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2622 SLC SB 172 (FILE 3) - (FILE 4)

SENATOR ELIASON

FROM:

MARVIN KINBERG JR.
BOX 2112
SITKA ALASKA 99835 747-3039

RE: SB 172, SEN. SACKETT'S BILL AFFECTING DAVIS-BACON ACT

MR. SENATOR, I REQUEST THAT THIS BILL BE KEPT IN COMMITTEE AND I ALSO REQUEST
OUR NON-SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. THE PASSAGE OF SB 172 WOULD DEVASTATE
THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS STATE. I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN THIS
MATTER.

THANK YOU.
/S/ MARV

9-83 ELAINE/SITKA LIU 16083

TO: SENATOR ELIASON

FROM:

MYRTLE FLYNN
BOX 203
SITKA, ALASKA 99835 747-3904

RE: SB 172 AND HB 304 RE: DAVIS-BACON ACT

I AM AGAINST REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. I URGE YOU TO VOTE 'NO'
ON SB 172 AND HB 304

9-83 ELAINE/SITKA LIU 16083

SENATOR ELIASON, CHAIRMAN OF THE (S) LABOR & COMMERCE CMTE.
AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

EVERAL MESSAGE REGARDING SSSB172, 'THE LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT'

FROM: GARY HAAG
BOX 1730
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6534

WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS BEING OPPOSED TO SSSB 172 IN THEIR PRESENT
FORM BECAUSE THEY'RE AGAINST WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

FROM: KEN HELEM
BOX 1184
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8887

SURE DON'T SUPPORT SSSB172. I THINK IT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE TO ALLOW
HAT LEGISLATION THROUGH. APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN *NOT* PASSING
HIS LEGISLATION.

FROM: JACK MOULTON
REPRESENTING CARPENTERS' LOCAL 466
BOX 306
SITKA, AK 99835 747-5371

I'M OPPOSED TO THE PASSAGE OF SB 172.

FROM: JERRY HUGHES
BOX 912
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-3962

RE: SB 172 / DAVIS-BACON ACT REPEAL

I AM IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT

-9-83 ELAINE/SITKA 16083

FROM: WILLIAM KEWLEDY
BOX 1567
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-5118 (H)

I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SB 172, REPEALING THE LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT.

-9-83 ELAINE/SITKA 16083

83-00016057 PRTY 1 05/09/83 16:07:22 ORIG: LS01 IN= 0003 OUT= 0145
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SEN. DICK ELIASON
FROM: BOB COLLIVER
PO BOX 1959, SITKA, AK. 99835 747-8753 (H) OR 7-6060 (W)

RE: LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT -- SB 172, HB 304, HB 378

CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE DAVIS-BACON ACT REPEALED OR CHANGED IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE WAY. SUCH A CHANGE WILL JUST OPEN THE DOOR TO HUNGRY CONTRACTORS FROM THE SOUTH-48. I DON'T SEE HOW ANY ALASKAN COMMUNITY COULD FAVOR REPEAL -- IT WILL SIMPLY MEAN THAT THE MONEY FLOWS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE STATE.

WILL TRY TO CALL YOU ABOUT THIS MATTER TONIGHT.

-9-83 ELAINE, SITKA LID . 16057

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: JAMES KORNOELJE
BOX 1455
SITKA, AK 99835

RE: REPEAL DAVIS-BACON ACT (SSSB172 AND HB 378)

I OPPOSE THE REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. IT WOULD ENHANCE LOW COST, INEXPERIENCED LABOR TO REPEAL THIS ACT. ALSO, IT WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL TO THE ECONOMY OF ALASKA, LESS CASH FLOW.

MSG 83-00015927 PRTY 1 05/09/83 12:44:16 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0008 OUT= 0094
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

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TO: SENATOR ELIASON, CHAIRMAN OF (S) LABOR & COMMERCE CMTE.
REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: DALE AND COLETTE GERMAN
BOX 1711
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6241 EXT. 102

RE: SSSB172, "AN ACT RELATING TO WAGE RATES ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION."

WE ARE AGAINST SSSB172 AND URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST PASSAGE.

TO: SENATOR ELIASON, CHAIRMAN OF (S) LABOR & COMMERCE CMTE.
AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

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FROM: ROYCE RATH
ST. RTE., 5306-15 HPR
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8731

RE: SSSB172, "AN ACT RELATING TO WAGE RATES ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION."
"LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT"

I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO ALASKA AND WORK FOR LESS MONEY,
TAKING WORK AND MONEY FROM ALASKANS.

###5/9, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 15927###
EOM

MSG 83-00015944 PRTY 1 05/09/83 13:21:21 ORIG: LS01 IN= 0002 OUT= 0102
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

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TO: SENATOR DICK ELIASON

FROM:
KENNETH L. JUSTIN
BOX 634
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-5618 (HOME)

RE: REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT
SB 172, HB 304, AND HB 378

REPEAL OF THIS ACT MEANS VERY MUCH TO ME SO I OPPOSE THE REPEAL OF IT. I
HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA FOR 36 YEARS AND WORKED ALL THOSE YEARS AS A CARPENTER.
IF THIS ACT IS REPEALED IT MEANS MY EXPERIENCE MEANS NOTHING.

FROM: WILLIAM J. FREDRICKSON
BOX 2037
SITKA, AK 99835 (H)747-6538

RE: REPEAL DAVIS-BACON ACT (SSSB172 AND HB 378)

I OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENTS TO THIS ACT BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WOULD HURT THE
ALASKAN CONSTRUCTION WORKER AND ECONOMY OF ALASKA. WE WOULD BE GOING
BACKWARDS INSTEAD OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS.

5/9, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 15927

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TO: SENATOR ELIASON, REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF, REPRESENTATIVE FURNACE

FROM: MARK BERGEY
BOX 2411
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-3313 (HOME)

RE: LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT SB 172, HB 304, HB 378

I OPPOSE REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON THESE BILLS.

5-9-83 ELAINE/SITKA LIO 15944 .

