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# STATE OF ALASKA

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June 20, 2002

The Honorable Robin Taylor, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, MS 301  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Taylor:


Thank you for your letter of June 18 clarifying your document request. I apologize for the confusion regarding the "industry e-mails" you requested. My understanding was that your request was directed at e-mails related to requests to utilities to testify on RCA authorization. Please find enclosed copies of all e-mails on my system, including the "Trash" folder, which were sent to a utility or the agent of a utility.

With respect to the other documents you requested, I am enclosing copies of all notices I filed pursuant to AS 39.52.130(b). A copy of the check sent to GCI was provided to you in my earlier response. For your convenience I am attaching another copy.

Finally, please find enclosed a copy of a letter recently received from the AARP commenting on reauthorization of the RCA. Please add this to our packet of materials under Tab No. 3. A revised list of exhibits is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

  
for G. Nanette Thompson  
Chair

Attachments

cc: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
The Honorable Rick Halford, Senate President  
RCA Commissioners

Re: verizon select services

**Subject: Re: verizon select services**

**Date:** Thu, 21 Feb 2002 19:46:02 -0900

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** allan.thoms@verizon.com

You're welcome.

You'll always get such quick answers if you make such easy requests.

It was almost out the door anyway, just a quick slap shot required.

Nan

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

From: allan.thoms@verizon.com

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2002 7:21 am

Subject: verizon select services

> Well I owe you big time. That was the quickest turn around on a  
> requestthe company has ever received. Thank you I appreciate your  
> effort. Let me  
> know if I can return the favor.

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> Allan T. Thoms

> Vice President - Public Policy

> & External Affairs

> Phone: 425/261-5691

> Fax: 425/261-5262

> allan.thoms@verizon.com

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**Subject:** Recommendation on #25

**Date:** Sun, 13 Jan 2002 15:21:04 -0900

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>


**To:** ballen@ak.usda.gov, eric@areca.org, mkohler@areca.org, jstaser@denali.gov, bgordon@gci.net, pat\_poland@dced.state.ak.us

Bill-

Attached in the assigned briefing paper on recommendation #25. I hope getting it to you a few days late is not a problem. Bill Gordon tries to politely remind me about this obligation a few days before the holiday, but I failed to take the hint.

Nan

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**Subject: Re: Legislation**

**Date:** Thu, 21 Feb 2002 06:44:43 -0900

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** Bob Grimm <bob.g@aptalaska.com>

Bob:

Yes, I am aware of it. I was in Juneau yesterday when it was introduced. We are looking carefully at the language to understand its impact.

Nan

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

From: Bob Grimm <bob.g@aptalaska.com>

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2002 10:08 am

Subject: Legislation

> Nan:

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> Are you aware of HB496 and SB324. If appears to affect cities and  
> subdivisions of the state that provide telecommunication services.

>

> FYI

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> Robert Grimm, President  
> Alaska Power & Telephone Company

> 191 Otto Street

> PO Box 3222

> Port Townsend, WA 98368

> 1-800-982-0136 ext. 120

> 1-360-385-1733 ext. 120

> 1-360-385-7538 fax<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns =

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> <" target="1"><http://www.apalaska.com/>> <http://www.apalaska.com>

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> <<mailto:bob.g@aptalaska.com>> bob.g@aptalaska.com

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**Subject: Re: RE: Tuesday 2/19 i Juneau**

**Date:** Mon, 18 Feb 2002 15:32:24 -0900

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** Dana Tindall <dtindall@gci.com>

**CC:** 'Nanette Thompson' <nanette\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>, Ron Duncan <rduncan@gci.com>

Thanks for the offer, but I've got early meetings on Tuesday. I got on the later flight today-off the milk run anyway.  
Count me in as a definite maybe for dinner on Tuesday-I am getting hooked for something else. (They are the BORG, resistance is futile, but I am trying anyway.) Leave me a message at the Baranof with the details of where and when.  
Nan

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

From: Dana Tindall <dtindall@gci.com>

Date: Monday, February 18, 2002 8:29 am

Subject: RE: Tuesday 2/19 i Juneau

> Nan, we have a tues night dinner scheduled with the staff if you are  
> interested. I am currently wait listed on planes for Tuesday.  
> Don't know  
> if I will get on, but the dinner will take place anyway.

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> I am working on trying to get Ron to drop me in Juneau on the jet on  
> Tuesday. If I get a ride - do you want one?

> Dana

> > -----  
> > From: Nanette Thompson [SMTP:nanette\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us]  
> > Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2002 6:37 PM  
> > To: Dana Tindall  
> > Subject: Tuesday 2/19 i Juneau

> > Dana-  
> > I am heading to Juneau Monday afternoon (or Tuesday am if I can  
> get a  
> > seat on the plane). I'll be there Tuesday evening. If you are  
> planning> one of the gatherings you mentioned, I can attend.  
> > You can reach me in Juneau either at the Baranof, e-mail, or via the  
> > DCED Commissioner's office where I will be camped when I am not  
> > roaming> the halls of the Capitol.

