 64: An Act exempting the state from daylight savings time

Dear Alaska State Representatives,

I am writing to encourage all of you to vote "no" on House Bill 24 which would exempt the state of Alaska from daylight savings time. As a public school teacher in Juneau and as a private citizens, there are many reasons why I believe daylight savings provides for a better quality of life in Southeast Alaska.

The elimination of daylight savings time would give students far less time in the evenings for outdoor sports and activities in the Fall. In a place where daylight is limited in the fall or winter already, it is critical that children have time with light after school to play and participate in organized outdoor activities. Having to light fields for more athletic events in the early evenings will cost the city more money as well.

Summer tourism and travel would also be impacted negatively by the elimination of daylight savings time. Less daylight in the evenings means less opportunity for tours per day. Also, traveling South and communicating with colleagues in the lower 48 will be affected with Alaska being 5 hours off of East Coast time.

I do see the temporary impact of the daylight savings changeover on the children I teach, but they are resilient and adjust within a week or so after each change. I feel that the benefits of keeping daylight savings time far outweigh the drawbacks with regard to my students' lives and to my own life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Allison Smith
12175 Glacier Hwy. B3
Juneau, AK 99801


Esther Mielke

From: Jim <jrich@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: HB64

I would like to know what chance this bill has of being approved by your committee. This bill will severely affect evening organized activities. Those activities include summer softball, baseball, and soccer. I am on the board of the Golden Heart Softball Association of Fairbanks. I am sure that we will lose the late game each evening at least at the beginning and at the end of the season. I understand Anchorage will also be severely affected.

By the way we already have switched to what is called an "optic" ball. It is bright yellow in color which helps on cloudy nights at the beginning and end of the season.

Jim Richardson

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Esther Mielke

From: Giselle Bergeron <giselle@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 2:31 PM
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Subject: Daylight Savings Bill
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Senators,

I'm appalled that Senator Anna MacKinnon's bill to end daylight savings time passed the Alaska Senate. She may not have lived here when Alaska's time zones were combined so that all of Alaska was on one time zone. That was a big change and improved overall communication capabilities, not only within Alaska but also with the lower 48.

This current bill will make life much harder when it comes to:

1. Communicating with those who live out of state because we will constantly have to remember when daylight savings affects other states and when it doesn't.
2. Traveling out of state whenever other states are on DST and we are not. This means that our bodies will go through two hours to five hours of adaptation instead of one to four. If we travel several times a year, like most business people do or only once a year, like most of the rest of us do, it means that our circadian rhythm will be much more messed up than what we currently go through with a one hour time change twice a year.

For goodness sake, I sure hope everyone in the senate will use common sense and reject this bill.

Cordially,

Giselle Bergeron,

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Anchorage, AK 99516

Esther Mielke

From: Jim Parise <parisejim@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: Pending DST Bill

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Since we arrive at the office before 5:00am, we go to bed much earlier than our friends and family. The elimination of DST would also mean we will have to go to bed even earlier than we do now, which will negatively affect our personal and family lives. This will make it that much harder to attract and retain the best people when recruiting. We cannot compete with regards to compensation for investment professionals but we can attract very talented people because of lifestyle. By eliminating DST, we diminish one of the best recruiting tools we offer. I believe this will hurt the investment returns of the fund.

I also don't fully understand who this bill helps. The health benefits cited for passing the Senate bill are not definitive but the hardship this bill places on a vast amount of Alaskans is definitive. The negative personal and economic effects far outweigh whatever possible benefits those who want this bill passed have put forward.

Please reject this bill if it reaches a vote in the house.

Thanks again for your hard work on this and other issues that affect this great state.

Jim Parise

Juneau, AK

Esther Mielke

From: Ed Jacobson <ejacobson@ak.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 10:40 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings time

Hi Bob !

This is a first for me. I am writing this in reference to todays news that a bill has passed in the legislature to do away with daylight savings time. I have lived here for almost 44 years. Daylight savings time is always greeted with smiles. It delivers us early sunlit evenings starting now. One of the main reasons that I got hooked on Alaska was the long daylight evenings. Something of this magnitude should be voted on by everyone at voting time. A few people are affecting almost 800,000 people in the state. How can we stop this? There should not even be a question of this passing. We get enough screwball ideas from the Federal Government. Alaskans do not need to feed into these radical ideas. Please vote against this change.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Ed Jacobson

Jack White Real Estate

Anchorage, Ak

907-748-4888 cell

Esther Mielke

From: Oliverson Douglas <doliverson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 11:28 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Daylight Saving Time

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Gentlemen, please don't vote to repeal Daylight Saving Time.
We live in cold dark weather during the winter, March is the time we look forward to by adding extra daylight into our evenings. I do many outdoor jobs and activities, the extra hour each day allows me to get one more job done. I have talked with over 40 friends, and colleagues not one agrees with this bill.
Thanks
Doug Oliverson

Esther Mielke

From: Masha Sk <maria.skuratovskaya@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:18 AM
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Subject: Regarding SB 6 - Proposal to eliminate DST

I am writing as an Alaskan and not as an employee of the Alaska Permanent Fund.

