

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1997-1998



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
committee name
 committee on HB 53 dated 2/10/98
bill/ subject

NO I am not willing to give up my job
 early to being in a prison. We were
 promised the year 2001.

Signed: Nancy L. Brown
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee on HB 53, dated 2/6/98
 bill/ subject committee name

Sharon Dalton
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For the love of money is the root of all evil...I Timothy 6:10. It is apparent to me that the coalition has let the love of money override their sense of morality. It seems there are business people here as well as the coalition that are content to ruin a nice rural community in exchange for their own personal gain.

We moved to Delta seven years ago to be able to raise our children in a nice community. We cannot think of anything worse to bring to a town than a prison! We lived in a prison town once and there was always a sense of fear and uneasiness. Prisoners did sometimes escape. We will look for somewhere else to live if the prison is approved. I hear many other Delta residents saying the same thing. Property values would undoubtedly decrease.

My husband and I could both easily obtain employment at a prison. I am a R.N., he is a Medical Technician, and a carpenter. Many co-workers of mine have worked in prisons. They hated it, and left after a few months. We would prefer to be unemployed than risk our lives, and compromise our integrity to work in a prison.

Tourism is supposed to be the number one industry in Alaska. Many tax dollars were spent recently on road improvements on the Al-Can Highway. I can't imagine a worse eye sore as tourists reach the end of their scenic drive.

I have counted at least ten new businesses that have started in the past year. Does this sound like Delta is going to, "dry up and blow away"? This type of creativity will be stifled if a one business industry controls the town.

The construction phase will be for short term labor only. This will be a temporary fix and then enable people to qualify for unemployment, costing the state more money. Civil Service workers are not interested in changing employment to a private sector. Their goal is for a federal retirement. I left a career civil service job when we moved to Delta. I did not expect, nor do I think anyone else should, expect the government to bail me out because I chose to live in a small rural town.

I compel you to view this situation in its entirety and vote for the well being of the children and the entire community, not just the businesses who already have the most money.

May God give you wisdom as you weigh this critical matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharon Dalton
 Sharon Dalton

Signed:

Sharon Dalton
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE
committee on HR 53, dated 2-6-78.
committee name
bill/ subject

JIM CARLSTROM STEPPED DOWN AS "PRESIDENT OF THE COALITION" WHEN HE FOUND OUT HE WAS GOING TO BE ASK TO BY THE "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" BECAUSE OF MORE THAN INSTANCE OF "BAD JUDGEMENT,"

ONE INSTANCE WAS "HE TOLD THE COALITION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLVEST" WITHOUT READING IT

WHEN DAVE DURHAM (THE BANK MANAGER) REFUSED, JIM CARLSTROM CHASTISED HIM. LATER JIM CALLED HIS BOSS (WHO HAS A LOT OF INFLUENCE) AND HAD HIM CALL NBA AND TRIED TO HAVE DAVE FIRED.

I REQUEST HR 53 BE KILLED AND LET THE CITIZENS OF DELTA DECIDE WHAT THEY REALLY WANT.

THANK YOU

Signed:

Bill C. Rowley

Testifier

SELF

Representing (Optional)

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What is the problem?

- Alaska's prisons and jails are severely overcrowded
- There is no space for new criminals
- Projections show system will grow by 200 prisoners each year
- State is under court order to decrease overcrowding
- State is being assessed fines for overcrowding
- No legislative action has been taken yet

What Has Been Done?

1995: Department sends over 200 prisoners out of state

1996: "Protecting the People" introduced by Governor's Criminal Justice Cabinet

Governor introduces GO Bond bill to implement Protecting the People

Legislature discusses issues but takes no action

Legislature focuses on legislation for private prison in an Anchorage

Residents put initiative on municipal ballot to block prison

1997: Criminal Justice Cabinet writes to legislature offering to work with them

Legislature discusses issues and introduces a variety of bills

No legislation passes

Ballot measure passes effectively blocking prison in South Anchorage

1998: Governor introduces bill for Phase I of statewide expansion

What must we do right away?

Givens:

- Doing “nothing” is unacceptable
- The Governor will not commute sentences
- By May 1 we need to move over 500 prisoners

Options:

- We can use more CRC beds for low risk offenders
- We can send more dangerous prisoners out-of-state
- And we can place nondangerous misdemeanants in tents or other temporary structures on prison grounds surrounded by a secure fence

What are our long-term choices?

- The legislature can review, amend, and adopt the Governor's statewide expansion plan (HB 368, SB 267).
- The legislature can expand Spring Creek, replace Sixth Avenue, expand the state prison at Palmer and build a private prison at Palmer (SB 179).
 - As proposed, this does not meet our principles
- The legislature can authorize the conversion of Ft. Greely at Delta Junction into a medium-security prison for several hundred prisoners (HB 53)
 - As proposed, this does not meet our principles

02/10/98

FACILITY COUNTS

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PAGE 01

LOCATION	STATUS	MISDEMEANANTS		----FELONS----		--TOTALS--
		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
INTENSIVE FURLOU	SENT			1		1
100	UNSENT					
	TOTALS			1		1
INTENSIVE PRETRI	SENT			1		1
101	UNSENT					
	TOTALS			1		1
ANCHORAGE- 6TH A	SENT	30	6	4	2	42
111	UNSENT	59	9	9	18	95
	TOTALS	89	15	13	20	137
HILAND MT. CC	SENT	25	19	144	91	279
114	UNSENT		1	1	29	31
	TOTALS	25	20	145	120	310
INSTITUTIONAL TOTALS		507	60	2908	192	3667
CRC TOTALS		402	71	399	70	942

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FACILITY COUNTS

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LOCATION	STATUS	MISDEMEANANTS		----FELONS----		--TOTALS--
		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
PALMER - MED. 115	CC SENT	40		176		216
	UNSENT	7		24		31
	TOTALS	47		200		247
FAIRBANKS CC 116	SENT	23	2	85	5	115
	UNSENT	20	4	114	11	149
	TOTALS	43	6	199	16	264
ANVIL MTN CC 117	SENT	18	4	61	2	85
	UNSENT	12		26	1	39
	TOTALS	30	4	87	3	124
LEMON CREEK CC 118	SENT	27	1	126	1	155
	UNSENT	10		34	3	47
	TOTALS	37	1	160	4	202
INSTITUTIONAL TOTALS		507	60	2908	192	3667
CRC TOTALS		402	71	399	70	942

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FACILITY COUNTS

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LOCATION	STATUS	MISDEMEANANTS		----FELONS----		--TOTALS--
		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
KETCHIKAN CC 119	SENT	11	2	32		45
	UNSENT	2		20	1	23
	TOTALS	13	2	52	1	68
MEADOW CREEK CC 121	SENT					
	UNSENT					
	TOTALS					
FBP 122	SENT			26	3	29
	UNSENT		1	7	4	12
	TOTALS		1	33	7	41
WILDWOOD CC 123	SENT	35		257		292
	UNSENT					
	TOTALS	35		257		292
INSTITUTIONAL TOTALS		507	60	2907	192	3666
CRC TOTALS		402	71	398	70	941

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LOCATION	STATUS	MISDEMEANANTS		----FELONS----		--TOTALS--
		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
COOK INLET	PRETR SENT	15		63		78
124	UNSENT	6		373	1-	378
	TOTALS	21		436	1-	456
PALMER - MIN.	CC SENT	16		184		200
125	UNSENT					
	TOTALS	16		184		200
GOOSE BAY	SENT					
126	UNSENT					
	TOTALS					
YUKON-KUSKOKWIM	SENT	16		24		40
127	UNSENT	41	4	48	1	94
	TOTALS	57	4	72	1	134
INSTITUTIONAL	TOTALS	507	60	2907	192	3666
	CRC TOTALS	402	71	398	70	941

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FACILITY COUNTS

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LOCATION	STATUS	MISDEMEANANTS		----FELONS----		---TOTALS---
		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
WILDWOOD PT 128	SENT	20	2	15	4	41
	UNSENT	9	1	53	8	71
	TOTALS	29	3	68	12	112
MATSU PRE-TRIAL 129	SENT	7		22		29
	UNSENT	23	4	50	4	81
	TOTALS	30	4	72	4	110
SPRING CREEK CC 131	SENT	2		579		581
	UNSENT	1		7		8
	TOTALS	3		586		589
ELK'S POINT CAMP 135	SENT					
	UNSENT					
	TOTALS					
INSTITUTIONAL TOTALS		507	60	2907	192	3666
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ALASKA'S CORRECTIONS PLAN

Three components:

- Limit the number of prisoners going into the "hard bed" system (to the extent that this can be done in a manner that is consistent with public safety)
- Expand the number of "hard beds" to keep up with the growing numbers
- Get the prisoners out of "hard beds" quicker (to the extent that this can be done in a manner that is consistent with public safety)

Pursue expansion options that are:

- Safe
- Statewide (comprehensive)
- Meet regional needs
- Involve community participation (gov't to gov't)
- Cost effective

Questions on HB 53 (Delta-Greely Prison Proposal)

1. What does the \$70 / day rate include?

- The Department's \$100 / day rate includes institutional operations, inmate programs, correctional industries, transportation, inmate health care, all administration support services, building and equipment depreciation and capital costs.