> > Nan

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**Subject: Re: RE: Recommendation on #25**

**Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2002 03:32:34 -0900**

**From: Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>**

**To: Eric Yould <Eric@areca.org>**

It went on to Bill to meet his deadline, but if you have heartburn with any part of it after you have a chance to look at it more closely, let me know and I'll talk to Bill. I was not intending to overrun the group.

I am travelling, and will be back in the office Wednesday.

Nan

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

From: Eric Yould <Eric@areca.org>

Date: Monday, January 14, 2002 10:32 am

Subject: RE: Recommendation on #25

> Nan

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> Plz give me the opportunity to review this write-up a little more  
> closely (by the end of today) before you send it on to Bill Allen.

> As a general

> rule, I agree with our assessment regarding HB 267, but I still

> have a major

> problem with #25 as presently written.

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> Eric

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nan Thompson [[mailto:nan\\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us](mailto:nan_thompson@rca.state.ak.us)]

> Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2002 3:21 PM

> To: ballen@ak.usda.gov; eric@areca.org; mkohler@areca.org;

> jstaser@denali.gov; bgordon@gci.net; pat\_poland@dced.state.ak.us

> Subject: Recommendation on #25

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> Bill-

> Attached in the assigned briefing paper on recommendation #25. I

> hope

> getting it to you a few days late is not a problem. Bill Gordon

> tries

> to politely remind me about this obligation a few days before the

> holiday, but I failed to take the hint.

> Nan

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**Subject: Re: The Flume**

**Date:** Thu, 03 Jan 2002 08:17:55 -0900

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

I'll do some surfing to look for an alternative.  
I am not in the office this week.

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

**From:** "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

**Date:** Wednesday, January 2, 2002 10:18 am

**Subject:** The Flume

> I went to the Flume website. It doesn't look very exciting there.

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**Subject: Re: Sitka & Zaina**

**Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 08:57:00 -0900**

**From: Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>**

**To: "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>**

I am cleaning out my in-box in preparation for taking next week off. I don't think I ever gave you a final answer on Sitka. I can't attend. I have to be in Kotzebue Thursday for ATAC (telehealth project). I can't be out of the office that whole week because of hearing/decision schedules. Too much juggling.

You very discreetly did not say anything about the substance of the discussion about the PAS regs, but your face during the discussion suggested unease. Perhaps your shoes were tight. Its okay to tell me what you think about an R docket. The due process concerns that exist in U dockets do not apply.

I am going to try not to check e-mail next week.

Ta ta

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

From: "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2002 12:19 pm

Subject: Sitka & Zaina

> Nan,

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> I still believe it is valuable to have you networ'ing. Could we  
> impose on you to stop in Sitka on Tuesday evening on the way back  
> from your  
> week in the Islands just to spend Wednesday with us? No presentation.  
> Patty will be on that morning. Permit ATA to provide your  
> accommodations for Tuesday and Wednesday nights and cover additional  
> travel costs. And suggest that you do stay around for the Business  
> lunch, board meeting and the evening banquet. You have been and  
> likely will continue to be away from home a lot so I understand  
> (and won't  
> complain) if you decline this one.

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> Item two: For Lisa's visit week of May 4, what day(s) or times would  
> you like to have her attention or direct her elsewhere? I know  
> that the  
> legislature can turn the plans upside down, but let's plan anyway and  
> punt if we have to.

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> Lew got me some material that will be a good starting point.

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> Jim

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> Jim Rowe

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> Executive Director

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> Alaska Telephone Association

Re: Sitka & Zaina

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> 201 E. 56th, Suite 114  
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> Anchorage, AK 99518  
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> 907/563-4000  
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> 907/562-3776 fax  
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**Subject: Re: Rhyner**

**Date:** Tue, 11 Jun 2002 21:41:10 -0800

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

Thanks for your words of encouragement. This week is truly a test. I left a message for Jack on Monday-did he mention that he got it? I called you tonight at home after I finally got home from soccer Mom duty. I was going to ask what was coming next, since you have been right about several significant developments. The kicks in the gut for the day were the news that Jeanne will be a witness tomorrow, and the polling of staff by two of the commissioners who were fishing for management complaints: I can't understand this behavior.

Nan

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

From: "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2002 8:51 pm

Subject: Rhyner

> Nan,

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> I hope you are holding up in what seems to be a treacherous week.  
> When it gets nasty, try to remember that there are people involved  
> who hold you (personally) in high regard.

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> There is more on your plate than is fair, but if you think of it  
> tomorrow, you might acknowledge Jack's letter to Taylor. He and  
> his staff have produced a Compass article that will be published  
> in the next couple of days. Hopefully tomorrow. He said after it  
> is printed Robin should have no recourse but to invite him to give  
> testimony. He also spoke with Robin quite a while today to no  
> avail.

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> Jack plans to attend the hearing tomorrow morning and will be  
> prepared to give testimony in the afternoon. I've seen the agenda  
> and anticipate no opportunity, but hope the media makes some  
> inquiries as to why.