I am writing to request that you reject the bill to eliminate Daylight Savings Time (DST) passed by the Senate. I am a fixed income portfolio manager overseen \$ 2 billion in assets for the APFC. In my opinion, eliminating DST would be detrimental to the work that myself and my colleagues do at the fund and should be soundly rejected. In the course of the day I deal not only with counterparts on Wall Street, but also those in London and Copenhagen to transact in over 30 bond markets. We work New York hours which means getting to the office or before 5 am. Managing the 4+ hour time difference is no easy task, that would be only made worse by elimination of DST. As things stand we already have a very narrow window in the morning to trade overseas and new issue US markets. Any disruption to our schedule would mean opportunities missed and, potentially, returns lost for the Fund.

Since we arrive at the office before 5:00 am, we go to bed much earlier than our friends and family. With elimination of DST would we would have to turn in for the night even earlier than we do now, which will negatively affect our personal and family lives. Myself, being a (mostly) single parent, will be faced with the choice of either shifting my children's bedtime to match my own, disrupting their school and activity schedules or foregoing an hour of sleep, and compromising my ability to be effective at my job. It is a choice that I never imagined I would have to make when I took this position, since the work-life balance, not compensation, was the top priority on my decision list.

This bill has far-reaching impact every single person that lives in our great state, therefore siting results of an obscure survey in a single district can not reflect how the whole population feels. Like marijuana, this is a measure that should be subject to a popular vote rather than left to the legislators. I for one don't fully understand who this bill helps. The health benefits cited in its support are dubious at best but the hardship this bill places on a vast number of Alaskans is definitive. At the time when the state coffers are running low, our legislature should be passing measures that boost commerce rather than hinder it. Separating the state capital from the rest of the state by a time zone will be a disservice to the constituents. The negative personal and economic effects far outweigh whatever possible benefits those who want this bill passed have put forward.

At the time when Alaska faces the toughest fiscal crisis in years this legislature should occupy itself with real issues instead of passing poorly thought-through measures just to create an appearance of action. Your energy

should be directed towards finding creative solutions to reversing education cuts rather than which way to move the clocks.

Please reject this bill if it reaches a vote in the house.

Thank you for all the hard work that you do for this great state.

Maria Skuratovskaya

Juneau, AK

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Thanks again for your hard work on this and other issues that affect this great state.

Jim Parise

Juneau, AK

Esther Mielke

From: Wayno <wayknow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: DST Change: I oppose it

Please note my opposition to changing / doing away with DST in Alaska. The longer light in March makes my life in Alaska much better.

Thank you,

Wayne R Wilken
Anchorage AK 99515

Esther Mielke

From: Randall Plant <rplant@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:04 PM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Daylight Savings

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am in favor of keeping daylight savings time. Our summers are so short it is nice to have an extra hour of daylight in the evening instead of at 3 AM. And if we switch to Pacific Standard time, sunrise time from late November until January will be after 11 AM. Let's keep things the way they are.

Randy Plant



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March 10, 2015

RE: SB 6 Exempt Alaska from Daylight Savings Time

Dear Representative Lynn,

The Alaska Broadcasters Association and its member stations wish to advise you of our opposition to SB6.

From a broadcasting perspective, programming received via satellite and transmitted live to our audiences would have to be held for an hour in servers, requiring additional investment in equipment and operators required to oversee the delay and rebroadcast.

From the viewer and listener perspective, delay of programming additionally means that audiences cannot interact in real time with call-in shows, cast votes in talent-based programs, or participate in corollary social network interaction that is prevalent in our industry.

From a business perspective, the extra hour (six months a year) exacerbates communications difficulties already caused by our location. Customer and vendor contacts, training webinars, conference calls etc would be complicated by our being out of sync with the rest of the country.

Many live Radio and TV news programs originate on the East Coast. If implemented this would make Alaska clocks out of sync with the rest the country. It would create a time differential that will lead to major program schedule changes twice a year, at great expense of staff time and potential loss of revenue.

Live Sports, which will change time periods when Alaska does not, creates a number of challenges. Football games will start an hour earlier and east coast evening games will start at 3:00 in the afternoon. Most problematic to television broadcasters is fulfilling the FCC requirement that three hours of children's programming air each week, no earlier than 7am. Live sports are generally scheduled to start at 10am, allowing stations to meet this weekly obligation.

For these reasons, we encourage you to vote no on eliminating daylight savings unless and until the rest of the country does as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wilson', is written over a white rectangular area.

Matt Wilson
President