2. For how many years will the \$70 / day rate hold?

- What happens if the contractor defaults?

3. What is the total price tag of converting and operating Fort Greely as a medium-security prison?

- An RFP would specify operating and capital needs.

HB

53

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/9/98

FURTHER: SCS 3/24/98 REPORTED OUT OF

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3/26/98

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(RLS)(title am)

LEASE-PURCHASE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

and recommends:

be replaced with SCS CS HB 53 (FIN)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by Rules Committee

further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title
- House Bill:
- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Roll E. Reed</i>	✓	<i>Sean R. Parrell</i>	X		
<i>Daniel Donkey</i>	✓	<i>Col. Lydan</i>		✓	<i>Need Rule Facilities</i>
		<i>John Treuss</i>		✓	<i>Amend</i>
		<i>[Signature]</i>			
Co-Chair:		Co-Chair: <i>[Signature]</i>			
Co-Chair:		Co-Chair: <i>[Signature]</i>			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Admin/Leasing	2/3/98	∅	
Revenue	2/4/98	∅	
Corrections	2/2/98		***

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill



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Letter of Intent

It is the intent of the Legislature that the contract signed pursuant to the authority provided in HB 53 should require that:

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2. Guards employed in the prison meet the same training standards that are required of prison guards in AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290;
3. The contract between the City of Delta Junction and the prison operating entity should be for durations of no longer than five years. It may be renewable; and
4. The contract for operation of the facility provide for the removal of the contractor for non performance.
5. The agreement to lease the facility must provide a fixed rate per each bed day, adjusted annually during the term of the lease according to an appropriate index. The fixed rate for the first year must include all capital and operating costs and may not exceed \$70.00 per bed each day. The fixed rate will cover the same daily costs that are covered in the current contract between the Corrections Corporation of America contract and the Department of Corrections for beds in Florence, AZ (agency contract # 2054863, ASPS # 95-0100).

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3-2-98

Date

House Adopted 3/6/98



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*move Sen Donley
w/out objection, adopted*

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 53(RLS)

Revision Date: (Note if correction)
 Title: "An Act relating to authorizing the Department of Corrections to enter into an agreement to lease facilities..."
 Sponsor: Representative Mulder
 Requestor: (S) FIN

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Leasing and Facilities
 Component: Leases

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 81

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

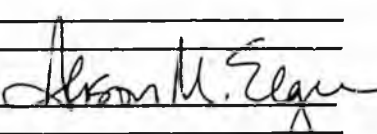
The bill would authorize the Dept. of Corrections to enter into a long-term lease with the City of Delta Junction for the provision of a facility and services to house at least 800 prisoners.

Although the bill refers to an agreement between the State and the City as a lease, it is our assumption that there are two components to this agreement, one component for financing the capital investment required for facilities and the other component for paying for the services required to provide custody and care of prisoners.

(continued on next page)

Prepared by: Dugan Petty
 Division: General Services

Phone: 465-2250
 Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: Mark Boyer 
 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: 3/17/98

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**FISCAL NOTE
STATE OF ALASKA**

1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 53 (RLS)

ANALYSIS: (continued)

The capital component of the agreement may qualify as a "lease-purchase agreement" under AS 36.30.990(13) (C) or (D). Under 36.30.085 only the Dept. of Administration may enter into a "lease-purchase agreement" after giving notice to the Legislature as to the:

- 1) anticipated total construction, acquisition, or other costs of the project;
- 2) anticipated annual amount of the rental obligation; and,
- 3) total lease payments for the full term of the lease-purchase agreement.

* At this time the Dept. of Administration does not have sufficient information to determine the likely costs of the lease-purchase agreement. The determination of the costs for renovation of a former military facility to house state prisoners will involve a number of building code, life safety, and economic and business assumptions which are not available at this time.

Prior to entering into a lease-purchase agreement the State typically conducts due diligence assessments of the property to determine the extent to which the property meets structural, environmental and other regulatory requirements. At this time there is insufficient information to determine what the costs of compliance is likely to be.

Author: kpurucker@knix.net (Kim Purucker) at CC2MHS1
Date: 3/24/98 9:22 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
Subject: HB 53 Ft. Greely Prison

Copy to all
State Finance
members
Pearce

Dear Senator

I have been a member of the Big Delta Election Board for many years and have worked at all the elections for quite awhile. Both Mr. Bowdry's and Mr. Kirk's testimony stated that there was a recount of the ballots. I have had the possession of the ballots ever since the election. There has never been a recount. There comments are complete falsehoods.

The Delta/Greely Community Coalition approached the Election about holding an election. The Election Board determined the date of the election, not the Coalition. The chosen date was the only time that the Election Board could hold the election. For State Elections, the Election Board members are paid for their time. For this election, the Board members volunteered their time. We worked from 7:00 am until 8:30 pm that evening. We all work regular jobs. Who can afford to take a day off with out pay? That is one of the reasons the election was held on a Saturday. Other days that were suggested, many of the Board members had prior commitments and would not be available.

Some people testified that there was to be another vote. As far as I know, the only time there was any discussion of another vote was after the Allvest vote was overwhelmingly passed. The Delta/Greely Community Coalition never promised that there would be two votes. Senator, you are an elected official. If, after your successful election, your opponent wanted another vote, would you have one? If you lost this time, would there be another election? The best two out of three? That is not how the system works.

We were supplied with a voter registration list from the Division of Elections. All people who came to vote had to show proper identification. If a person comes to vote who is not on the voter registration list and wants to vote, that person votes a questioned ballot. This is the case in all elections, both Federal, State and Local elections. If a person wants to vote, this person is entitled to vote. In the Allvest vote, there were a total of 25 questioned ballots. These 25 were not on the voter registration list. Before these 25, not 100 as was testified, were required to register before they were allowed to vote.

At the time of the vote there were 2,237 registered voters in the Big Delta Precinct and 572 voters in the Delta Junction Precinct. Because of the "Motor Voter" law, it takes several elections before a person is purged from the voter registration list. Many people on the list are no longer in the Delta area. Many of the list contains Ft. Greely soldiers and dependents who have not lived or have been stationed at Ft. Greely for many years. The 2,809 registered voters is not a true pictured of the number of people in the Delta area.

I have serious questions and concerns regarding the 700 plus signatures on the petition. There was no identification required to sign this petition. How can anyone prove these are real people, or that the signatures are from the people who they say they are. During the election, all voters had to have identification.

I hope this clears up any questions you may have had regarding how the vote was held.

Sincerely,

Kim Edward Purucker

Author: gpad@knix.net at CC2MHS1
Date: 3/24/98 11:14 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
Subject: Delta Prison

Copy to all
Senate Finance
members.

AB 53

Reference negative petition of 700 signatures

Point one: this petition was not verified by division of elections, the vote in Delta did comply with statutes and identification was required.

Point two: It is known locally that minors and unregistered voters signed this petition, which in no way complied with statutes on the gathering and signing of a petition.

Point three: This negative petition should be disregarded or at the very least submitted to division of elections for a real count. I have been a voter registrar for the state of Alaska now for over 5 years and conducted many petition drives. This one is bogus period.

AMENDMENT

moved by Sen. Parnell
Sen. Adams objection withdrawn
w/o objection, adopted

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 53(RLS)(title am)

BY SENATOR PARNELL
~~SENATE FINANCE~~

COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 1

Bill Number: CSHB 53

Sponsor: Parnell Date: 3/18/98

Logged In By: J. Seltman

1 Page 4, line 12, following "facility":

2 Insert ";

3 (6) to limit costs for transporting prisoners from Anchorage, the
4 location selected for the replacement jail facility must be located within one mile of
5 the courthouse in Anchorage or within one mile of the Cook Inlet Pretrial Facility"

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #2
Bill Number: HB 53
Sponsor: Sharp Date: 3/24/98
Logged In By: Mindy

AMENDMENT

moved Sen. Sharp
Sen. Adams objection

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: CS HB 53 (RLS) (title am)

BY SENATOR SHARP

#2 A Page 3, line 14, after "corrections"

#2A
Sen. Donley objection - withdrawn
w/o objection, adopted

delete: "may"
insert: "shall"

#2 B Page 4, line 6, after "exceed"

#2B Sen Sharp moved

insert: "\$125,000 per bed and a total of"
146,000

Sen Donley objected -
removed

Page 4, line 7, after "payment"

w/out objection, adopted

delete: "should not exceed"
insert: "may not exceed \$12,000 per bed and a total of"
16,700

Page 4, line 9, after "facility"

delete: "should"
insert: "may"

conceptual amend
moved by Sharp
no objection - adopted

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 3
Bill Number: CSHB53(RLS)(Title AM)
Sponsor: Phillips Date: 3/24/98
Logged In By: A. Kottani

Amendment

CSHB53(RLS)(TITLE AM)

BY Senator Phillips

moved sen. Phillips
Sen. Sharp objection
adopted

Page 3, Line 5

delete: "\$50,000,000"
insert: "\$56,000,000"

Page 3, Line 6

delete: "\$4,800,000"
insert: "\$6,400,000"

Page 3, Line 6

delete: "\$95,000,000"
insert: "\$128,000,000"

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHL 53(RLS)(title am)

moved by
BY SENATOR TORGERSON
Sen. Donley object

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 4

Bill Number: HB 53

Sponsor: Torgerson Date: 3/24/98

Logged In By: Munch

- 1 ~~Page 3, line 14.~~
- 2 ~~Delete "may"~~
- 3 ~~Insert "shall"~~

- 4 Page 3, line 16:
- 5 Delete "through a"
- 6 Insert "by a competitive bidding"
- 7 Page 3, line 17, following "Code)":
- 8 Insert "other than AS 36.30.300"

fails 3/4
Adams, Phillips,
Sagison
yea...