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> Now I share with you something I've kept around for a lot of years.

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> To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent  
> people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of  
> honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to  
> appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world  
> a little better place than we found it, whether by a healthy  
> child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even  
> one life breathed easier because you lived. This is to have  
> succeeded. Jim

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**Subject: Re: Neptune**

**Date:** Tue, 18 Jun 2002 18:26:47 -0800

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

I saw that on ACS' 10K and wondered who they were loaning money to. I noticed because I thought it odd that a company in such allegedly dire financial straits could loan \$15 in cash to a third party.

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

**From:** "Jim Rowe" <jrowe@arctic.net>

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2002 9:58 am

**Subject:** Neptune

> I just got a call. At the Neptune bankruptcy hearings last week  
> it was  
> publicly disclosed during cross examination that ACS has an agreement,  
> signed last December, to loan Neptune \$15M for a three year right to  
> purchase the terrestrial infrastructure in Alaska and pricing control  
> during that time.

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> Jim Rowe

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> Executive Director

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> Alaska Telephone Association

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> 201 E. 56th, Suite 114

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> Anchorage, AK 99518

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> jrowe@arctic.net

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**Subject: Re: Request For Commission Intervention Re: ACS Delays In Processing Customer Conversion and New Line Orders**

**Date:** Wed, 13 Feb 2002 13:31:36 -0500

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** Martin Weinstein <mweinstein@gci.com>, phil\_treuer@rca.state.ak.us

**CC:** Dana Tindall <dtindall@gci.com>, Gina Borland <gborland@gci.com>, Rick Hitz <rhitz@gci.com>, dawn\_bishop-kleweno@rca.state.ak.us

I am in Washington, and won't be able to set a meeting until early next week. I will be back in touch with all of you when I return. I am concerned about this issue if it affects customers. I am interested in the record on who you have been working with at ACS to solve this problem, when and the results of those efforts.

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

**From:** Martin Weinstein <mweinstein@gci.com>

**Date:** Wednesday, February 13, 2002 1:06 pm

**Subject:** Request For Commission Intervention Re: ACS Delays In Processing Customer Conversion and New Line Orders

> Nan, I am sending you this e-mail in addition to the voice mail  
> message I  
> left on your phone this morning. Nan, we are encountering serious  
> delays(6-8 weeks) in getting our customer conversion orders and  
> orders for new  
> lines processed by ACS. By contrast, in some cases, we have  
> learned that  
> ACS local customers have been able to get new lines installed in  
> one day.  
> We have discussed these matters with ACS but have been unable to  
> come to  
> agreement on how to correct the problems. We told ACS that we  
> would have to  
> go to the Commission given the lack of agreement. To avoid  
> further harm to  
> our customers and to come to a solution as expeditiously as  
> possible, we ask  
> that you convene a meeting at your earliest convenience with  
> ourselves and  
> ACS to discuss a resolution to these customer-affecting problems.  
> Thank  
> you. Marty W.  
>

**Subject: Fwd: Undeliverable: Recommendation on #25**

**Date:** Mon, 14 Jan 2002 03:23:51 -0900

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** mkohler@avec.org

Meera-

I am sending this again because I got your address wrong the first time.

Nan

**Subject: Undeliverable: Recommendation on #25**

**Date:** Sun, 13 Jan 2002 15:21:12 -0900

**From:** System Administrator <postmaster@areca.org>

**To:** nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us

Your message

**To:** ballen@ak.usda.gov; eric@areca.org; mkohler@areca.org; jstaser@denali.gov; bgordon@gci.net; pat\_poland@dced.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Recommendation on #25  
**Sent:** Sun, 13 Jan 2002 15:21:04 -0900

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mkohler@areca.org on Sun, 13 Jan 2002 15:21:07 -0900  
The recipient name is not recognized  
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MSEXCH:IMS:ARECA:EXCHANGE:EXCHANGE 0 (000C05A6) Unknown Recipient

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**Subject: Re: Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Wed, 15 May 2002 19:30:30 -0800

**From:** Nan Thompson <nan\_thompson@rca.state.ak.us>

**To:** Nancy Hayes <nhayes@rdmail.rural.usda.gov>

**CC:** Meera Kohler <mkohler@avec.org>, Jeff Staser <jstaser@denali.gov>,  
Bill Allen <ballen@ak.usda.gov>, Bob Poe <bpoe@aidea.org>,  
Jamie Kenworthy <jkenworthy@astf.org>, Mike Black <Michael\_Black@dced.state.ak.us>,  
Steve Weaver <sweaver@anthc.org>

I am scheduled to be out of town on the 20th.

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

From: Nancy Hayes <nhayes@rdmail.rural.usda.gov>

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2002 4:00 pm

Subject: Re: Committee Meeting

> Bill Allen is available on May 20 at 2:00. Does that work  
> for everyone?

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> Nancy

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> Meera Kohler wrote:

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> > I am not available May 21 through May 24. Sorry! I just got  
> back from

> > Juneau, where I've been since 5/12 so I couldn't respond  
> earlier. I am

> > available Monday May 20.

