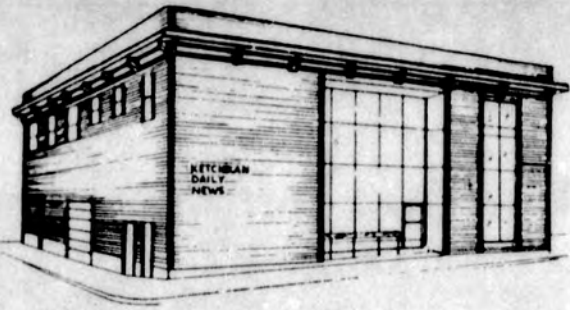


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Dear Mitch;

Thank for the drafts on the salary bill, const. amend., enabling leg., and cover letter.

They look fine to me so I see no reason to meet again you and Rep. Larson can report to the legislature.  
Thank for the chance to help.

Regards,  
Lew

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SENATE DISTRICT G-A

M E M O

January 5, 1986

TO: Jan Fries  
Personnel Director

FROM: Senator Mitch Abood, Co-Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries

RE: Committee Aide Termination

This memo is your official notice that Linda Firestone, Committee Aide for the Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries, will complete her last day of employment with the committee today.

Funds to cover her salary for the period since December 1, 1985 should be taken from the committee account. If enough funds are not available they are to come from the senate leadership funds.



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## House of Representatives

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State Capitol  
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December 20, 1985

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

We, the Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries, hereby submit our recommendations to the Alaska Legislature as required by SCR 19.

After considerable analysis, we are recommending the introduction of the attached two bills and one resolution.

We recommend a State Officers Compensation Commission be established by constitutional amendment to be put before the voters in the 1986 general election. This commission will set the compensation for the legislature, the governor, lieutenant governor, justices and judges of the court system and the head of each principal department. We believe a constitutional amendment would avoid abolition by legislative action as was the case with the 1976 Alaska Salary Commission. We have recommended there be some veto power over the commissions actions, requiring two-thirds vote of the legislature to reject the commission's recommendations.

We recommend enabling legislation to take effect if the constitutional amendment is approved by the voters. This bill sets forth the duties and guidelines we feel would answer the public's concern about state officials setting their own salaries.

Finally, we recommend after extensive comparisons with all state legislatures and many other facets of our economy, a new legislative salary to take effect until a commission is established. We are submitting this

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
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new salary bill in response to the public reaction to the pay raise and in accordance with SCR 19. We do however, believe that repeal of the current salary would not provide fair and adequate compensation to the legislators.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Ron Larson  
House Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries

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cc: Committee Members:  
Co-Chairman Senator Mitch Abood  
Representative John Sund  
Representative Randy Phillips  
Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
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December 27, 1985

TO: Senator Bill Ray  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries

FROM: Senator Mitch Abood, Co-Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries

RE: Report to Legislature from the Joint Special Committee on  
Legislative Salaries

Please find enclosed the cover letter, report and the final drafts of the two bills and one resolution that Co-Chairman Ron Larson and I will be presenting to the Senate President and Speaker of the House on the first day of second session of the fourteenth legislature.

I would like to thank you for your participation on the committee. Unfortunately, because you were only able to attend one hearing most of your ideas were not relayed to the committee. And as a result, you have stated that you do not agree with what the committee is trying to do. However, I hope you will agree that the committee has done a commendable job in reaching a most difficult resolution considering all that is involved.

Senator Ray, I hope we can work together in Juneau to resolve some of the problems you feel there are with the bills and hopefully get the bills through the necessary committees. I hope you have had a good holiday season and I'll see you in Juneau.

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cc: Co-Chairman Representative Ron Larson

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SENATE DISTRICT G-A

September 24, 1985

Mr. David E. Johnson, M.D.  
Alaska Medical Political Action Committee  
4107 Laurel Street, Suite 1  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Dr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the membership of ALPAC for taking an interest in and expressing your support for our current legislative compensation. Public opinion is one of our prime concerns.