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #5

0-LS0194\OA.5

Bill Number: CS HB 53

Luckhaupt

Sponsor: Torgerson Date: 3/24/98

3/24/98

Logged In By: Mindy

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 53(RLS)(title am)

moved by
BY SENATOR TORGERSON

*Sen. object
file 2-5 (Adams,
Jaguar
yca)*

- 1 Page 3, following line 19:
- 2 Insert a new paragraph to read:
- 3 "(1) before entering into the agreement under (a) of this section, the
- 4 commissioner of corrections shall first complete a feasibility study for the agreement and
- 5 lease of the correctional facility provided for under this section compared to other alternatives
- 6 to determine if the agreement and lease provided for under this section are the best financial
- 7 arrangement for the state considering the location of the proposed correctional facility and
- 8 the extra costs to the state associated with that remote location; the commissioner of
- 9 corrections may not enter into the agreement and lease if the commissioner determines that
- 10 the agreement and lease are not the best financial arrangement for the state;"

- 11 Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #6
Bill Number: HB 53
Sponsor: T. Carlson Date: 3/24/98
Logged In By: Mindy

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Luckhaupt
3/24/98

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 53(RLS)(title am)

BY SENATOR WILKEN

T. Carlson
moved Sen. Carlson
Sen. Wilkey object
fails 2-5
(Sen. Carlson Sen. Phillips)
yca

1 Page 4, following line 15:

2 Insert new bill sections to read:

3 *** Sec. 7.** Sections 2 - 4 of this Act take effect only if, before July 1, 2000, (1) the
4 property where the correctional facility that is the subject of sec. 4 of this Act is located is
5 annexed to the City of Delta Junction, and the City of Delta Junction becomes a home rule
6 or first class city; or (2) the property where the correctional facility that is the subject of sec.
7 4 of this Act is located becomes part of a borough that includes the City of Delta Junction
8 or part of a unified municipality that includes the area of the former City of Delta Junction.
9 The chair of the Local Boundary Commission shall inform the lieutenant governor and the
10 revisor of statutes if (1) or (2) of this section occurs before July 1, 2000.

11 *** Sec. 8.** If secs. 2 - 4 of this Act take effect, they take effect on the day after the event
12 described in sec. 7(1) or (2) of this Act occurs."

13 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

14 Page 4, line 16:

15 Delete "This"

16 Insert "Except as provided in sec. 8 of this Act, this"

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #7
Bill Number: HB 53
Sponsor: Torgerson Date: 3/24/98
Logged In By: Mindy
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3/24/98

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 53(RLS)(title am)

moved
BY SENATOR TORGERSON

Sen. Dorley object
fails 2-5 (Sen. Jorgensen)
(Sen. Orlans)
ya

1 Page 1, line 7, following "Anchorage;":

2 Insert "giving notice of and approving a lease-purchase agreement with the
3 Matanuska-Susitna Borough for the construction and operation of an addition to the
4 Palmer Correctional Center;"

5 Page 4, following line 12:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "* Sec. 6. NOTICE AND APPROVAL OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT. (a) To
8 provide for the construction and operation of a correctional facility in order to relieve
9 overcrowding of existing correctional facilities, the Department of Administration, on behalf
10 of the Department of Corrections, may enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the
11 Matanuska-Susitna Borough under AS 33.30.031 for the construction and operation of an
12 addition to the Palmer Correctional Center that will house persons who are committed to the
13 custody of the commissioner of corrections. The project approval given by this subsection
14 is subject to the following limitations:

15 (1) the total construction and related costs of the addition to the correctional
16 facility may not exceed \$13,500,000;

17 (2) the total lease payments for the full term of the agreement may not exceed
18 \$25,500,000, and the anticipated annual amount of the rental obligation to be paid by the
19 Department of Corrections under the lease may not exceed \$1,416,000;

20 (3) at the end of the term of the lease-purchase agreement, the state shall own
21 the correctional facility; and

22 (4) the addition must be designed and constructed so as to provide at least 221
23 additional beds to Palmer Correctional Center.

24 (b) Subsection (a) of this section constitutes the notice and approval required by

- 1 AS 36.30.085."
- 2 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #8
Bill Number: HB 53
Sponsor: ~~Torgerson~~ Date: 3/24/98
Logged In By: Mindy

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3/24/98

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 53(RLS)(title am)

moved
BY SENATOR TORGERSON
Sen Donley object
fails 3-4
Sen Jorgensen, Sen Adams,
Sen Sharp yea

1 Page 1, line 7, following "Anchorage;":

2 Insert "giving notice of and approving an agreement with the City of Seward for
3 the construction and operation of an addition to the Spring Creek Correctional Center;"

4 Page 4, following line 12:

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 **** Sec. 6. NOTICE AND APPROVAL OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT.** (a) To
7 provide for the construction and operation of a correctional facility in order to relieve
8 overcrowding of existing correctional facilities, the Department of Administration, on behalf
9 of the Department of Corrections, may enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the City
10 of Seward under AS 33.30.031 for the construction and operation of an addition to the Spring
11 Creek Correctional Center that will house persons who are committed to the custody of the
12 commissioner of corrections. The project approval given by this subsection is subject to the
13 following limitations:

14 (1) the total construction and related costs of the addition to the correctional
15 facility may not exceed \$25,000,000;

16 (2) the total lease payments for the full term of the agreement may not exceed
17 \$47,200,000, and the anticipated annual amount of the rental obligation to be paid by the
18 Department of Corrections under the lease may not exceed \$2,577,100;

19 (3) at the end of the term of the lease-purchase agreement, the state shall own
20 the correctional facility; and

21 (4) the addition must be designed and constructed so as to provide at least 250
22 additional beds to the Spring Creek Correctional Center.

23 (b) Subsection (a) of this section constitutes the notice and approval required by
24 AS 36.30.085."

1 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

2 Page 4, following line 15:

3 Insert a new bill section to read:

4 **** Sec. 8.** Section 6 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2000."

5 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

6 Page 4, line 16:

7 Delete "This"

8 Insert "Except as provided in sec. 8 of this Act, this"

AMENDMENT

By:
Adams

OFFERED

TO: CS FOR HOUSE BILL 53 (RLS)(title am)

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

*moved by Sen Adams
Sen object*

Amendment Number: #9

Bill Number: HB 53

Sponsor: Adams Date: 3/24/98

Logged In By: Mindy

1 Page 3, line 27:

2 Add a new paragraph to read: *Sen Adams
yea*

Pages 2-5

Sen Jagua.

3 (d) Before entering into the agreement to lease authorized by (a) of this section, the
4 commissioner shall issue a request for information to private third-party contractors for the
5 purpose of determining the cost-effectiveness of housing Alaska inmates at Fort Greely as
6 compared with other potential locations within the state. If one or more alternative
7 proposals are submitted to operate a facility that provide for the custody, care, and
8 discipline services for at least ⁵⁰⁰800 Alaska inmates at a fixed rate of \$65.00 or less per bed
9 each day, including all capital and operating costs, the commissioner shall submit the
10 information to the legislature for its review and action.