> >

> > Meera

> >

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Nancy Hayes [<mailto:nhayes@rdmail.rural.usda.gov>]

> > Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2002 4:05 PM

> > To: Meera Kohler; Jeff Staser; Bill Allen; Bob Poe; Jamie  
> Kenworthy; Nan

> > Thompson; Mike Black; Steve Weaver

> > Subject: RE: Committee Meeting

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> > It looks like May 23, Thursday is the day everyone can make  
> > it so far except for Mike Black. Since Jeff has a morning  
> > meeting, how about 1:00? Let me know.

> >

> > Nancy

# ETHICS DISCLOSURE FORM

## Notification of Receipt of Gift

To: Mike Nizich, Designated Ethics Supervisor

In accordance with AS 39.52.130(b), I am providing notice of my receipt of a gift given to me or a member of my family with a value in excess of \$150.00.

Was the gift given to you because you are a state employee or a member of a state board or commission?  Yes  No

I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift.  Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is accommodations and meals during the Alaska Telephone Association convention. I was the keynote speaker at the convention (1/20-8:45 am) and attended the proceedings for the rest of the time I was in Hawaii.

My estimate of its value is \$ 700.

I received it from the Alaska Telephone Association.

The date of receipt was 1/19-1/22.

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver: Individual members of the Alaska Telephone Association are regulated utilities. The association sometimes files comments on behalf of its membership in regulatory dockets.

The gift was received by a member of my family Yes No x

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

*N. Ninette Thompson*  
(Signature)

1/29/02  
(Date)

*N. Ninette Thompson*  
(Printed Name)

*Chair*  
(Position Title)

*Anchorage*  
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(Designated Ethics Supervisor) Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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Yes      No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is airfare, accommodations and meals at the Emerging Issues Policy Forum in Jacksonville, Florida.

My estimate of its value is \$1,500.

I received it from the Emerging Issues Policy Forum, organized by a telephone industry consultant.

The date of receipt was 1/12-1/15.

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver: This forum was attended by state and federal commissioners, and industry leaders. We discussed national level policy issues. I spoke on two panels, and attended the meetings the rest of the time I was there. I was invited because of my role on the Federal-State Joint Board Universal Service. No Alaskan utilities attended, although universal service is an important revenue source for rural telephone companies in Alaska.

The gift was received by a member of my family      Yes      No x

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

G. Nanette Thompson  
(Signature)

1/28/02  
(Date)

G. Nanette Thompson  
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Chair

(Position Title)

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I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift.  Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is Airfare, hotel accommodations, 2 dinners, airport transportation

I spent the NCTA Convention on the state regulators perspective five  
My estimate of its value is \$ \$2,500.00 years after

I received it from National Code for Telecommunications Assn. the passage

The date of receipt was 6/10-12/01 of the  
I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver: 1996  
In my role on the federal-state Universal Service Joint Board Telecomm. Act.

I evaluate policy questions relating to distribution of universal service  
The gift was received by a member of my family  Yes  No Funds that

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to impact the cable  
any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable and telecomm.  
under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240. industries.

G. Norette Thompson 6/18/01  
(Signature) (Date)

G. Norette Thompson  
(Printed Name)

Chair, RCA Anchorage  
(Position Title) (Location)

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(Designated Ethics Supervisor) Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift. Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is five bad hotel accommodations in San Diego, Ct. I was a speaker at their current policy issues forum.

My estimate of its value is \$ 1,200.

I received it from Competition Policy Institute

The date of receipt was 3/11 - 13/01

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver: None

The gift was received by a member of my family Yes  No

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200-AS 11.56.240.

G. Nonette Thomas  
(Signature)

4/8/01  
(Date)

G. Nonette Thomas  
(Printed Name)

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(Designated Ethics Supervisor) Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) (Date)

If action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220 please attach explanation.

ETHICS DISCLOSURE FORM

Notification of Receipt of Gift

To: Mike Nizich, Designated Ethics Supervisor

In accordance with AS 39.52.130(b), I am providing notice of my receipt of a gift given to me or a member of my family with a value in excess of \$150.00.

Was the gift given to you because you are a state employee or a member of a state board or commission? Yes  No

I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift. Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is Airfare and hotel accommodations in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I was a speaker at their forum on Current Issues in Utility Policy.

My estimate of its value is \$ 1000.

I received it from New Mexico State University

The date of receipt was 3/24-28/01

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver: None

The gift was received by a member of my family Yes  No

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200-AS 11.59.249

G. Nanette Thompson  
(Signature)

4/3/01  
(Date)

G. Nanette Thompson  
(Printed Name)

Chair, ~~KEA~~ Commission  
(Position Title)

Anchorage  
(Location)

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
(Division/Agency/Corporation/Board/Commission)

(Designated Ethics Supervisor)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) (Date)

If action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220 please attach explanation.

# ETHICS DISCLOSURE FORM

## Notification of Receipt of Gift

To: Michael A. Nizich, Designated Ethics Supervisor

In accordance with AS 39.52.130(b), I am providing notice of my receipt of a gift given to me or a member of my family with a value in excess of \$150.00.