I will bring this letter to the attention of all committee members and enter it as part of the record.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Abood", written over the typed name.

Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries

**ALPAC**

**ALASKA MEDICAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE  
4107 Laurel Street, Suite 1, Anchorage, Alaska 99508  
(907) 562-2862**

*Synda*  
*see me plz.*  
*W*

August 29, 1985

Dear Senator Abood:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Alaska Medical Political Action Committee to inform you of our support for the current salary format for legislators. The matter was a topic of debate at our annual meeting, and a motion supporting the recent raises passed handily.

In the course of the discussion several speakers pointed out that appropriate pay made it possible for more individuals to consider running for office. Others mentioned that a flat salary encourages keeping sessions responsibly short. Still others hoped aloud that more livable salaries would permit legislators to concentrate on matters at hand, and be less subject to outside influences. We all recognized the considerable sacrifice of time and effort involved, and the necessity for two homes for most legislators.

We believe that many Alaskans support higher legislative salaries, but remain silent. We wanted to break the silence with our support.

Yours truly,



David E. Johnson, M.D.  
Chairman

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FROM: Senator Mitch Abood, Co-Chairman  
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Unless the committee objects to the enclosed three bills and the cover letter there will be no need to meet again before session. If not, the only possible meeting times would be December 16 - 23 or January 16 - 10. Therefore, please contact my office (274-7648) if you have any objections or comments. If we do not hear from you by December 11th committee staff will be in touch with you regarding approval of the enclosed and the possibility of another hearing.

Thank you for attending to the final committee details at this late date.

If

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**Senator Mitch Abood**  
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December 2, 1985

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FROM: Senator Mitch Abood, Co-Chairman  
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**Senator Mitch Abood**  
SENATE DISTRICT G-A

September 24, 1985

Mr. David E. Johnson, M.D.  
Alaska Medical Political Action Committee  
4107 Laurel Street, Suite 1  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Dr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the membership of ALPAC for taking an interest in and expressing your support for our current legislative compensation. Public opinion is one of our prime concerns.

I will bring this letter to the attention of all committee members and enter it as part of the record.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mitch Abood".

Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries

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ALASKA MEDICAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE  
4107 Laurel Street, Suite 1, Anchorage, Alaska 99508  
(907) 562-2662

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*see me plz*  
*W*

August 29, 1985

Dear Senator Abood:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Alaska Medical Political Action Committee to inform you of our support for the current salary format for legislators. The matter was a topic of debate at our annual meeting, and a motion supporting the recent raises passed handily.

In the course of the discussion several speakers pointed out that appropriate pay made it possible for more individuals to consider running for office. Others mentioned that a flat salary encourages keeping sessions responsibly short. Still others hoped aloud that more livable salaries would permit legislators to concentrate on matters at hand, and be less subject to outside influences. We all recognized the considerable sacrifice of time and effort involved, and the necessity for two homes for most legislators.

We believe that many Alaskans support higher legislative salaries, but remain silent. We wanted to break the silence with our support.

Yours truly,



David E. Johnson, M.D.  
Chairman

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**Senator Mitch Abood**  
SENATE DISTRICT G-A

August 19, 1985

Ms. Jo Finity  
4050 Woronzof Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

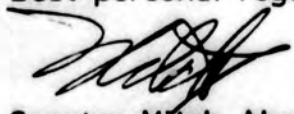
Dear Ms. Finity:

Enclosed please find the legal opinion from the Division of Legal Services relating to your appointment as an alternate public member to the Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries.

Upon consideration of this opinion we had no choice but to rescind our action on appointing an alternate public member. This action was adopted mainly due to the fact that SCR 19 does not provide for an alternate member, only three public members. And as you will note, your previous joint contract with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and First Associates may not constitute a conflict of interest but at the very least could raise questions. Under common law, as pointed out in the opinion, not only must a public official avoid impropriety, but even the appearance of impropriety is to be avoided.