AMENDMENT

By:
Adams

OFFERED

TO: CS FOR HOUSE BILL 53 (RLS)(title am)

Sen Adams moves
to Chair Pearce object
fails 2-5

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #10
Bill Number: HB 53
Sponsor: Adams Date: 3/24/98
Logged In By: Mindy

1 Page 1, line 7:

2 Add a new clause to the title to read:

Sen Adams Sen Douglas
yea

3 "and giving notice of and approving the entry into, and the issuance of certificates of participation
4 in, a lease-purchase agreement for the expansion of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center
5 in Bethel"

6 Page 4, line 13, add a new section 6 to read and renumber the remaining sections accordingly:

7 * Sec. 6. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR
8 THE EXPANSION OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN
9 BETHEL. (a) The state bond committee is authorized to provide the issuance of certificates of
10 participation in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 for the cost
11 of construction, acquisition, and other costs of financing the expansion of the Yukon-Kuskokwim
12 Correctional Center in Bethel. The Department of Administration is authorized to enter into a
13 lease-purchase agreement for this project under AS 36.30.085. The total annual amount of the
14 rental obligation is estimated to be \$530,000. The total lease payments for the full term of the
15 lease-purchase agreement are estimated to be \$8,038,500. The state shall own the facility at the
16 end of the lease term.

17 (b) The state bond committee may contract for the credit instruments and trust services it
18 considers necessary in financing this project.

19 (c) This Act constitutes the notice and approval required by AS 36.30.085.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #11

Bill Number: HB 53

Sponsor: Adams Date: 3/24/98

Logged In By: Adams Mindy

HB 53

Amendment

*Sen Adams move.
Sen Phillips object
Pages 1-6 (Sen Adams year)*

On page 1, line 7:
Add a new clause to read:

"and giving notice of and approving the entry into, and the issuance of certificates of participation in, a lease-purchase agreement for the construction of a regional correctional center in the North Slope Borough.

On Page 4, Line 13, add a new section 6 to read:

Sec. 6. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN THE NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH. (a) The state bond committee is authorized to provide the issuance of certificates of participation in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of \$34,000,000 toward the cost of construction, acquisition, and other costs of financing a Correctional Center in the North Slope Borough. The Department of Administration is authorized to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for this project under AS 36.30.085. The total amount of the rental obligation is estimated to be \$3,555,000. The total lease payments for the full term of the lease-purchase agreement are estimated to be \$71,000,000. The state shall own the facility at the end of the lease term.

(b) The state bond committee may contract for the credit instruments and trust services it considers necessary in financing this project.

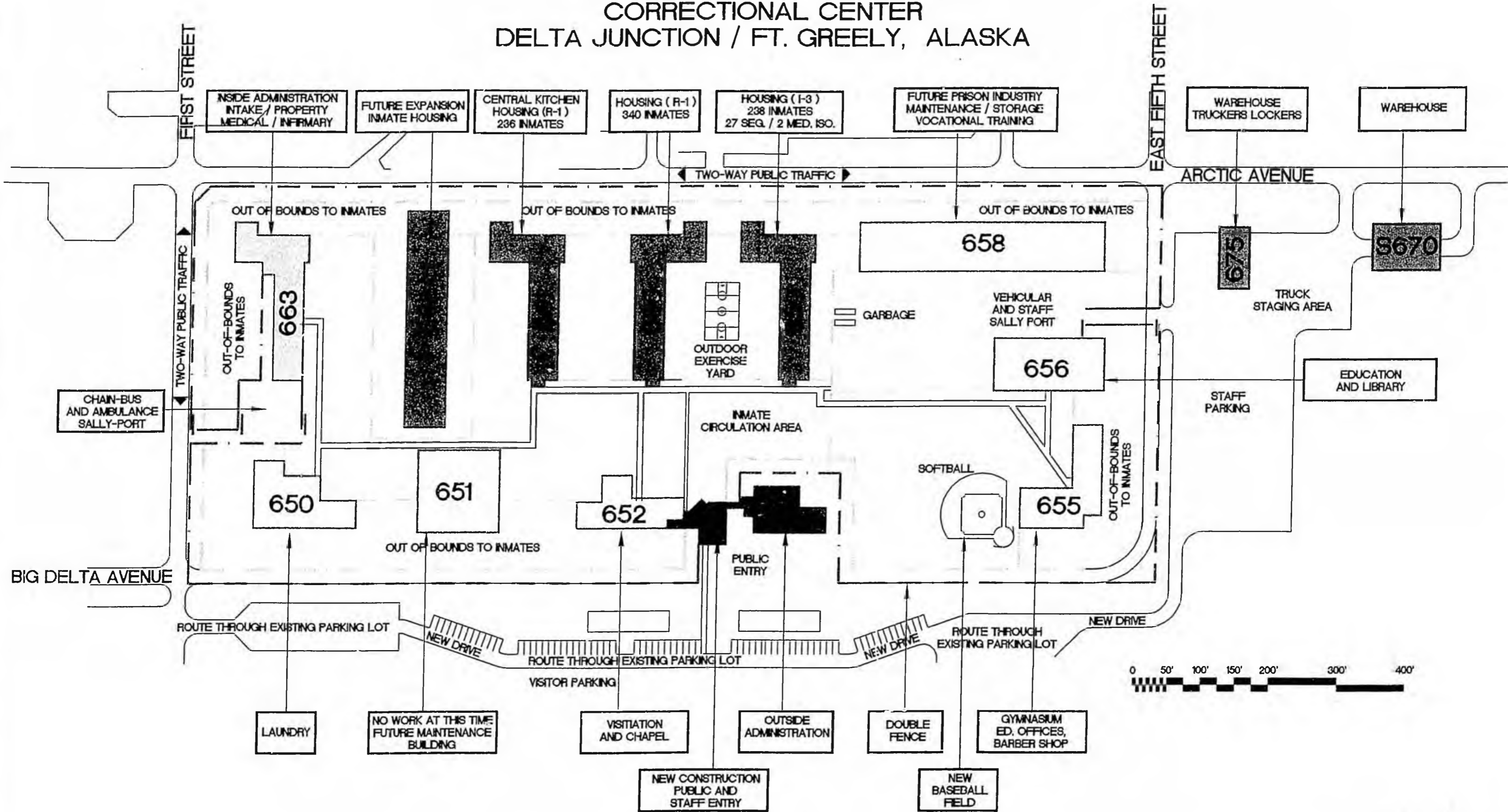
(c) This Act constitutes the notice and approval required by AS 36.30.085.

Renumber the following sections.

BUFFALO FLATS

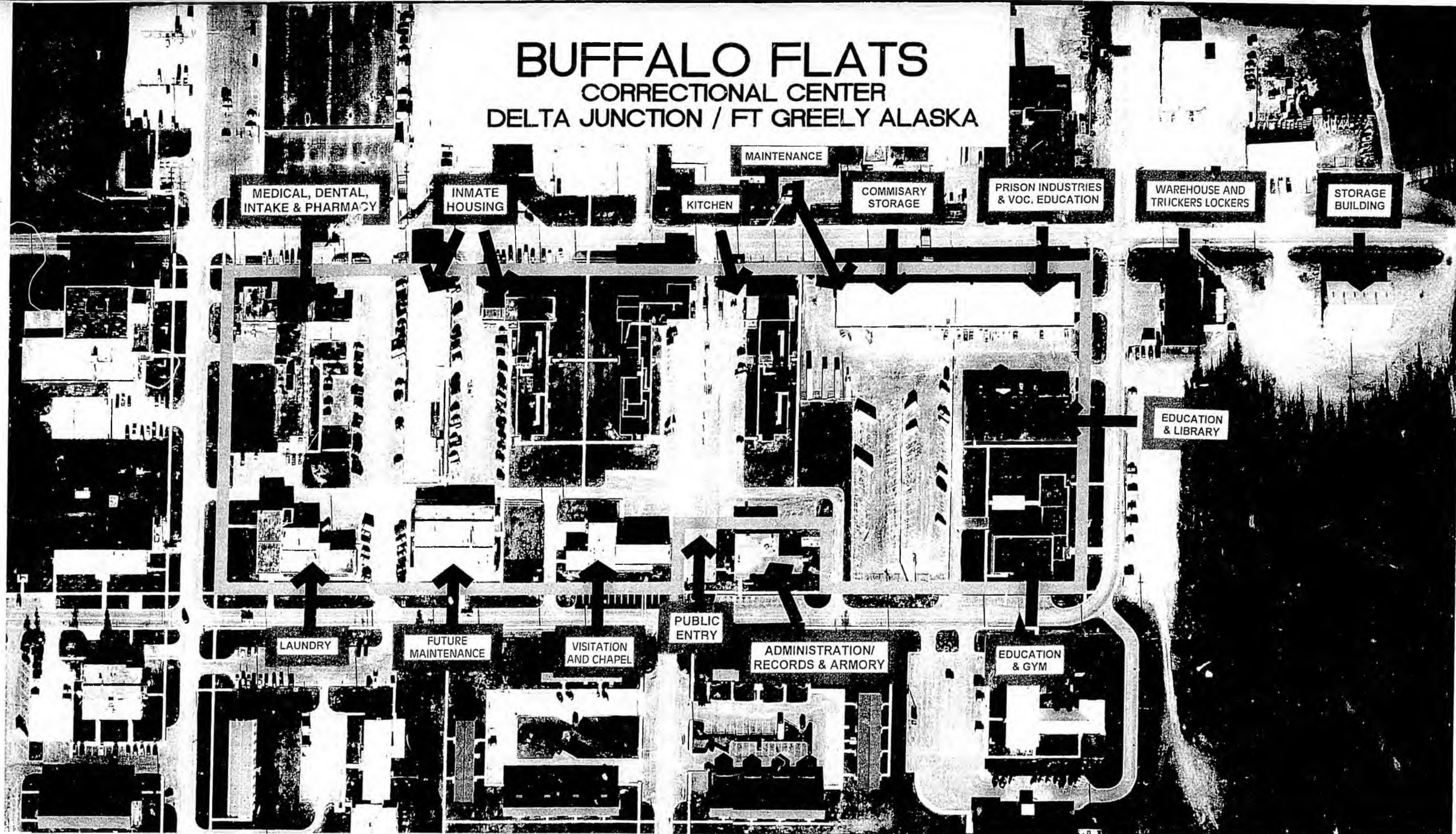
CORRECTIONAL CENTER

DELTA JUNCTION / FT. GREELY, ALASKA



BUFFALO FLATS

CORRECTIONAL CENTER
DELTA JUNCTION / FT GREELY ALASKA



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LTN1150

BY:DJT

FOR:DJT

LOCATION:DELTA JCT.