TO: SENATOR DICK ELIASON

SEVERAL MESSAGES:

RE: REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON (SSSB172 AND HB 304)

FROM: JERRY TISHER
BOX 1634
SITKA, AK 99835 (H)747-6206

I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. I BELIEVE IN THE LONG RUN, I WOULD CUT MANY LOCAL JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BRING A LOT OF NON-UNION WORKERS IN TOWN AND THE QUALITY OF WORK WOULD SHOW. WE FINALLY ARE GETTING OUR WAGES UP WHERE WE CAN MAKE A LIVING. LET'S NOT GO THE OTHER WAY.

RE: REPEAL OF DAVIS-BACON ACT. (SSSB172 AND HB 304)

FROM: SHERMAN STRAIN
BOX 941
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8983

I OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT TO REPEAL THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. I WILL COST LOCAL PEOPLE A LOT OF WORK WILL SURELY RESULT IN VERY POOR WORKMANSHIP. END RESULT IT WILL EFFECT THE VERY PEOPLE WHO PAY TAXES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY.

FROM: ROBERT A. JACOBY
BOX 572
SITKA, AK 99835 (H)747-8094 (W)747-6225

RE: REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT (SSSB172 AND HB 304)

I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. I BELIEVE. IT WILL COST ALOT OF LOCAL JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION AND BRING IN MANY DRIFTERS WHO WILL STAY AND END UP ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND WELFARE ROLLS.

THE STATE WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE SOME VERY SHODDY TYPE CONSTRUCTION FROM JIFFO TYPE CONTRACTORS.

P.S. WE ALL KNOW WE CAN'T LIVE IN ALASKA FOR \$5.00 PER HOUR.

FROM: ED FLYNN
BOX 203
SITKA, AK 99835 747-3905

RE: REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT (SSSB172 AND HB 304)

I OPPOSE REPEALING THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE *NO* ON SSSB172 AND HB 304.

5/9, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 15945**

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TO: REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF, SENATOR ELIASON, REPRESENTATIVE FURNACE

FROM:
ROBERT A. JACOBY
BOX 572
SITKA, AK. 99835

747-8094 (H) OR 747-6225 (W)

RE: REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT - SB 172, HB 304, HB 378

I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. BELIEVE
IT WILL COST A LOT OF LOCAL JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION AND BRING IN MANY DRIFTERS
WHO WILL STAY AND END UP ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND WELFARE ROLLS.

THE STATE WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE SOME VERY SHODDY TYPE CONSTRUCTION FROM
JIPP-TYPE CONTRACTORS.

P.S. WE ALL KNOW WE CAN'T LIVE IN ALASKA FOR \$5.00 PER HOUR.

5-9-83 ELAINE/SITKA 15944

MSG 83-00015945 PRTY 1 05/09/83 13:25:15 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0009 OUT= 0103
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: RICHARD SMITH
BOX 909
SITKA, AK 99835 (H)747-6333 (W)747-6225

RE: HB 334 AND HB 304

PLEASE ADVISE OF OPPOSITION TO THE ABOVE BILLS.

###5/9 11:30 AM, SITKA LIO, 15945###

TO: SENATOR DICK ELIASON & REP. BEN GRUSSENDORF

FROM:

PAUL JACOBY
BOX 835
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-8325

RE: REPEAL OF DAVIS-BACON ACT - SB 172, HB 304, HB 378

I OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT TO REPEAL THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. I BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE VERY HARMFUL TO THE ECONOMY OF ALASKA. I BELIEVE IT WOULD RUIN THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FOR THE ALASKA WORKERS.

5-9-83 ELAINE/SITKA LIO 15944

MSG 83-00015626 PRTY 1 05/06/83 16:19:36 ORIG: LK00 IN= 0005 OUT= 0123
FROM: EVELYN/KETCHIKAN TO: JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: REPRESENTATIVE GOLL, SENATOR ELIASON, CHAIRMAN REP. FURNACE AND MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE. VICE-CHAIRMAN UEHLING,
REP. COWDERY, KOPONEN, MALONE, RINGSTAD, AND WENDTE.

RE: HB 304

FROM: RICHARD SCHULTZ
BOX 22
CRAIG, ALASKA 99921

URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST REPEALING THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. THANK YOU.

MSG 83-00016504 PRTY 1 05/10/83 16:48:55 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0013 OUT= 0129
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: GEORGE MASON
CARPENTERS' LOCAL 466
BOX 2506
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8062

RE: SSSB172, " AN ACT RELATING TO WAGE RATES ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION."
HB 378, " AN ACT RELATING TO WAGE RATES ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION."

I JUST WANT EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO SSSB172 AND HB378.

#####5/10, FALEENE, SITKA LIQ, 16504#####

MSG 83-00016474 PRTY 1 05/10/83 15:49:08 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0011 OUT= 0119
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: ZANE HAWKINS
BOX 1754
SITKA, AK 99835 747-5547

I AM OPPOSED TO BOTH SENATE BILL 172 AND HOUSE BILL 304. I AM A UNION MEMBER
AND I BELIEVE THESE BILL WOULD JUST *KILL* THE UNION.

###5/10, FALFENE, SITKA LIO, 16474#####

MSG 83-00016598 PRY 1 0 1/83 08:35:38 ORIG: 0 IN= 0002 OUT= 0005
FROM: ELAINE, SITKA TO: JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATOR ELIASON

FROM:
NICK GODDARD
BOX 1274
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-6490

I AM OPPOSED TO ANY MODIFICATION OF THE LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT.

5-11-83 ELAINE/SITKA LIO 16598

MSG 83-00011407 PRTY 1 04/22/83 13:48:38 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0010 OUT= 0129
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS ELIASON AND SACKETT,
REPRESENTATIVES GRUSSENDORF, WENDTE, AND HERRMANN

FROM: MR. KIT ANDREASON
BOX 2378
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-6845

Dear Kit,

I WISH TO BE ON RECORD AS OPPOSING SB 172 AND HB 304. PLEASE DO NOT
PASS THESE BILLS.