Was the gift given to you because you are a state employee or a member of a state board or commission?  Yes  No

I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift.  
 Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is RTA ticket to Tallahassee, Florida, 2 nights lodging

My estimate of its value is \$ \$2,221.00

I received it from Florida State University

The date of receipt was 1/31 - 2/2

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver:

None. I was an invited speaker at a symposium entitled "Investing in Florida's Digital Future," sponsored by FSU.

The gift was received by a member of my family  Yes  No

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

G. Nnette Thompson  
(Signature)

2/5/08  
(Date)

G. Nnette Thompson  
(Printed Name)

Chair, RCA  
(Position Title)

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
(Division/Agency/Corporation/Board/Commission)

(Designated Ethics Supervisor)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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# ETHICS DISCLOSURE FORM

## Notification of Receipt of Gift

To: Mike Nizich, Designated Ethics Supervisor

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Was the gift given to you because you are a state employee or a member of a state board or commission? Yes  No

I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift.  
Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is Roundtrip airfare to Billingsham charter flight to Igloodak Lodge, two nights' accommodations and meals at the lodge and one day of guided fishing.

My estimate of its value is \$ #1,200

I received it from GCI

The date of receipt was 7/6-7/8/00

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver:

GCI is a regulated public utility.

The gift was received by a member of my family  Yes  No

My two children accompanied me.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

G. Nnette Thompson  
(Signature)

7/10/00  
(Date)

G. Nnette Thompson  
(Printed Name)

Chair

(Position Title)

Anchorage  
(Location)

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
(Division/Agency/Corporation/Board/Commission)

(Designated Ethics Supervisor)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\*Also on the trip were Lisa Sutherland (Sen. Stevens' aide) and her husband.  
If action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220 please attach explanation.



ETHICS DISCLOSURE FORM

Notification of Receipt of Gift

To: Nike Nizich, Designated Ethics Supervisor

In accordance with AS 39.52.130(b), I am providing notice of my receipt of a gift given to me or a member of my family with a value in excess of \$150.00.

Was the gift given to you because you are a state employee or a member of a state board or commission? Yes  No

I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift. Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is Round trip <sup>and three meals.</sup> airfare in a charter flight from Kotzebue to Nautik and the Red Dog mine. I was accompanied by representatives of the companies.

My estimate of its value is \$ 350

I received it from GCE, APT and DTL Telephone Coop split the cost

The date of receipt was 4/15-16/00

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver:  
All three phone companies are regulated by the KCA.

The gift was received by a member of my family  Yes  No

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

G. Norette Thompson  
(Signature)

4/20/00  
(Date)

G. Norette Thompson  
(Printed Name)

Chair, KCA  
(Position Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Location)

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
(Division/Agency/Corporation/Board/Commission)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Designated Ethics Supervisor) Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

If action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220 please attach explanation.

# STATE OF ALASKA

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

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February 1, 2000

Mike Nizich, Administrative Director  
Division of Administrative Services  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 110001-0001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: Ethics Disclosure Form

Dear Mike:

Enclosed is an Ethics Disclosure Form I completed to notify you of a gift received from the Alaska Telephone Association. I am submitting this to you because I understand that you are my ethic supervisor. As Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska I am the ethics supervisor for that agency, but I was directed to submit my disclosure forms to you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

  
G. Nanette Thompson  
Chair

Enclosure

# ETHICS DISCLOSURE FORM

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Was the gift given to you because you are a state employee or a member of a state board or commission?  Yes  No

I can take official action that may affect the person who gave me the gift.  
 Yes  No

If the answer to both of these questions is no, you do not need to report this gift. If the answer to either question is yes, or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.

The gift is: a hotel room at the Alaska Telephone Association convention in Kona, Hawaii for four nights. I was a speaker at the convention on 1/17/00 on general policy issues, and not on any specific case.

My estimate of its value is \$ 800.

I received it from Alaska Telephone Association.

The date of receipt was 1/16/00 to 1/19/00.

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver:

Members of the ATA appear as parties in adjudicatory hearings, usually as opponents. The ATA files comments as a group in some regulatory dockets.  Yes  No

The gift was received by a member of my family  Yes  No

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

G. Nerette Thompson  
(Signature)

1/04/00  
(Date)

G. Nerette Thompson  
(Printed Name)

Chair, Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
(Position Title)

Anchorage  
(Location)

RCA

(Division/Agency/Corporation/Board/Commission)

(Designated Ethics Supervisor)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## Comments in support of reauthorization of the RCA