HB 53	MR.	✓JIM	CARLSTROM	DELTA CHAMBER	TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓MIKE	MCCOWAN		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓DAVID	WRIGHT		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓PATRICK	DALTON		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓MARLIN	STARNES		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓RAY	WOODRUFF	COALITION	TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	BILL	JOHNSON		TESTIFY
HB 53	MRS.	LORETTA	SCHOOLEY		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓CHARLES	ABBOTT		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	DAN	BECK		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓KIM	PURUCKER		TESTIFY
HB 53	MS.	✓SUSAN	KEMP		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓SAM	DIGHTON		TESTIFY
HB 53	MRS.	✓NANCI	RUTHSCHILD-KENNEDY		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓BILL	PUGH		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓ROY	KENNEDY		TESTIFY
HB 53	MRS.	✓DIANA	GLOTFELTY		TESTIFY
HB 53	MR.	✓WILBUR	STJOHN		TESTIFY

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING:

NAME: MARGOT KNUTH

AFFILIATION: Assistant Attorney General
Dept of Corrections 465-4338

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FOR:KEN

LOCATION:KENAI LIO
HB 53 MR.

✓ BILL

PARKER

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FOR:FBX

LOCATION: FAIRBANKS

HB 53	MR.	✓HUGH	DOOGAN
HB 53	MR.	✓GILBERT	BOOTH

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TESTIFY

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MESSAGE FROM: LIOCJAS IN ANCHORAGE

JNU

RE TCN: 80543 SCHEDULED FOR:03/24/98 17:30 TO 19:30

SPONSOR: SENATE FINANCE

PURPOSE: PUBLIC HEARING

MESSAGE TEXT: LT COL DAVID ANDERSON IS ON LINE

03/24/98
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FOR:BAR

LOCATION:BARROW
HB 53

MR

FRANK

SMITH

SELF

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LOCATION:FAIRBANKS

HB 53	MR.	HUGH	DOOGAN
HB 53	MR.	GILBERT	BOOTH
HB 53	MR.	FRANK	GOLD

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HB 53

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FOR:NOM

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HB 53

MR. ✓ RONALD

WILSON

SELF

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MESSAGE FROM: LIOCTRH IN DELTA JCT.

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SPONSOR: SENATE FINANCE PURPOSE: PUBLIC HEARING

MESSAGE TEXT: THE MAYOR, GLEN WRIGHT IS NOW PRESENT
AT THE DELTA LIO

03/24/98 17:34:42

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MESSAGE FROM: LIOCJAS IN ANCHORAGE

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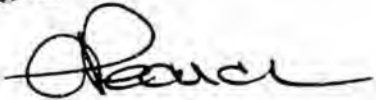
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MESSAGE TEXT: OFFNET TIM ROGERS AND DWAIN UDLAND ARE
ONLINE

Author: kpurucker@knix.net (Kim Purucker) at CC2MHS1
Date: 3/24/98 9:22 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
Subject: HB 53 Ft. Greely Prison

Copy to all
Senate Finance
members


Dear Senator

I have been a member of the Big Delta Election Board for many years and have worked at all the elections for quite awhile. Both Mr. Bowdry's and Mr. Kirk's testimony stated that there was a recount of the ballots. I have had the possession of the ballots ever since the election. There has never been a recount. Their comments are complete falsehoods.

The Delta/Greely Community Coalition approached the Election about holding an election. The Election Board determined the date of the election, not the Coalition. The chosen date was the only time that the Election Board could hold the election. For State Elections, the Election Board members are paid for their time. For this election, the Board members volunteered their time. We worked from 7:00 am until 8:30 pm that evening. We all work regular jobs. Who can afford to take a day off with out pay? That is one of the reasons the election was held on a Saturday. Other days that were suggested, many of the Board members had prior commitments and would not be available.

Some people testified that there was to be another vote. As far as I know, the only time there was any discussion of another vote was after the Allvest vote was overwhelmingly passed. The Delta/Greely Community Coalition never promised that there would be two votes. Senator, you are an elected official. If, after your successful election, your opponent wanted another vote, would you have one? If you lost this time, would there be another election? The best two out of three? That is not how the system works.

We were supplied with a voter registration list from the Division of Elections. All people who came to vote had to show proper identification. If a person comes to vote who is not on the voter registration list and wants to vote, that person votes a questioned ballot. This is the case in all elections, both Federal, State and Local elections. If a person wants to vote, this person is entitled to vote. In the Allvest vote, there were a total of 25 questioned ballots. These 25 were not on the voter registration list. Before these 25, not 100 as was testified, were required to register before they were allowed to vote.

At the time of the vote there were 2,237 registered voters in the Big Delta Precinct and 572 voters in the Delta Junction Precinct. Because of the "Motor Voter" law, it takes several elections before a person is purged from the voter registration list. Many people on the list are no longer in the Delta area. Many of the list contains Ft. Greely soldiers and dependents who have not lived or have been stationed at Ft. Greely for many years. The 2,809 registered voters is not a true picture of the number of people in the Delta area.

I have serious questions and concerns regarding the 700 plus signatures on the petition. There was no identification required to sign this petition. How can anyone prove these are real people, or that the signatures are from the people who they say they are. During the election, all voters had to have identification.

I hope this clears up any questions you may have had regarding how the vote was held.

Sincerely,

Kim Edward Purucker

Author: gpad@knix.net at CC2MHS1
Date: 3/24/98 11:14 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
Subject: Delta Prison

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Senate Finance
members.

HB 53

Reference negative petition of 700 signatures

Point one: this petition was not verified by division of elections, the vote in Delta did comply with statutes and identification was required.

Point two: It is known locally that minors and unregistered voters signed this petition, which in no way complied with statutes on the gathering and signing of a petition.

Point three: This negative petition should be disregarded or at the very least submitted to division of elections for a real count. I have been a voter registrar for the state of Alaska now for over 5 years and conducted many petition drives. This one is bogus period.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING:

NAME: MARGOT KNUTH
AFFILIATION: Assistant Attorney General
Dept of Corrections 465-4338

THANK YOU. PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION TO THE PAGE (CAROL).



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE

committee name

committee on HB 53, dated 3/1/98.

bill/ subject

MY NAME IS DAVID WRIGHT. I MOVED TO DELTA 27 YEARS AGO AS A YOUNG MAN AND I BUILT MY HOME, RAISED MY FAMILY AND OPERATED MY BUSINESS HERE. I HAVE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF MY COMMUNITY AND ALASKA. AS A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN, I STRONGLY OPPOSE PRIVATE PRISONS. STATISTICAL EVIDENCE REGARDING PRIVATE PRISONS IN THE LOWER 48 SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT VIRTUALLY NO SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS ARE ACHIEVED. FURTHER, REHABILITATION SUCCESS IS DRAMATICALLY LOWER IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE THERE IS NO INCENTIVE TO REHABILITATE AND THERE ARE FEW PROGRAMS TO DO SO. PRIVATE PRISONS EXIST FOR ONE REASON ONLY - CORPORATE PROFITS. TO THAT END, WORKER WAGES ARE CUT TO BARE MINIMUM AND THE SURPLUS DOLLARS ARE POKETED BY THE CORPORATION. THE MONEY THAT STATE FACILITIES PUTS INTO REHAB PROGRAMS IS LIKEWISE CONVERTED INTO PROFITS INSTEAD OF MEANINGFUL COUNSELING OR EDUCATION. THERE IS INCENTIVE TO KEEP PRISONERS IN LONGER TO ENHANCE PROFITS, THUS ERODING SUPPOSED SAVINGS. THIS IS A NET LOSS TO THE STATE. THERE IS ALSO A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE PROCESS ON THE LOCAL, DELTA LEVEL. THE DELTA GREENLY COMMUNITY COALITION - WHICH WAS NOT ELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY - HAS CONSISTANTLY DENIED AND THWARTED OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS. BOARD MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR CAN TELL YOU ANYTHING THEY WANT TO ABOUT "OPEN MEETINGS" OR FAIR PROCESS, BUT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY - MANY LONG TIME, WELL RESPECTED CITIZENS - FEEL DECEIVED, LIED TO AND CHEATED OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS. BOARD MEMBER MARLIN STARNIS JUSTIFIED THIS ON THE BASIS THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PLAN, SO DON'T DESERVE A VOICE. THE COALITION HAS CARRIED OUT VIRTUALLY ALL SERIOUS BUSINESS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - BUSINESS IN SECRET. BOARD MEMBER MIKE RAWALT EXPLAINED AT THE LAST MEETING THAT THE REASON THE BOARD RUSHED TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ALLVEST IN A SECRET MEETING LAST THURSDAY WAS SPECIFICALLY TO GIVE ALLVEST AN ADVANTAGE THAT WOULD CIRCUMVENT THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS INCLUDED IN HB 53. THEY ARE TRYING TO MANIPULATE THE WAY THAT YOU, THE LEGISLATURE CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS!