4-22-83 ELAINE/SITKA 11407

MSG 83-00011416 PRY 1 /22/83 14:04:55 ORIG: 1:00 IN= 0011 OUT= 0136
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS ELIASON AND SACKETT;
REPRESENTATIVES GRUSSENDORF, WENDTE, AND HERRMANN

FROM: A.F. OF L./CIO SITKA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL
DON BARNHARD, PRES.
BOX 1302
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-8920

IT IS THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF THE A.F. OF L./C.I.O. SITKA CENTRAL
LABOR COUNCIL THAT WE GO ON RECORD AS BEING IN OPPOSITION TO SB 172
AND HB 304 AS WRITTEN.

4-22-83 ELAINE/SITKA 11416

Dear Don,
Thanks for taking the time

MSG 83-00011411 PRTY 1 /22/83 13:50:42 ORIG: 01 IN= 0006 OUT= 0131
FROM: FALEENE, SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON

FROM: SONJA SALDIVAR
BOX 2642
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6890

Dear Sonja,

I AM RECOMMENDING THAT YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SEE THAT SB 172 AND
IT'S SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE, DEALING WITH THE DAVIS-BACON ACT DOES NOT PASS.

###4/22, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 11411###

4/22, FALEENE, SITKA 11201

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: GEORGE PHILIPS
BOX 2225
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6924

Dear Geo.

RE: 172

I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THIS BILL PASS.

4/22, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 11201

MSG 83-00011430 PRTY 1 04/22/83 14:43:30 ORIG: LJ04 IN= 0025 OUT= 0145
FROM: JOYCE TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: P O M

TO: SENATOR ELIASON
REPRESENTATIVES WENDTE AND GOLL

FROM: PETER LAPHAM
P.O. BOX 503
HAINES, AK 99827

Dear Peter,

I AM OPPOSED TO SB 172 (WAGE RATES/PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION) & HB 304 (SAME MATTER).

LG 83-00011452 PRTY 1 04/22/83 15:39:22 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0015 OUT= 0156
FROM: FALEENE, SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON

FROM: DEBBIE GREEN
BOX 2998
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6390

Dear Debbie

I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE SSSB172, REPEALING THE DAVIS-BACON ACT, PASS.

#####4/22, FALEENE, SITKA LIQ, 11452#####

MSG 83-00011514 PRTY 1 04/22/83 16:54:25 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0019 OUT= 0199
FROM: FALEENE, SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: FOM

TO: SENATOR ELIASON

FROM: LOUISE DAVIS
BOX 1109
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8670

Dea Louise

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST SSSB172, REPEALING THE DAVIS-BACON ACT.

####4/22, FALEENE, SITKA L10, 11514####

MSG 83-00011225 PRTY 1 4/22/83 10:42:24 ORIG: 001 IN= 0004 OUT= 0034
FROM: FALEENE, SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: AUSTIN INMAN
BOX 2201
SITKA, AK 99835 747-3454

Dear Austin,

I'D LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO NOT VOTE FOR SB 172.

FROM: JERRIPPAUL JOHNSON
BOX 2147
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8992

Dear Jerrypaul,

IN REGARDS TO HB 304, WHICH WILL REPEAL THE DAVIS-BACON ACT - I AM AGAINST THE REPEALING.

****4/22, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 11225****

MSG 93-06013710 PRTY 1
FROM: FLORENCE IN BARROW
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

02/83 11:50 15 ORIG: 00 IN= 0003 OUT= 0055
TO: JUNEAU INFORMATION

TO: REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, FURNACE, UEHLING, COWDERY, KOPONEN, MALONE,
RINGSTAD, WENDTE, FULLER, HURLBERT

SENATORS FERGUSON, SACKETT, ELIASON, MULCAHY, BENNETT, RODEY

FROM: JOHN MCCOMAS
BOX 709
BARROW, ALASKA 99723
852-8043

I WISH TO STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY WEAKENING OF THE ALASKA LITTLE-DAVIS-BACON LAW,
AND URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST HOUSE BILL 304, HOUSE BILL 378, SENATE BILL 172
AND ANY OTHER BILL THAT MAY BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATURE WHICH WOULD
WEAKEN THIS WAGE PROTECTION LAW.

MSG 83-00011237 PRY 1 4/22/83 10:50:40 ORIG: 001 IN= 0005 OUT= 0042
FROM: FALEENE, SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LIHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATOR ELIASON AND REPRESENTATIVE GRUSSENDORF

FROM: LOUISE NICHOLS
S.R., 2609 HPR
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8797

Dear Louise

RE: SB 172

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SEE THAT SB 172, DEALING WITH REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT DOES NOT PASS.

FROM: HERMAN DAVIS
BOX 395
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6376

Dear Herman

I'M RECOMMENDING THAT SB 172 DOES NOT PASS, DEALING WITH THE DAVIS-BACON ACT.

###4/22, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 11237###

TO: REPRESENTATIVE WENDTE

FROM: LOUISE NICHOLS
S.R., 2609 HPR
SITKA, AK 99835 747-8797

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SEE THAT HB 304, DEALING WITH THE REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT, DOES NOT PASS.

FROM: HERMAN DAVIS
BOX 395
SITKA, AK 99835 747-6376

RECOMMEND AGAINST PASSAGE OF HB 304.

###4/22, FALEENE, SITKA LIO, 11237###

MSG 83-00011228 PRTY 1 04/22/83 10:42:31 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0005 OUT= 0047
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POMS

TO: SENATOR ELIASON
FROM: IOLA JOLLEY
BOX 282
SITKA, AK. 99835

Dear Iola,
747-8895

I RECOMMEND THAT SB 172 AND HB 304 DO NOT PASS. THESE BILLS WOULD REPEAL
THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. PLEASE VOTE 'NO.'

TO: SENATOR DICK ELIASON

Dear Jerry,

FROM: JERRY SNELLING
BOX 202
BOX 202
SITKA, AK. 99835

747-8825

I RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO S THAT SB 172 DOES NOT
PASS THE LEGISLATURE.