### Packet Contents

Date	From
6/19/2002	Marguerite Stetson, Member/AARP Alaska Executive Council
6/10/2002	William M. Nugent, President/Nat. Assoc. of Reg. Commissioners
6/10/2002	David W. Wirick/National Regulatory Research Institute
6/6/2002	Jack Rhyner, CEO/TelAlaska
6/6/2002	Jim Rowe/Alaska Telephone Association
6/5/2002	Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner/FCC
5/23/2002	Kirk Duncan, Division Mgr/Waste Management of Alaska
5/17/2002	Henry P. Lang, P.E./Lang Consulting
5/17/2002	Don C. Schroer/Former APUC Chairman
5/14/2002	J. Jeffrey Mayhook, Esq.
5/10/2002	Attorneys & Consultants Who Practice Before the RCA (14)
5/10/2002	Mark Helmericks, President/Colville, Inc.
5/6/2002	Michael J. Felix, President/CEO - AT&T Alascom
5/3/2002	Anthony M. Izzo, President/ENSTAR Natural Gas
5/2/2002	Dana L. Tindall, Sr. Vice President/GCI1
5/1/2002	Jim Rowe/Alaska Telephone Association
2/27/2002	Eric Yould, Executive Director/ARECA

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: April 26, 2001

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/30/01

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HCR 10

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR SB 19

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 11, relating to certain federal child support enforcement requirements, so that the phrase "relating to child support payments" may be added to the bill's title.

Recommends it be replaced with        CS        (        ) [ ] Same Title [ ] New Title  
 For Senate Bills with new title: [ ] Technical Title [ ] New Title: HCR       

- [ ] attach amendments
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<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<del>John...</del>	Whitaker	✓			
Robert Harris	Harris	✓			
Chris...	CROFT	✓			
Paul...	Dawley	✓			
Ken Lancaster	Lancaster	✓			
Bill Hudson	Hudson	✓			
Chair:	Mulder	✓			
Chair:	Williams	✓			

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 3/26/01**

**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**  
2 **Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 19, relating to certain federal child support**  
3 **enforcement requirements, so that the phrase "relating to child support payments" may**  
4 **be added to the bill's title.**

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

6 That under Rule 54, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, the provisions of  
7 Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, regarding  
8 changes to the title a bill, are suspended in consideration of Senate Bill No. 19, relating to  
9 certain federal child support enforcement requirements, for the sole purpose of authorizing the  
10 addition of the phrase "relating to child support payments" to the bill's title.



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# Alaska State Legislature

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## House Resources Committee

### SPONSOR STATEMENT - HCR 13

HCR 13, "Relating to the nonresident fee differential for commercial fishing permits and licenses," expresses the Legislature's belief that all of the direct and indirect costs that the state has submitted to the court should be included in the fee differential formula.

The courts have been consistent in saying that the state must discontinue the practice of charging non-resident fishers three times the amount they charge a resident fisher. Instead they established a formula that is to be used to compute the maximum difference that the state can charge for non-resident licenses and permit fees. However, in a court trial in June 2000, the Superior Court ruled that only two of the six budget categories that the state submitted could be counted when calculating the annual expenditures for commercial fisheries management. By disallowing those four budget categories, the State of Alaska is faced with a potential \$22.5 million liability. The State has appealed that decision to the Supreme Court and will be arguing that all of the items listed in this resolution should be included in the formula.

By sending this resolution to the court system, we are saying that we support the Department of Law in its appeal and strongly believe that items such as hatcheries, harbors and capital improvements should be included in the formula.

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**FILE**

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: April 12, 2001

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/24/01

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HCR 14

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR SB 133

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 133, relating to high school competency testing.

Recommends it be replaced with CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) [-] Same Title [ ] New Title  
 For Senate Bills with new title: [ ] Technical Title [ ] New Title: HCR \_\_\_\_\_

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R. DUSON				✓

Signing with recommendations	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	Whitaker	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	HARRIS	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	CROFT			✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dawley			✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Hudson	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	Lancaster	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>	MOSES			✓	
Chair: _____					
Chair: _____					

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: HCR 14  
 (H) Publish Date: 4/12/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: HSS  
 Title: Regarding changes to the bill title(SB 133) BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Rep. Bunde Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester: \_\_\_\_\_ Component Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

Prepared by: Randall C. Lorenz, House HES

Phone 465-3759

Representative Fred Dyson  
Committee Chair

Date 4/10/01



# Alaska State Legislature

House Special Committee on Education  
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Gary Stevens  
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## SPONSOR STATEMENT HCR 14

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HCR 14 suspends the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature concerning HCS CSSB 133 (HES).

This resolution is necessary due to a title change from CSSB 133 (HES) am to HCS CSSB 133 (HES). The title change reflects the addition of the report required by Section 4 of HCS CSSB 133 (HES).

Each of the rules referenced in the resolution deals with title changes in committee.



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**FILE**

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11) Date Referred to Committee: April 23, 2001

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/6/01

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HCR 18

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR SB 105

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 105, relating to crime victims.

Recommends it be replaced with CS ( ) [ ] Same Title [ ] New Title For Senate Bills with new title: [ ] Technical Title / [ ] New Title: HCR

- [ ] attach amendments [ ] add new referral to Committee [ ] Letter of Intent Committee

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Table with 6 columns: Signing with recommendations, Printed Last Name, DP, DNP, NR, AM. Includes signatures and names like Brende, Whitaker, Harris, Clatter, Davies, Moses, Lancaster, Hudson, FOSTER, Williams.