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE "CONCERNED CITIZENS" GROUP, OF WHICH I AM NOT A MEMBER, HAS NOW COLLECTED MORE "NO" SIGNATURES THAN THERE WERE "YES" VOTES IN THE HASTILY CONDUCTED STRAW POLL THAT THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN AS ITS MANDATE. PEOPLE HERE DO NOT REALLY SUPPORT THIS PLAN! THE WAY IN WHICH THIS BOARD HAS CONDUCTED ITS BUSINESS HAS DEEPLY ALIENATED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF ITS ACTIONS. I URGE YOU NOT TO SUPPORT A SHIFT TO PRIVATE PRISONS. IT IS A BAD MOVE FOR ALASKA AND DELTA, BOTH FISCALLY AND SOCIALLY AND THE REPURCUSSIONS WILL LAST FOR DECADES. THIS IS IRRESPONSABLE LEGISLATION WHICH WILL GENERATE PROFITS FOR A CORPORATION TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALASKAS NEEDS.

Signed:

David Wright

Testifier

SELF

Representing (Optional)

P.O. BOX 225, DELTA JCT. AK 99737

Address

(907) 895-4179

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE

committee on HB 53, dated 3/17/98

bill/ subject

PRIVATE PRISONS ARE NO MORE COST EFFECTIVE THAN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HAVE A DISMAL REHABILITATION RECORD AND SQUEEZE LARGE CORPORATE PROFITS FROM WORKER WAGES AND REHAB PROGRAMS. NATIONWIDE STATISTICS ON EXISTING PROGRAMS SHOW THIS. THIS IS A BAD DIRECTION FOR ALASKA'S CORRECTIONS SYSTEM TO GO. IT IS A BAD MOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF DELTA, WHICH IS NOW DEEPLY DIVIDED BY THE SECRECY AND ARROGANCE AND LEGALLY VERY QUESTIONABLE PROCESS OF THE DELTA GREELY COMMUNITY COALITION. MORE PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED THE PETITION AGAINST IT THAN VOTED FOR THE IDEA IN THE STRAW POLL. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN DENIED TO OUR COMMUNITY AND A LARGE SEGMENT IS VERY ALIENATED BY THIS. I URGE YOU TO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL FOR FINANCIAL, POLITICAL AND MORAL HONESTY.

Signed:

David Siglet

Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee on HB53, dated 3/18/98
committee name
bill/ subject

I oppose private prisons because they offer little to no economic or social benefit and in fact may seriously affect prisoners in a negative way. Lumping Delta's private prison proposal in with Anchorage's public prison facility upgrade makes no sense and marks this as a badly written bill. Further, the Delta/Greely Community Coalition has subverted the wisdom of the State Procurement Code by signing a sole-source lease with Allvest, despite a clearly expressed desire from 1/2 the community to wait, and has rejected public input for months, operating in secret, Executive Sessions to avoid public disclosure and input.

Signed: Sharon M. Wright
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE

committee on HB 53 ^{Amended} 3/6/98 ^{committee name}

bill/ subject

My name is Donna GARDINO and I am a management consultant and procurement specialist from DELTA.

I believe it is in the best interest of the state, community and city of Delta to require a competitive process for the operation of a prison on Ft. Greely.

The benefits of privatization would be lost without A competitive process.

I ALSO request the state pursue looking into taking control of the "prison footprint" as a conveyance from the Local Reuse Authority (LRA). maintenance funds for the facility could be obtained through the operating contract and theoretically be the responsibility of the operator, similar to A TRIPLE NET Lease.

Signed:

Donna Gardino

Testifier

SELF

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE
 committee on HR 53, dated 3-18-98
 committee name
 bill/ subject

DEAR HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

I ASK THAT YOU KILL HB 53 BECAUSE IT IS
 REALLY STARTING TO HURT THE COMMUNITY BY
 ALL OF THE DECEPTION AND LACK OF COMMUNITY
 CONCERN FOR THE MAJORITY'S FEELINGS.

THIS BILL HAS BEEN PUSHED THIS FAR BECAUSE OF
 A TERRIBLE MISCONCEPTION BROUGHT ABOUT BY A
 VERY MISLEADING AND MANIPULATED VOTE GIVING THE
 LEGISLATURE A WRONG IMPRESSION OF WHAT THE
 MAJORITY OF THE DELTA COMMUNITY WANTS.

THE MAJORITY OF YES VOTES WERE BROUGHT ABOUT
 BY FALSE STATEMENTS LIKE, "DELTA WILL DRY UP AND
 BLOW AWAY" AND "THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVES", AND "THERE
 WILL BE OVER 300 JOBS LOST." (THESE ARE SIMPLY NOT TRUE)

SINCE THE VOTE, THE COMMUNITY HAS LEARNED BETTER
 AND NOW THE VAST MAJORITY ARE AGAINST IT, AND
 HAVE ALSO LOST THEIR TRUST FOR THE LEGISLATION MEMBERS.

Signed:

Roy C. Bawdse

Testifier

SELF

THANK YOU
Roy C. Bawdse

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance

committee on HB53, dated March 18 1998.

bill/ subject

Although I don't favor any prison in Delta, the real issue is the privatization of a function of the government which cannot be morally justified. This amounts to an improper delegation of responsibility. Private companies are not answerable to anything except profit.

In other states where privatization has rapidly spread, the movement has been plagued by confusion and constitutional challenges. Please refer to the Anchorage Daily News, Section F, Sunday March 1, 1998. This article is too lengthy to quote but describes these problems.

Look to Romans chapter 13 of the Holy Bible for a clear moral standard of who bears the responsibility of criminal justice. The rulers referred to here are the government not private sector companies.

We need to look only to the intense public relations campaign used by the private company involved in the private prison bill, to see how the profit motive will quickly spread through the justice system.

Profit knows no limitations, and has no morals. What will be next private courts and private law?

Signed: Patrick Dalton

Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE
 committee on HB 53, dated 3/18 1998
 bill/ subject committee name

As a General Contractor living and operating
 in Delta Junction AK I ask that
 Section 4. Line 14 be changed to read
 The commissioner of corrections "shall"
 require in the agreement with the City
 of Delta Junction that the City of Delta
 Junction procure the private third-party
 operator through a process similar to the
 procedure established in AS 36.30
 (State procurement Code)

Signed: Wayne M. Carpenter
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Manipulation, best states the Delta Coalitions agenda. I oppose the prison at Fort Greely, over 600 others in our community have signed a petition agreeing with me. Our numbers now exceed the yes vote claimed in our controlled poll.

A private prison is wrong. Monies that are going to be, so called, saved ~~are~~ in a private prison, are going to be spent for legal actions defending the, state verses prisoners, state verses ACLU, state verses Allvest.

We have imminent legal action against Delta Coalition pertaining to misrepresentation of facts given to Governor Knowles concerning community representation.

Injunction

Signed:

Charles E. Abbott

Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee on HR 53, dated 3/18/98
 bill/ subject committee name

We were shocked when told at a Coalition meeting this week, that the contract with Allvest has been signed at a "secret" meeting last week. We were told that some on the board did not even know about this. The board (Coalition) has dealt arbitrarily with this and other issues in covert, secretive, sneaky ways.

There is much conflict of interest going on. You told that Rep. Mulder's wife works for the lobbyist hired by Allvest - Joe Hayes. The president of the Coalition is and has also been for years, president of the school board, whose supposed support for the prison, was recently called into question by one of its own members. The mayor of the City of Delta Junction is also on the Coalition board. The manager of the only bank in Delta is secretary on the board. The Executive Director of the Coalition is a paid position to be filled upon his resignation in the next couple months, by someone not necessarily a resident of Delta. Three of the afore-mentioned individuals are in Juneau right now, lobbying for the prison, at our expense.