4-22-83

ELAINE/SITKA LIO

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MSG 83-00011168 PRY 1 22/83 08:06:01 ORIG: 004 IN= 0002 OUT= 0004
FROM: PATRICIA/JUNEAU TO:
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: P O M'S

TO: SENATOR ELIASON - RE: SB 172
REPRESENTATIVE WENDTE - RE: HB 304

FROM: PER SKAUGRUD PHONE: 766-2537
BOX 395, HAINE'S, ALASKA 99827

I OPROSE THESE BILLS

FROM: DWIGHT PERKINS PHONE: 586-2874
P.O. BOX 2868, JUNEAU, AK 99803

IT'S UNFAIR TO THE WORKING MAN. PLEASE OPROSE THESE BILLS.

...EOM

MSG 83-00011169 PRY 1 04/22/83 08:12:24 ORIG: LJ04 IN= 0003 OUT= 0005
FROM: PATRICIA/JUNEAU TO:
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: P O M

TO: SENATOR ELIASONAND REPRESENTATIVE WENDTE

FROM: LARRY JACQUOD PHONE: 983-2389
GENERAL CHAIRMAN
UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION
BOX 282, SKAGWAY, AK 99840

RE: SB 172AND HB 304

~~WE ARE OPROSED TO THESE BILLS AND THE SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 172.~~

...EOM

MSG 83-00010960 PRTY 1 04/21/83 15:32:57 ORIG: LJ04 IN= 0022 OUT= 0139
FROM: SUE TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SEN. ELIASON

FROM: CHUCK CASON
PO BOX 388
DOUGLAS, ALASKA 99824
583-3755

FROM: TOM MERCURE
BOX 1107
JUNEAU, AK. 99802
586-6991

FROM: RODNEY AHRENS
BOX 481
HAINES, AK. 99827

~~PREVAILING WAGES ARE FAIR AND WORKABLE ANYTHING LESS IS
SUBSTANDARD AND UNACCEPTABLE.~~

RE: SS SB 172

EOM

TARGET: LJKL SUBJ: P O M

TO: REPRESENTATIVES WENDTE, GOLL
SENATORS ELIASON AND RAY

FROM: RON SMITH
P. O. BOX 772
HAINES, AK 99827 766-2843

I AM A CONCERNED CITIZEN AND WOULD NOT LIKE ANY ALTERATIONS TO THE DAVIS-
BACON ACT. I HAVE WORKED CONSTRUCTION ALL MY LIFE AND I KNOW THE CONTRACTORS
WILL THOROUGHLY ABUSE THIS, IF ALTERED.

THE DAVIS-BACON ACT WAS TO PROTECT THE WORKING MAN AND SHOULD BE LEFT TO DO SO,
NO MATTER WHAT SIZE THE TOWN.

MSG 83-00013930 PRTY 1 07/02/83 17 20:12 ORIG: 004 IN= 0018 OUT= 0133
FROM: SUE TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: REP. GOLL AND SEN. ELIASON

FROM: ALBERT PIERCE
BOX 529
HAINES, ALASKA 99928
766-2698

I'M OPPOSED TO LOWER WAGES. PLEASE REJECT HB 172.

EOM////////////////////////////////////

MSG' 83-00013920 PRTY 1 05/02/83 17:01:11 ORIG: LS00 IN= 0005 OUT= 0125
FROM: SITKA TO: JUNEAU
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATOR ELIASJN
REP. GRUSSENDORF
REP. FURNACE

FROM: IRA LONG
BOX 325
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-3572

RE: HB 304 AND ANY PROPOSED CHANGE TO LITTLE DAVIS - BACON ACT

I AM OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGES. LEAVE THE LAW THE WAY IT IS.

5-2-83 ELAINE/SITKA 13920



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE - SENATE

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND COMMERCE

SENATOR RICHARD I. ELIASON
CHAIRMAN

POUCH V • JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
(907) 465-3844

May 6, 1983

Betty Karasch
Box 1841
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Betty:

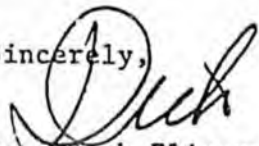
Thank you for your recent communication expressing opposition to proposed legislation relating to Alaska's Little Davis-Bacon Act.

SSSB 172, introduced by Senator John Sackett, and SSHB 304, by Representative Adelheid Herrmann, were proposed to address problems perceived by those legislators in the operation of the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska, especially in their rural districts. The purpose of the Little Davis-Bacon Act was to protect the local labor force, and it appears that some people are dissatisfied with the operation of the Act in Alaska. One thing is certain: the issue is a complex and controversial one, which I feel bears substantial public input and careful consideration.

SSSB 172, which repeals Alaska's Little Davis-Bacon Act entirely, is in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, and no hearings have been held on it as yet. A statewide teleconference was held May 2, by the House Labor and Commerce Committee on SSHB 304, which exempts certain entities from the application of Davis-Bacon (e.g., unincorporated communities, communities with populations of less than 5,000, etc.). Testimony was offered from various parts of the state and from opposing viewpoints on the issue. I believe there should be more opportunity for public comment before any decisive legislative action is taken on this measure.

I certainly appreciate you taking the time to contact me and sharing your views on this matter. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Sen. Dick Eliason



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE - SENATE

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND COMMERCE

SENATOR RICHARD I. ELIASON
CHAIRMAN

POUCH V • JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
(907) 485-3844

May 11, 1983

Stanley Duane Harmon
Box 2815
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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Sincerely,

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Sen. Dick Eliason

CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

P.O. BOX 204 · MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, ALASKA 99632 · (907) 365-8001

May 2, 1983

Honorable, John C. Sackett
State Senator
Pouch V (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

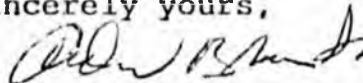
Dear Senator Sackett:

This letter is in full support of Senate Bill (SSSB 172), if this Bill becomes law, this is something we look forward to. The City Council of Mtn. Village is in favor of the SSSB Bill 172 that will repeal the little Davis Bacon Act. This is especially true in the bush where we get little money from the legislature because of low population. What little money we get is usually taken out by the outsiders who are hired in the union halls. When they leave they take the money outside.