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: April 15, 2002

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/23/02

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HCR 23

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: SPLIT HOUSE HESS

Proposing amendments to Uniform Rule 20 of the Alaska State Legislature; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

Recommends it be replaced with CS ( ) [ ] Same Title [ ] New Title  
 For Senate Bills with new title: [ ] Technical Title [ ] New Title: HCR \_\_\_\_\_

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LAA				✓

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<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
	Brenda Whitaker	✓			
	Harris	✓			
	Lancaster	✓			
	FOSTER	X			
Chair:	Mulden	✓			
Chair:	Williams	✓			

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HCR 23  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Legislature  
 Title Proposing amendments to Rule 20 BRU Legis. Council, Legis. Operating Budget  
of the Alaska State Legislature; and providing... Component Session Expenses  
 Sponsor House Special Committee on HESS Legislative Operating Budget  
 Requester House Finance Committee Component No. 782

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

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

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

HCR 23 has zero fiscal impact on the Legislature. Costs will be absorbed within existing budgets.

Prepared by: Karla Schofield, Deputy Director, Administrative Services  
 Division: Administrative Services  
 Approved by: Pamela Varni, Executive Director  
 Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

Phone 465-3852  
 Date/Time 4/16/02 2 11 PM  
 Date 4/16/02



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## Sponsor Statement

### House Concurrent Resolution 23

*Proposing amendments to Uniform Rule 20 of the Alaska State Legislature; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.*

HCR 23 changes the House Special Committee on Education to a standing committee and changes the current House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee to the House Health and Social Services Committee. It does not change the committee structure in the Senate.

Historically, the House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee (HES) has been responsible for all issues related to the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Education and Early Development, and the University of Alaska. However, in 2001, the House Special Committee on Education was formed to study issues and hear bills related to education.

This special committee has proven to be beneficial to the legislative process by facilitating focused committee work on education bills and issues. Thirty-one bills have been referred to the House Special Committee on Education on such subjects as the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, Student Loan Forgiveness, Supplementary Public School Funding, Alaska History Curriculum, Student Loans, and School Performance Reports. The special committee has also tracked federal education legislation, distributed research on a number of education issues, and conducted intensive investigation on such subjects as the statewide teacher shortage.

The change proposed by HCR 23 would allow for an appropriate and beneficial focus on education issues and legislation.



**HJR**

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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED OUT  
 MAY 13 2002  
 SENATE FINANCE  
 COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/16/02

FURTHER:

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IN TO OFFICE:

12 May 2002

Finance Committee considered **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 am**

**HJR 35 REPEAL ESTATE TAX**

Relating to urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to permanently repeal the estate tax.

and recommends:

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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

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Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
LFAA	1/25/02		✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Lepke Green</i>	✓			
<i>Blankenship</i>			✓	
<i>Tommy Hoff</i>			4	
<i>Donnell</i>			✓	
<i>Conroy</i>	✓			
<i>DeLoach</i>	✓			
<i>Lord &amp; Herman</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>James Dowling</i>		✓		Really bad idea.
COCHAIR: <i>Pat Kelly</i>	✓			

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

REPORTED OUT  
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SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: HJR 35  
(H) Publish Date: 1/30/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: LAA  
Title: Relating to urging the United States Congress BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
to amend the tax code to repeal the de Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor: Representative James Component Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester: H(STA)

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This resolution has no fiscal impact on state spending.

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Representative John Coghill  
Committee Chair, House State Affairs

Date 1/25/02

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT HJR 35

**Title:** Relating to urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to permanently repeal the death tax

HJR 35 requests that Alaska's Congressional delegation "support, work to pass, and vote for the permanent repeal of the death tax."

Since 1996 Congress has voted twice to repeal this 85-year-old tax. HR 8 was passed in 2001, sponsored by Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) and enjoyed broad, bi-partisan support. Currently, there are four pieces of legislation being considered by the House of Representatives to repeal the tax.

Congresswoman Dunn and Congressman John Tanner (D-TN) have been working jointly on a permanent repeal of the Estate Tax. Under current tax law as provided in HR 8, the tax will be phased out completely by 2010, but the phase out will sunset in 2011.

There is significant economic evidence to support the repeal of this regressive tax. A study completed by William W. Beach, a John M. Olin Fellow in Economics, has shown this tax disproportionately hurts:

- ◇ Women & minorities
- ◇ Farmers
- ◇ Workers
- ◇ Low-income people
- ◇ Small Businesses

Further, this same study found that this tax is more costly to collect than the revenue it generates. A 1994 analysis clearly demonstrated that "total compliance costs (including economic disincentives) amount to 65 cents for every dollar collected." The additional compliance costs means that in 2000 the \$27.8 billion collected actually cost the American taxpayers \$36.4 billion.

## Non-Oil Tax

### Alcohol Beverage Tax

Alcoholic beverage taxes are collected primarily from wholesalers and distributors for alcoholic beverages sold in Alaska. The current rates per gallon are \$5.60 for liquor, \$0.85 for wine and \$0.35 for beer — about 3 to 4 cents per drink. All revenue from the alcoholic beverages tax is deposited in the General Fund.