Yes, it's a small town, but care must be taken to avoid such conflicts in order to achieve a true reflection of the views of our community.

Signed:

Carmen Carpenter

Testifier

self

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee on HB 53, dated 3/18/98
 bill/ subject committee name

I am opposed to the Prison Proposal for Ft. Greely. I urge you to look closely at what the Coalition is doing regarding Reuse of Ft. Greely. They have already signed an agreement with Alvest Corp. - yet I understand the Bill allows for competitive bidding.

Please consider that there are other options for Ft. Greely Reuse and don't pass this bill.

Thank you.

Signed:

Muller PTA

Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate
 committee on HB 53, dated 3.18.98 committee name
 bill/ subject

Please do not pass HB 53. Allowing private prisons to operate in Alaska is not a smart idea. I am concerned that a private prison corp. would bring prisoners from outside Alaska to fill their beds, if Alaska can not fill the beds with in-state prisoners. I do not want people whom I know nothing about, have no knowledge of the crimes for which they are in prison for, brought to my state. Private prisons operate for profit, not to keep our communities safe.

A prison in Delta will not off set the impact of Fort Greely's down size, because there are very few citizen's qualified or that are willing to, work in a correctional facility. The Allvest Corp. has signed a contract with The Delta/ Greely Community Coalition that includes procurement of many housing units that would not be part of the prison facility. I see this as a clear indication of Allvest's intent to bring a large work force with them, if they are allowed to operate a prison in fort Greely.

Signed: Janette K. See-Kroger
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Sennie Finnes
 committee on HB 53, dated 3/18/98 committee name
 bill/ subject

If you insist on going ahead with this bill,
 please change page 3, line 14, to read "the commissioner
 of corrections SHALL require..." instead of "may"
 require. Allvest is the only proposal the coalition
 has bothered to require. Their proposal is very
 self-centered and unfortunately does not provide
 for adequate compensation to the people of Delta.
 Competitive bidding is the only way to get the
 best for your dollar.

Signed: [Signature]
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee on HB 53, dated 3/18/98
 bill/ subject committee name

Please address a vision to our future
 and not a quick fix on H.B. 53.
 Please consider using the base as a
 training center as a prevention measure.
 Incorporating & utilizing Alaska's resources
 in conjunction with the University.
 Its dept is the school of mines, agriculture
 etc; with volunteer organizations to
 empower our youth with self reliance
 instead of bigger holdings. Thus
 avoiding so great a need. Help us
 build a better future.

Signed: Elizabeth M. Smith
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
~~House of Representatives~~ committee name
 committee on HOUSE BILL # 53, dated 3/18/98
 bill/ subject

I am Wilbur St John, I am part of the 62% who exercised our right to vote for the fast track confinement facilities, much needed by the state of Alaska. The active and very vocal 38% negative voters to the fast track facilities represent a last minute effort to kill bill # 53. A 38%'er told me there are 40 "business" meetings to use fast track! where were they 6 months ago? a year ago?
 I urge you to support bill # 53
 Thanks you for your time
 Wilbur

Signed: WILBUR ST. JOHN
 Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Finance Committee
committee on HB 53, dated March 18, 1998
bill/ subject committee name

I need to state right up front that I am opposed to a prison at Ft. Greely. I do not want to live in a prison town, ~~any~~ ^{any} reuse of Greely based on a single industry would be detrimental to Delta, and we have other alternatives.

Furthermore, I am opposed to the concept of private prisons. The incarceration of prisoners should not be a profit making enterprise. Moreover, privatization has not been shown to be cost effective.

The exclusive use proposal w/Allvest serves no one's interest. Let's talk about how this issue came about. The idea was advanced by a profit making corporation. It was not advanced by the citizens, not by the coalition. It was not part of the Div. of Corrections plan. The idea was driven, not by Allvest's civis-mindedness, not their concern for the state & certainly not by their concern for prisoners. Money was the motive behind Allvest's proposal.

I want end by discussing process. The DGCC does not represent the community. ~~It~~ It has trampled on the civil rights of many Deltons in its zeal to support Allvest. There is also a question of legality - how can a priv. not for profit corp. represent the people. What DGCC has done is make a bad deal, ~~that~~ ^{through} illegal practices with the result that the town ^{is} polarized to the detriment of all involved.

Signed:

Bill Johnson

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Senator Bert Sharp
Alaska State Legislature

Subject: The Privatization of Alaska's Prison System.

Privatization is not the Answer:

Costs:

"...there is little or not valid evidence that privatization of corrections is a cost-effective alternative run facilities." - *The United States General Accounting Office, report dated 08-16-96, GAO/GGD-96-158.*

"...because there are a lot of hidden costs in privatization..." - *April 1995 congressional testimony by the Federal Borough of Prisons Director.*

"Prison guards employed by a private firm are not entitle to a qualified immunity from suit by prisoners..." - *The United States Supreme Court, No.96-318.*
Wouldn't this increase the likelihood of liability and the ultimate payer would be the State? Costs for insurance against these suits would also be reflected in additional costs to the State.

"...Neither cost savings nor improvements in the quality of service have resulted from prison privatization..." - *Dr. Russell Clemens, Labor Economist, Department of Research, American Federation of State, county, and Federal employees.*

"... Contracting is more expensive because:

-it adds a profit margin to all other costs.

-the special costs of contracting initiating negotiating, managing contracts and monitoring contractor performance.

-initial low bids followed by unjustifiable price raises in subsequent contracts."

- *Charles H. Logan, Private Prisons: Cons and Pros (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990)*

Liability:

"..."What may make sense economically for a corporation is not necessarily in the public interest..." - *Dr. Russell Clemens, Labor Economist, Department of Research, American Federation of State, County, and Federal Employees.*

"...Contracting will not allow the government not escape liability..." - Charles H. Logan, *Private Prisons: Cons and Pros* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990)

Quality:

"...Contracting may 'skim the cream' by removing the 'best' prisoners (the lowest cost to maintain), which will spuriously make the private prisons look better by comparison..." - Charles H. Logan, *Private Prisons: Cons and Pros* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990)

It should be noted that all costs per day of prisoners within the State are averaged together, privatization will only take the inmates whose costs are actually the lowest to maintain, the result will be an increase in the State costs for all State prisoners and a cost + profit increase for private corporations to hold the "best" prisoners. The overall result will be the State paying more money.

Sincerely presented for your consideration:

Rick VanHatten
Wildwood Correctional Center

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Subject: Committee Substitute House Bill 53

Please be advised that Fort Greely had a nuclear power plant that was started up in the year 1962, it ran until 1968 when it was closed down for repairs due to a broken steam facility. This was repaired and the plant started back up in 1969. This nuclear plant was then ran until 1972 when it was closed down for good. During this time period, the spent nuclear fuel was shipped from Fort Greely to Eielson Air Force Base via truck, it was then put on railway cars and then shipped to Hanford, Washington, for disposal of spent fuel and other contaminant material and equipment.

Some of the contaminated equipment and the reactor was sealed in concrete on Fort Greely in 1972. In 1997, 25 years later, the military through the use of Gyger counters found this material to be leaking contamination. This was either from not using a thick enough concrete cover or the concrete cover had cracked over the years.

They also found in 1997 that the stack for the nuclear reactor was never sealed. Thus for 25 years, contamination could have been emitted around the area by high winds in the area.

They also found in 1997 a four inch pipe line that was contaminated. They dug this up, cut in 30 inch sections, put in barrels shipped via truck to Eielson Air Force Base, put on rail cars and shipped to Hanford, Washington.

During the operation of this nuclear power plant, they pumped contamination via water in to Jarvis Creek, which flows around Fort Greely part ways.

You can use water to transport contamination but you cannot dissolve it. Thus in Jarvis Creek, there is a collection of contaminated material.

As everyone knows, the State of Alaska poured millions of dollars in to the Delta Barley Project. It went "gunny sack" and the State of Alaska ended up with much non-contaminated land. It has roads and electricity to this land.

A new correction facility could be built on this non-contaminated land either by the State or Delta Junction to meet the needs of our State at about the same cost as remodeling the old building on Fort Greely. It would last longer. Prisoners could grow their own food and the surplus could be shipped to other correction facilities around the State either by air or road.

If the Senate Finance Committee so desires to pass CSHB-53 then I would recommend the amend by deleting Section 4, Part (A), page 2, Line 29, 30, 31, Page 3, Line 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; leaving Line 8 & 9 intact.