If the City of Mtn. Village is given \$100,000.00 from the State or Federal Governments, then if the building or project is built in compliance with building codes, then we could have only \$60,000.00 of working money instead of the \$100,000.00. If employees are hired in a union hall and are paid \$18.00 per hours, and if we hire the residents of Mtn. Village; and we pay \$9.00 to \$12.00 per hour, then there is a big influence for the money that is given to us. In most cases people in our community are qualified to the same kind of work; or sometimes better because they are not fighting against time and contract.

I hope the repeal of the little Davis Bacon Act will go through the Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



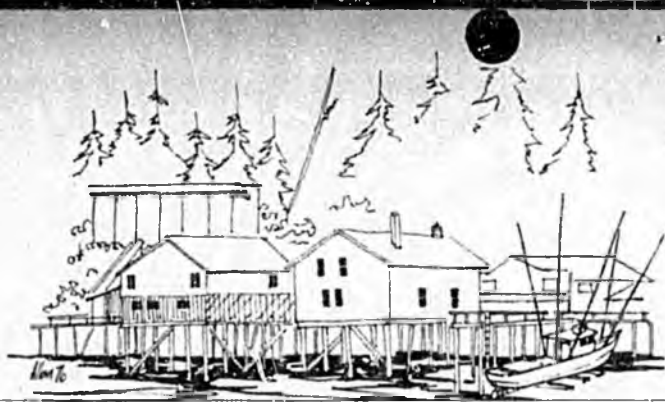
Andrew Brown, Sr.
Mayor

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Senator Sackett
May 2, 1983

CC: Govenor Bill Sheffield

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City

of

Pelican

BOX 757

PELICAN, ALASKA 99832

PHONE 735-4101

May 3, 1983

Senator Dick Eliason
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Eliason:

The City Council of the City of Pelican is in support of HB304 exempting municipalities with a population less than 5000 from the "Little Bacon-Davis Act."

It is a hardship for small communities to pay state prevailing wage. While we support local hire and proper compensation for labor, the results of the "Little Bacon-Davis Act" has prevented construction of much needed projects in small communities.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Davidson
Harry A. Davidson
Mayor

HAD/ec

CC: Senator Don Bennett
Senator Bob Mulcahy
Senator Patrick Rodey
Senator John Sackett



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*Davis Bacon
File*

May 16, 1983

Becky Charlton
P. O. Box 1972
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Becky:

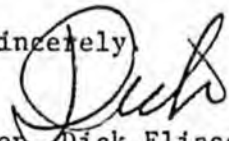
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Sincerely,


Sen. Dick Eliason

Newhalen City Council.

P.O. Box 153
Niamna, Alaska 99606

May 5, 1983

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Office of the Governor
Bill Sheffield, Governor
3rd Floor, State Capitol
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Sheffield:

It has come to my attention that legislation has introduced (SSSB 172) that would repeal the Little Davis - Bacon Act in Alaska.

Based on the review and evaluation of the Davis - Bacon Act, the repeal was a wise decision from a local government's standpoint. I believe that if the local governments can get local people to work for below union scale, they should. This would create jobs for the local people save money for the local governments and for the State of Alaska from which most of the monies for capital projects come.

Rural Alaska depends mostly on state monies for capital projects. I believe that Rural Alaska should spend most of the money on the capital project rather than spending it on wages.

Also, in Rural Alaska most people aren't skilled so the Contractors hire them to assist the qualified craftsman. The Contractor should pay a considerably lower wage to the person rather than paying at the qualified craftsman's wage.

Furthermore, in my opinion, the extra cost to the Contractor to pay the union scale would hurt the taxpayers by spending money on something that would not accomplish anything and yet increase the deficit.

Your vote to support the repeal of the Little Davis - Bacon will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory Anelon, Jr.

Gregory Anelon, Jr.
Mayor

cc: Legislature

Dear Senator Clason

You have probably
received many letters in
regards to the Repeal
of the Davis Bacon Act.
As you know I'm a
Union Member in your
area. And I'm against
the Repeal. If it
is repealed it would

Be like going away
with Limited Entry,

Sincerely yours
Bill Jolley
PO Box 282
Seward, Alaska

May 5, 1983

Senator Dick Eliason
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811
RE: The Repeal of Davis Bacon Act.

Dear Dick,

I do not want the Davis Bacon Act repealed. I feel it will open the doors to the People from the other States. The ones who live in the back of their pickup and leave the family below. They will never be property holders in the area. With no State tax they will not be putting anything into the State or the Community in which they are working.

We have enough Contractors in the State now that are not paying the right wage including the State. Contractor who are paying cash and no body gets any of the tax. If you repeal the Davis Bacon Act it will really open up a can of worms that the Local and State Government will not be able to control!

The State and the City have enough problems right now and don't know what to do or who should be policing which jobs. Like the remodel on our Centennial Building. The General and the Subs are from Seattle except for two small Subs from Anchorage. One local man was hired. The Stats from the Man Power Center said we had 13 Carpenter, 46 Laborers on Unemployment while this was going on. I can see why those guys feel that the State is not trying to protect the people that make up this Great State by being residents, Property Owners, dedicated Citizens and VOTERS.

Dick, I hope you listen to the People from your District and not let pressures from other Legislator change your thinking.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Vilandre
Mary Lou Vilandre
Box 1420
Sitka, Alaska 99835

DILL ENTERPRISES
P.O. BOX 423
SITKA, ALASKA 99835
(907) 747-3734

May 5, 1983

Honorable Richard Eliason
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (M.S. 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear ~~Senator Eliason:~~ *Rick*

I am writing on my own behalf, but moreover I am writing for the fifteen or so people that have asked that I write on their behalf. I told them they ought to write but many are not comfortable doing that.

So while my letter is from me, I think you need to know that it expresses the opinion of many who have contacted me, as well as many who have similar feelings who do not know how to contact anyone.

Subject: The repeal of the Bacon-Davis Act. That law is the only thing that keeps any union member in the construction trade employed in Sitka and in Alaska. To repeal it would spell disaster for our local workers.