Unfortunate as it may be that we will not have your expertise on the committee, I would like to thank you on behalf of all members of the committee for taking the time and effort to volunteer for this public service endeavor. We would certainly appreciate your continued interest and if I can be of any assistance, please call.

Best personal regards,

  
Senator Mitch Abood  
Senate Co-Chairman  
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cc: Representative Ron Larson  
House Co-Chairman

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**Senator Mitch Abood**  
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August 15, 1985

The Honorable John Butrovich  
1039 5th Avenue  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear John:

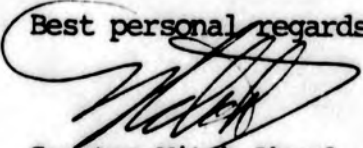
I would like to thank you for initially agreeing to volunteer as a public member of the Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries.

But as you so wisely pointed out to Senator Fahrenkamp, due to your enrollment in the Elected Public Officials Retirement System, which is directly increased or decreased with current legislative salaries, there is indeed a conflict of interest. This is unfortunate, as the committee could have benefited from your vast knowledge and experience relating to legislative salaries.

The committee would certainly appreciate any input or expertise you would care to share with us on this matter.

Again, thank you for taking the time and effort on behalf of public service.

Best personal regards,

  
Senator Mitch Abood  
Senate Chairman  
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cc: Representative Ron Laron  
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SENATE DISTRICT G-A

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Mr. Frank Chapados  
3060 Riverview Drive  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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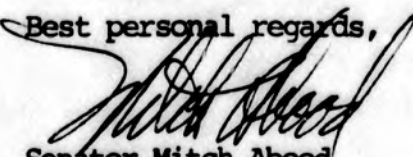
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cc: Representative Ron Larson  
House Chairman

June 7, 1985

Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries  
Anchorage LIO  
1024 W. Sixth  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Senator Abood,

I spoke with Paula Scavera after your conversation with her on the subject of research responsibility on this project.

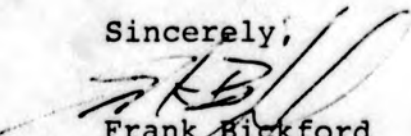
This week I have done preliminary research at the legislative library, going through Senate & House Finance Committee minutes concerning salary increases (they are enclosed). Next week more detailed backup on this subject will be provided to me from the library.

The State library has also provided me with a detailed list of publications. These publications deal with the area that Linda Firestone is working on, that of Comparison of salaries, benefits and "perks" paid to legislators from the other 49 states. The publications will be picked up next week and I will then send them to Linda.

Next week I will send you information concerning accounting records of Legislative Finance, as well as the Legislative Affairs Agency concerning Points 1&2 of the May 31, 1985 Memo to you from Senator Ray.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Frank Bickford  
634 Harris  
Juneau, Ak 99801  
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755 Grant Street  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

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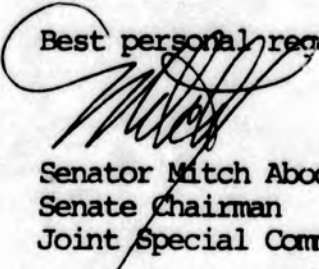
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1345 West 12th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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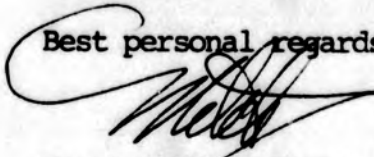
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Senator Mitch Abood  
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Mr. Harold J. Moening  
3200 Brookside Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

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Mr. Jerry P. Jones  
6844 Town & Country  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

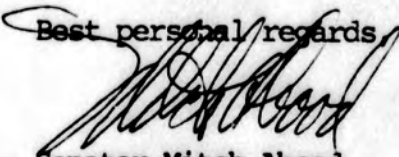
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Ms. Jean M. Parsons  
P. O. Box 3-414  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Mr. Frank A. Port  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99510