### Corporate Income Tax

Corporations that do business in Alaska pay the Corporate Net Income Tax unless they are organized under a special IRS rule (Subchapter S) that generally applies to small, closely held companies. A corporation that does business both inside and outside Alaska must apportion its income to determine how much income it earned here. Corporations other than oil and gas corporations apportion their income to Alaska by using a three-factor formula based on sales, property and payroll. Alaska taxable income is determined by applying the apportionment factor to the corporation's modified federal taxable income. Corporate tax rates are graduated from 1% to 9.4% in \$10,000 increments of Alaska taxable income. The maximum rate of 9.4% applies to income over \$90,000.

### Electric Cooperative and Telephone Cooperative Taxes

The electric cooperative and telephone cooperative taxes dates back to 1959, when the first Alaska legislature enacted the Electric and Telephone Cooperative Act to promote cooperatives around the state. The electric cooperative tax is based on kilowatt-hours furnished by qualified electric cooperatives recognized under AS 10; the telephone cooperative tax is levied on gross revenue of qualified telephone cooperatives under AS 10. All revenue from the co-op taxes is deposited in the General Fund, but revenue from co-ops located in municipalities is treated as restricted revenue in this forecast because it is shared 100% with the municipalities.

### Estate Tax

This tax is levied on the transfer of an estate upon death. The Alaska estate tax is tied to the federal tax: The amount of the state tax equals the maximum state credit allowed on the estate's federal return. As a result of changes to the federal estate tax, the Alaska estate tax will be phased out by FY 2006. All revenue derived from estate taxes is deposited in the General Fund.

## ESTATE TAX REPEAL

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the Act is the future repeal of the estate tax. Although everyone in Washington agreed that substantial estate tax reductions were in order, outright repeal was resisted by those who feared that, over the long run, it would consume too much of the money needed for other tax cuts and spending priorities. Congress and the president eventually compromised on the issue by settling on a protracted repeal — one in which the cost is kept down by extending the full phase-in until the end of this decade. Importantly, the Act contains a “sunset provision” that results in all of the Act’s provisions being repealed as of December 31, 2010. As a result, the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer provisions in effect in 2001 will become the law once again on January 1, 2011, if Congress takes no intervening action.

Proponents of estate tax repeal must now worry that a future Congress will halt the repeal before it occurs or will fail to act, allowing the provisions to lapse. A similar fate awaited the provision enacted as part of the 1981 Reagan tax cut to reduce the top estate tax rate from 70 percent to 50 percent. In 1984, tight budgets forced Congress to freeze that rate reduction at 55 percent. Under the Act, that 50 percent rate will finally be realized next year — 17 years behind schedule.

### TWO-STEP APPROACH

Beginning in 2002, the Act gradually will reduce the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer (GST) taxes, increase the unified credit, and make a significant number of more technical changes.

After repeal, the Act generally sets into place a carryover basis regime for the taxation of inherited property. That is, an heir’s basis in inherited assets will equal the decedent’s basis at the time of death.

## Overview of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001

Provision	Present Law	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Rates</b>											
	39.6%	39.1%	38.6%	38.6%	37.6%				35% Fully Effective		
	36.0%	35.5%	35.0%	35.0%	34.0%				33% Fully Effective		
	31.0%	30.5%	30.0%	30.0%	29.0%				28% Fully Effective		
	28.0%	27.5%	27.0%	27.0%	26.0%				25% Fully Effective		
	15.0%	10% for First \$6,000 of income for Singles and \$12,000 for Married Couples Remaining portion of 15-Percent Bracket Unchanged							Raise Bracket Threshold to \$7,000 and \$14,000	Index Thresholds for Inflation	
<b>Marriage Penalty Relief</b>											
Standard Deduction		NO CHANGE				Gradually Increase Standard Deduction for Married Couples			Twice Single Level Fully Effective		
15-Percent Bracket		NO CHANGE				Gradually Increase 15-Percent Bracket for Married			Twice Single Level Fully Effective		
Child Credit	\$500	\$600				\$700			\$800	\$1,000 Fully Effective	
Personal Exemption Limitation Repeal		NO CHANGE				Phase-In Period				Repeal	
IRA Limit	\$2,000	NO CHANGE	\$3,000			\$4,000		\$5,000	Index \$5,000 for Inflation		
AMT Exemption	\$33,750 Single \$45,000 Married	\$35,750 Single \$49,000 Married				\$33,750 Single \$45,000 Married					
<b>Estate Tax</b>											
Top Rate	55%	NO CHANGE	50%	49%	48%	47%	46%	45%			Repeal
Exemption	\$675,000	NO CHANGE	\$1 million		\$1.5 million		\$2 million		\$3.5 million	Repeal	



# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
<i>Betty Davis</i>	✓			
<i>John ...</i>	✓			
<i>Rick Halford</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Care Herriott</i>	✓			