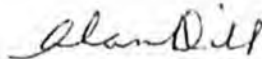
And they are already prey to out of state non-union workers. The only thing that keeps union workers and those that employ them competitive is Bacon-Davis. And it is not strong enough, but at least it is something.

As a case in point, Kathee and I are building a new home on Edgumbe Drive. I told the contractor, who uses non-union help, that at least he could tell his workers that I did not appreciate a van in the driveway that still had Washington plates on it.

I feel this is one of the most important issues to come before your committee, and as a union member I feel that you ought not have a problem with finding your garbage can for it. But if you can't find it, I appeal to you for those that believe in union hire to kill it.

I am really concerned at the amount of scab labor going on, and the inability of contractors who hire union to compete. I hope you are equally concerned.

Sincerely yours,



Alan Dill

May 2, 1983

SUBJECT: House Bill 304, House Bill 378, and Senate
Bill 172

Dear Congressman:

I am writing this letter in concern to H.B. 304, H.B. 378, and S.B. 172. I am totally opposed to all of the above bills. And furthermore, I cannot believe that any Legislator would even try to introduce bills such as these.

To put these bills into affect would not only be taking money out of the seasonal construction workers' pocket, open the doors for the out of state contractor and their crews to come and go as they please, but also be detrimental to the State as a whole.

To repeal or even amend Section I AS 36.05 (as introduced by H.B. 304, H.B. 378 and S.B. 172) would seem to me that we have Legislators that are not working in the best interest of the State as a whole. To repeal a law that protects the local construction contractor from being under bid by the out of state contractor, helps guarantee certain conditions and compensation for the local seasonal construction worker and also keeps the dignified standard of living and the economical growth of the State of Alaska sound (that we, the people, have enjoyed in the past and have earned and deserve both in the present and future). It would be a sign to me that we have Legislators working for special interest instead of their duly sworn responsibilities and obligations (like maintaining our rights and privileges of the people of the State of Alaska).

So, as I close this letter, sir, I ask you to please do what ever you can to squash bills 304, 378 and 172 and also to leave you with a thought from what Abraham Lincoln once said. "We the people are the rightful masters, both of Congress and the Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

Sincerely,



Fred J. Simpson

FJS/jw

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Woody Perry of Haines telephoned to go on record as being in opposition to repeal of Alaska's Davis-Bacon Act. He's also opposed to pay raises for state employees.

5-5

Ray Hill of Haines telephoned the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to go on record as opposing repeal of Alaska's Little Davis-Bacon Act. "I've been in the union for 25 years and don't uphold everything the union does but in my community we'd be working for a lot less than what we're getting now" (if Davis-Bacon is repealed).

Taken by Sen. Eliason's staff



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DATE 8 May 1983

YOUR NAME Frank Brown

REPRESENTING Registered Voter # 04649174

MAILING ADDRESS Box 1819 Home Telephone 747 6241 Ext 101

Sitka Alaska Business Phone 747 6225

TO: Dick Eliason

MESSAGE: Dick - I am strongly opposed to the repeal
of the Davis - Bacon Act. What's wrong with those fools
Sackett and Herrmann anyway?

TO: SENATOR DICK ELIASON

FROM: FRANK BROWN, REGISTERED VOTER # 04649174
BOX 1819, SITKA, AK. 99835 747-6241 EXT. 101 OR (H) 747-6225

> NOTE: THIS POM HAS BEEN EDITED SLIGHTLY TO MEET LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLICY. HARD COPY OF THE POM IS BEING MAILED. <

DICK, I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE REPEAL OF THE DAVIS-BACON ACT. WHAT'S WRONG WITH SACKETT AND HERRMANN ANYWAY?

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SENATOR RICHARD I. ELIASON
CHAIRMAN

POUCH V • JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
(907) 465-3844

May 16, 1983

Jim Cushing
Box 186
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick".

Sen. Dick Eliason

747-3326

Wednesday May 4, 1985

Box 184
Sitka, Alaska

Senator Dick Eliason
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V (ms 3100)
Juneau, Alaska
99811

Dear Dick,

I am opposed to any changes in the Alaska State prevailing
Wage law. Senate bill #172. We need no more "Scab" Contractors.
I'm sure that any other "hands" would feel the same as I, if they
were aware of what was trying to be brought down.

Sincerely,

Jim Cushing



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File Little Davis Bacon

May 16, 1983

Lee W. Axmaker, Mayor
City of Craig
P. O. Box 23
Craig, Alaska 99921

Dear Lee:

Thanks for your recent letter outlining your support for SSSB 172 concerning the repeal of the Little Davis-Bacon Act.

The Labor and Commerce Committee conducted a hearing on this measure; it is quite a controversial bill and I am not sure it would be of long term benefit.

I prefer the method of funding cities directly to allow them the ability to do their own projects on a force account basis which is not subject to Davis-Bacon.

Regards,

Dick
Sen. Dick Eliason



CITY OF CRAIG

P.O. Box 23
Craig, Alaska 99821
(907) 826-3275

April 27, 1983

The Honorable Richard Eliason
Alaska Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Eliason:

I am writing to urge your support of SSSB 172 which would repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska. I'm sure you recognize the disparity that often exists between union and non-union wages in rural Alaska. The passage of this measure would do a great deal to reduce project costs and create jobs in rural areas.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to aid in your support of this bill. Thank you for the fine job you are doing in our behalf.

Sincerely,

Lee W. Axmaker

Lee W. Axmaker
Mayor

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SPONSOR POSITION STATEMENT SSSB 172

In the weeks since introduction of SSSB 172, a repeal of the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska, I have received a diversity of testimony on the issue. I would like to capsulize that testimony.

Those opposed to the legislation defend the present law as the "working man's protection," a guarantee of "adequate" compensation for skilled workers. They all also reflect on the seasonal nature of the work, and the need to earn an adequate annual income in four to five months. Repeal of Title 36.05, in their opinion, would result in greatly reduced pay by contractors and generally reduce non-union pay rates as well.