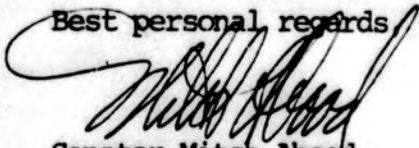
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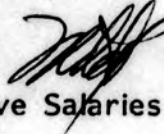
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**Senator Mitch Abood**  
SENATE DISTRICT G-A

DATE: June 26, 1985  
TO: Senator Frank Ferguson  
FROM: Senator Mitch Abood, Co-Chairman   
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries  
RE: Committee Hearing July 26, 1985

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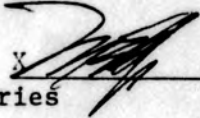
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### TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FORM

TO: Karla Ellis, Accounting Supervisor  
Legislative Affairs Agency

FROM: Senator Mitch Abood, Co-Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries 

DATE: June 26, 1985

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(Senator, employee, witness)

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(city, town)

ANCHORAGE to attend  
(city, town(s))

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SALARIES HEARING  
(committee meeting, conference, etc.)

on the following dates July 26, 1985.

Please charge these travel expenses to the SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SALARIES

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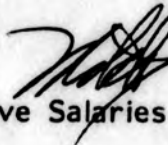
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May 31, 1985

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Senate State Affairs  
& Anchorage LIO  
1024 W. Sixth  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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*Frank* I might also suggest that to get an accurate accounting of monies paid out in points 1 and 2 (above), that the accounting records of Legislative Finance should be looked at as well as those of the Legislative Affairs Agency.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

*Bill Ray*  
Senator Bill Ray  
District C

June 7, 1985

Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman  
Joint Special Committee on Legislative Salaries  
Anchorage LIO  
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Dear Senator Abood,

I spoke with Paula Scavera after your conversation with her on the subject of research responsibility on this project.

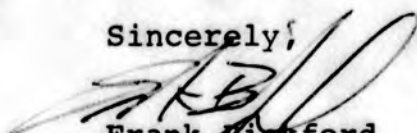
This week I have done preliminary research at the legislative library, going through Senate & House Finance Committee minutes concerning salary increases (they are enclosed). Next week more detailed backup on this subject will be provided to me from the library.

The State library has also provided me with a detailed list of publications. These publications deal with the area that Linda Firestone is working on, that of Comparison of salaries, benefits and "perks" paid to legislators from the other 49 states. The publications will be picked up next week and I will then send them to Linda.

Next week I will send you information concerning accounting records of Legislative Finance, as well as the Legislative Affairs Agency concerning Points 1&2 of the May 31, 1985 Memo to you from Senator Ray.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Frank Bickford  
634 Harris  
Juneau, Ak 99801  
(907) 586-6665

Please tell Linda  
that letters to all  
49 states are going out  
for more legislation prep  
info and that a  
more comprehensive backup  
to states from "The book of  
States" info is also being done.  
I will also have "Cost of  
Living" info in the next  
several weeks.  
(From the lower 48)

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Sincerely

Senator Bill Ray  
District C

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6-14-85

Dear Senator Alford:

Accounting records of Legislative Finance, as well as the Legislative Affairs Agency are still being researched and gathered by both at this time.

Articles for Linda Firestone are being pushed by inter-library loan through the state library system. I've enclosed an article concerning a U.S. Senator's salary. Even though it's dated 1977 I believe some of the arguments used can be used by the Committee.

Sincerely,

Frank Bickford  
634 Harris  
Tulsa, AK 99801

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Ray".


Senator Bill Ray  
District C

**FROM:**  
 Joint Special Committee  
 on Legislative Salaries  
 1024 W. 6th Avenue  
 Anchorage AK 99501

Customer Number, if any:

**TO:**  
 Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
 515 7th  
 Fairbanks AK 99701

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 P.O. Box 73798  
 Fairbanks AK 99701

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 755 Front Street  
 Ketchikan AK 99901

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