Also by doing the building on State non-contaminated land, it would be very easy to comply with State Bidding Laws.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Hugh Doogan
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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
Juneau, Alaska

Subject: Committee Substitute House Bill-53

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FORT GREELY HAS A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT THAT WAS STARTED UP IN THE YEAR 1962, I RAN UNTIL 1968 WHEN IT WAS CLOSED DOWN FOR REPAIRS DUE TO A BROKEN STEAM FACILITY. ~~THE~~ THIS WAS REPAIRED AND THE PLANT STARTED BACK UP IN 1969. THIS NUCLEAR PLANT WAS THEN RAN UNTIL 1972. WHEN IT WAS CLOSED DOWN FOR GOOD. DURING THIS TIME PERIOD THE SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL WAS SHIPPED FROM FORT GREELY TO EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE VIA TRUCK, IT WAS THEN PUT ON RAILWAY CARS AND SHIPPED TO HANFORD, WASHINGTON FOR DISPOSAL OF SPENT FUEL & OTHER CONTAMINATED MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT.

SOME OF THE CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT AND THE REACTOR WAS SEALED IN CONCRETE ON FORT GREELY IN 1972. IN 1997, 25 YEARS LATER, THE MILITARY THEN THE USE OF GYGER COUNTERS FOUND THIS MATERIAL TO BE LEAKING CONTAMINATION. THIS WAS EITHER FROM NOT USING A THICK ENOUGH CONCRETE COVER OR ... THE CONCRETE COVER HAD CRACKED OVER THE YEARS.

They Also Found in 1997 That The...
Stack For The NUCLEAR REACTOR WAS
Never Sealed. Thus For 25 YRS Contamination
Could Have been emitted AROUND THE AREA
By High winds in The AREA.

They Also Found in 1997 A 4" (Inch) PIPE
Line That WAS CONTAMINATED. They Dug
This UP, CUT in 30" (Inch) ~~Parts~~ SECTIONS,
PUT in BARRALS. Shipped via truck to Eielson
Air Force BASE, PUT on RAIL CARS & Shipped
to Hanford, Washington

During The OPERATION OF This NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT They pumped contamination
via water in to JAVIS CREEK, which flows
A round Fort Greely PART WAYS.

YOU CAN USE WATER TO TRANSPORT CONTAMINATION
BUT YOU CAN NOT DISSOLVE IT. Thus in JAVIS
CREEK There is A collection OF CONTAMINATED
MATERIAL

AS EVERY ONE KNOWS THE STATE OF
ALASKA Poured millions OF DOLLARS in
to The DELTA BARY PROJECT. IT WENT
"Gunny Sack" And The STATE OF ALASKA ended
up with much NOW CONTAMINATED LAND. IT HAS
ROADS & ELECTRICITY TO This LAND.

A NEW CORRECTION FACILITY COULD BE BUILT ON THIS NON CONTAMINATED LAND EITHER BY THE STATE OR DELTA JUNCTION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STATE AT ABOUT THE SAME COST AS REMODELING THE OLD BUILDING ON FORT GREELY. IT WOULD LAST LONGER, PRISONERS COULD GROW THEIR OWN FOOD & THE SURPLUS COULD BE SHIPPED TO OTHER CORRECTION FACILITIES AROUND THE STATE EITHER BY AIR OR ROAD.

IF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SO DESIRES TO PASS CS HB 53 THE I WOULD RECOMMEND THE AMEND BY DELETING SEC. 4. PART (A) PAGE 2, LINE 29, 30, 31; PAGE 3, LINE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; LEAVING LINE 8 & 9 INTACT.

ALSO BY DOING THE BUILDING ON STATE NON CONTAMINATED LAND IT WOULD BE VERY EASY TO COMPLY WITH STATE BIDDING LAWS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

Hugh J. Rogers

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
Committee Name
 Committee on HB-53 Dated 3/18/98
Bill / Subject

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I would like to go on record as a supporter of HB-53. I believe this legislation is a win/win opportunity for the Dept. of Corrections, the City of Delta Junction, the business community, the citizens of our great state, as well as the inmates.

It is especially important, in a time of declining revenues, to focus on ways to reduce the states cost of doing business. As a businessman, I am convinced that public/private partnerships can achieve those costs reductions.

The community of Delta will win big in this process, not only from the short term construction jobs this facility renovation will create, but also from the long term contract of 20 years. Having many friends in the community of Delta I can assure you they are very concerned about their future. This project being brought

SIGNED:

Howard "Buzz" Otis

Testifier

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee Name

Committee on _____ Dated _____

Bill / Subject

to fruition will address many of these concerns.

As you are probably aware the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce has gone on record supporting the concept of a public/private partnership to build & operate a 800 bed prison facility @ Ft Greely. The chamber is very aware of what the closing of a military base would mean to our community. We are sympathetic to the Delta communities concern & believe this prison facility will go a long way in allowing ~~to making~~ the community to maintain its economic base.

I urge your passage of HB-53 in an expeditious manner! Thank you for serving our Great State!

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED:

Paul Bizz...

Testifier

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March 12, 1998

Senator Bert Sharp
 Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
 Room 516
 State Capitol Building
 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Sharp,

In 1995 the Delta/Greely Community Coalition was formed in response to the realignment of Fort Greely. Since that time, we have been working on the reuse for Fort Greely as well as the economic development in the Delta Junction area. As a part of this work we sent over 118 letters to State and Federal agencies soliciting interest in the reuse of Fort Greely. Letters were also written to universities and private businesses. From June through August we published the "Notice of Availability of Surplus Federal Property on Fort Greely" in the Delta, Fairbanks and Anchorage papers. Letters were also written to banks in the state soliciting their involvement to help companies interested in starting a new business or relocating existing businesses to Fort Greely.

The military also published a notice of availability of Fort Greely for reuse. They sent letters to all DoD components, Federal Agencies and the Bureau of Land Management in late 1995. There have also been notices of availability in the Federal Register, miscellaneous BRAC articles and publications and articles in National Installation Association of Developers (NAID) publications.

In 1996 we hired a consultant firm to work with us to develop a "Preliminary Economic Recovery Strategy and Fort Greely Facility Reuse Plan". This was completed, approved and published and in 1997, a follow on consultant contract completed the "Delta Area Final Economic Recovery Strategy and Fort Greely Facility Reuse Plan". We have continued to correspond with businesses to solicit interest in Fort Greely. The consultants also did some marketing and were unable to identify even a single major tenant.

For three years we have put articles in the local paper to inform the public about what is happening with the Coalition. In these articles we mention that we are

accepting letters of interest for Fort Greely and how to apply. Other than Allvest's proposal we have received 51 letters from local small businesses and individuals requesting one or two buildings or certain types of personal property to be reused. The Allvest proposal was the only viable major plan for reuse submitted to the coalition in this entire three year process.

We have attached a few sample copies of what has been distributed to date. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


RAY WOODRUFF
Executive Director

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH DISTRICT

SS.

Legal 55456

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY ON FORT GREELY, ALASKA TO STATE AND LOCAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING PROVIDERS TO THE HOMELESS

In accordance with the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1988 (Redevelopment Act), the Delta/Greely Community Coalition is seeking notices of interest from State and local interests, including representatives of the homeless, for buildings and property which have been declared surplus to Federal Government needs. Fort Greely was selected for rededication by the 1988 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, and it will be officially released on July 1, 2001. Approximately 1,780 acres and the existing structures have been declared surplus, and as required by the Redevelopment Act, must be made available for use to address some of the economic redevelopment, homeless assistance, and other development needs of the community. Notices of interest for homeless assistance use may be submitted by any State or local government agency or private nonprofit organization that provides or proposes to provide services to homeless persons and families in the vicinity of Fort Greely. The Delta/Greely Community Coalition which has been named the Local Reuse Authority (L.R.A.) represents the interests of the community and will be accepting notices of interest until 5 PM on Monday, September 30, 1996. The surplus buildings and property includes multi-family housing, a chapel, storage facilities, administrative facilities, maintenance facilities, a street range and various other buildings and tracts of land. To submit notices of interest or obtain information on the prescribed form and content of notice of interest or on the facility, contact Ray Woodruff, Executive Director, Delta/Greely Community Coalition, Box 780, Delta Junction, Alaska 99737. A workshop will be held on July 25, 1996 at 9:30 AM which will include an overview of the base reuse process, a tour of the installation, instruction on land use constraints and information about the application process. To register for the workshop, please contact Ray Woodruff or Laura Coloney at (907) 880-1081 by Friday, July 18, 1996. PUBLISHED June 20, July 1996.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, this day personally appeared Margaret Burley, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, says that he/she is an Advertising Clerk of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, a newspaper (i) published in newspaper format, (ii) distributed daily more than 50 weeks per year, (iii) with a total circulation of more than 500 and more than 10% of the population of the Fourth Judicial District, (iv) holding a second class mailing permit from the United States Postal Service, (v) not published primarily to distribute advertising, and (vi) not intended for a particular professional or occupational group. The advertisement which is attached is a true copy of the advertisement published in said paper on the following day(s):

July 20, 1996

and that the rate charged thereon is not in excess of the rate charged private individuals, with the usual discounts.

Margaret Burley

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24th day of July, 1996

Julie A. Shook

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires June 3, 1997