Supporters of this legislation believe that the payment of union wages, particularly in areas of the state where the pay for similar work is far lower than union scale, inflates project costs unreasonably and unnecessarily. It also results in a largely union work force which often precludes the availability of work for residents of the specific project area. They value more jobs and more construction projects more highly than the extremely high minimum wage assured to those fortunate enough to work.

I maintain that Little Davis-Bacon is not fulfilling the function for which it was enacted. Specifically, the law was intended to ensure that in government funded projects, laborers would be paid wages comparable to those paid in private industry. In contrast to that original intent, the law now ensures a minimum wage that is equivalent to the maximum wage for each class of work in the construction industry. Because of the method in which the prevailing wage is determined, it will continue to be union scale and nothing different.

The Little Davis-Bacon provision in our law ensures that any project undertaken with state dollars will have the highest possible cost. Given the demand for facility development in this state and our level of unemployment, this strikes me as neither wise nor productive.

MEMORANDUM

April 6, 1983

SUBJECT: Little Davis-Bacon Act
(Work Order No. 13-1187)

TO: Senator John C. Sackett

FROM: Thomas A. Sofc *TAS*
Legislative Counsel

I just received a response from Bill Walker of the National Council of State Legislatures. There are 37 states have a version of the Little Davis-Bacon Act presently on their books. The 13 states which do not have a Little Davis-Bacon Act are Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Of those 13 states Arizona and Florida repealed their statutes in 1980 and 1979 respectively, while Utah repealed their Little Davis-Bacon Act in 1981. Of potential interest to you is the fact that the legislature's of both Colorado and Idaho repealed their respective Little Davis-Bacon Acts in 1981 but in both instances the repeal was vetoed by the governor and the legislature in each instance was unable to override the governor's veto.

Let me know if I can be of any further assistance to you on this project.

TAS:ljb



THE HEART OF THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

MAY 6 1983

CITY OF PALMER

COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 1368 • PHONE (907) 745-3271
PALMER, ALASKA 99645

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 29, 1983

The Honorable John C. Sackett, Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett,

We at the City of Palmer agree the Little Davis-Bacon Act has indeed been counterproductive for our area and artificially raised the cost of construction in and has been a hardship on our local small contractors.

Growing population in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is placing substantial pressure on our schools, sewer systems, roads and other basic services, yet money to provide these services will be harder to come by.

Thank you for introducing SSSB 172. By a copy of this letter I will indicate our support of SSSB 172 to our legislatures from the Mat-Su.

Sincerely,

George W. Carté, Mayor

GQ/tlc

cc: Senator Kerttula
Representative Lacher
Representative Larson

I would like to go on record as supporting your SB 172.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Phillips".

Dr. W. H. Phillips
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Mr. Stanley Peters, Regional Board Chairman



MAY 6 1983

City of Galena

Antoski Hall • P.O. Box 149 • Galena, Alaska 99741 • Telephone (907) 656-1281

May 2, 1983

Senator John Sackett
Pouch V
Mailing Stop 3100
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett,

We are in receipt of your letter of April 23, 1983, in regard to your sponsorship of a bill to repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act. There is no question but what the Little Davis-Bacon Act increases the cost of our construction projects for the City of Galena. For example, for the construction of a Vehicle Storage Building last fall, from information we have, the Contractor was required to pay \$27.80 per hour including fringes for Capenters. In the City of Galena, our Water Plant/Maintenance Supervisor supervises the whole water plant operation, water and sewer delivery, roads maintenance, building maintenance, and all city construction type projects that are not contracted out. His responsibility and job knowledge requirements seem much higher than that of a carpenter; yet, his wage including fringes is only about 65% of the Little Davis/Bacon Carpenter's wage. The laborer's rate of \$22.35 including fringes even surpasses our Water Plant/Maintenance Supervisor's rate.

We hope this information is of some help.

Sincerely,

Pat Myers
Pat Myers
City Manager

cc: Governor Sheffield

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

P.O. Box 69
Barrow, Alaska 99723
Phone: 907-852-2611

Eugene Brower, Mayor



May 2, 1983

The Honorable John Sackett
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

I support the bill you have sponsored (SSSB 172) to repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska to eliminate the mandate that union-level wages be paid on projects funded directly or indirectly by the State.

I understand the repeal of this law will benefit capital projects in rural Alaska so they can be constructed at lesser costs. Thus, these savings translate into the State providing a greater number of capital projects in rural areas and more employment opportunities.

I commend your actions to be very appropriate, especially in light of the forecasted decline in State revenues.

Sincerely,

Eugene Brower, Mayor

MAY 6 1983


MAY 3, 1983

CITY OF KASIGLUK
AKULA HEIGHTS
KASIGLUK ALASKA 99609

MR. LEE STOOPS
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
POUCH V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

RE: LITTLE DAVIS BACON ACT

THIS LETTER IS IN SUPPORT OF THE REPEAL OF THE LITTLE DAVIS-
BACON ACT. THE REPEAL OF THIS ACT WOULD SAVE US MONEY IN THE
RURAL ALASKA. MOST OF THE VILLAGES HAVE NEEDS THAT WOULD BE
TOO EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN ONCE THIER BUILD.
PLEASE ENDORSE THE REPEAL OF THIS ACT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



ZACHARIAS BRINK, SR. MAYOR

ZB/naw/ga

CC: OFFICE FILES

LOWER YUKON SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY 6 1983

Box 200
Mt. Village, Alaska 99632
(907) 591-2411 Superintendent
(907) 591-2412 Budget and Finance
(907) 591-2214 Maintenance
"An Equal Opportunity Employer"

April 29, 1983

Senator John Sackett
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: SB 172

Dear Senator Sackett:

The proposed intent of SB 172, the elimination of the mandate of the Little Davis-Bacon Act that union-level wages be paid by all contractors or sub-contractors on projects funded directly or indirectly by the State, would be of significant assistance to all "bush" Alaska School Districts. This bill should have a substantial hearing on the costs of construction in our area.

Under the present conditions, Construction of school facilities in the "bush" is running up to \$250.00 per square foot, which is rather ridiculous. I am certain that much of this cost can be attributed to the mandate of this law. In addition, I suspect that the requirements of this law also contributes to the fact that contractors often times hesitate to employ local workers. The mandated wages necessitates the employment of the most skilled, efficient labor possible, often times by-passing some good, semi-skilled local labor. Needless to say, this drives the construction costs higher.



CITY OF WASILLA

P. O. BOX 430
WASILLA, ALASKA 99687
PHONE: 376-5227

MAY 6 1983

May 2, 1983

Honorable John C. Sackett
Co-Chairman Senate Finance Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

In reply to your letter regarding repeal of the Littel Davis-Bacon Act you can be assured of my support.

In this day of declining state revenue I think it very important to establish reasonable wage rates more in tune with actual conditions.

Sincerely,

Harold S. Newcomb, Mayor
City of Wasilla

HSN:EPN/mdh

MAY 6 1983



CITY OF ANDERSON

P.O. Box 40011 • Clear, Alaska 99704 • Phone (907) 832-5566

In Reply
Refer To:
May 4, 1983
LEG 900

Honorable John Sackett
THE STATE CAPITOL
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

We have heard that your office is interested in knowing more about the ways in which provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act impacts employment, effective use of public funds and local economies. We are pleased to give you our thoughts along those lines.

Our comments are cast against two critical factors:

1. We support the philosophy and validity of the union movement;
2. We understand and acknowledge that stewardship of public funds dictates due care and caution in the use of those funds; and that,
3. Number one and two above are not necessarily self-exclusive.

In Anderson, \$10-14 per hour is considered a competitive wage for general labor and \$12-17 a fair wage for operators and mechanics. These figures are \$10-15 per hour less than those required by the Davis-Bacon Act.

During the summer construction season, Anderson anticipates employment of twelve persons in these categories for 15 weeks.

For easy calculation, we have arbitrarily chosen mid-points in both the city wage rate and Davis-Bacon wage rates, thus,

City = \$13.50/hr
D-B = \$26.00/hr

D-B: 12 workers x 40hrs/wk x 15 wks x \$26.00/hr = \$187,200	
Payroll tax cost at 22% = <u>41,184</u>	
Total	\$228,384
City: 12 workers x 40hrs/wk x 15 wks x \$13.50/hr = \$ 97,200	
Payroll tax cost at 22% = <u>21,384</u>	
Total	\$118,584
Difference:	\$109,800
% Differential:	48%

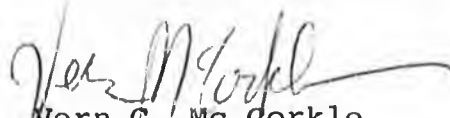
From this quick demonstration, it can be seen that to observe the D-B rate scale requires a 48% premium which could be used for public works, but must be paid out in often unrealistically high wages. In the above example, \$109,800!

As in other small communities and villages in Alaska, Anderson workers are employed near their homes where travel costs are minimized and usually tools and other work equipment are provided. Often work sites elsewhere in Alaska are remote where cost of living is high. Presumably the D-B scale is to help defray some of these typically employee-paid costs.

We hope this study has been helpful in your research.

Very truly yours,

THE CITY OF ANDERSON


Vern C. Mc Corkle
City Administrator

VCM/ww

MAY 9 1983

CITY OF SKAGWAY

GATEWAY TO THE GOLD RUSH OF '98"

P O BOX 415 SKAGWAY, ALASKA 99840

(907) 983-2297

May 5, 1983

Senator John C. Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

I would like to make a few comments regarding SSSB 172 which would repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska.

The purpose of the Little Davis-Bacon Act is to insure that public construction contracts are competitive in regards to expertise and profit but not wages. Workers as a class are protected against exploitation by contractors. Unfortunately, in practice this Act has served to elevate workers' wages to unrealistic levels at the expense of the public. The basic problem is that the wage determinations have been set by the Department of Labor to be equivalent to union scale plus benefits. In small communities wages in general are much lower than union scale even without benefits and the consequence has been that contractors import more highly skilled, higher paid workers to do public construction work. Thus, small communities pay top dollar for contractual work with little hope of solving local unemployment problems. This is one major reason that more and more communities are using the force account approach for doing their capital projects.

Currently, the Department of Labor has an unused provision that allows them to make local wage determinations. Since the Department of Labor is one of the most bureaucratic and insensitive arms of State government, I feel that a far more appropriate thing to do would be to repeal the Little Davis-Bacon requirement for public construction contracts and allow instead for wage determinations to be made at the municipal level. Wage determinations outside of any incorporated areas could be made by the contracting entity.

Skagway is suffering an 80% unemployment rate. Even though nearly ten million dollars of construction work will take place here this summer, only a handful of local residents will find employment. Since the contractors must pay top dollar for labor, they prefer to import past employees rather than take a chance on local workers. If, on the other hand, the City had determined that wages would range between \$12.00 to \$16.00 per hour, for instance, more locals both skilled and semi-skilled would have been hired and the job would probably have been done cheaper.

'MAY 9 1983

Newhalen City Council

P.O. Box 153
Miamna, Alaska 99606

May 4, 1983

Senator John C. Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Your letter regarding support for the repeal of the Little Davis - Bacon Act has been brought to my attention.

Based on the review and evaluation of the Davis - Bacon Act, your repeal was a wise decision from a local government's standpoint. I believe that if the local governments can get local people to work for below union wages, they should. This would create jobs for the local people, save money for the local governments and for the State of Alaska from which most of the monies for capital projects come.

Rural Alaska depends mostly on state monies for capital projects. I believe that Rural Alaska should spend most of the money on the capital project rather than spending it on wages.

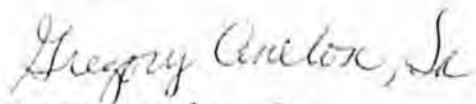
Also, in Rural Alaska most people aren't skilled so the Contractors hire them to help the qualified craftsman. The Contractor should pay a considerably lower wage to the person rather than paying at the qualified craftsman's wage.

Furthermore, in my opinion, the extra cost to the Contractor to pay the union scale would hurt the taxpayer by spending money on something that would not accomplish anything and yet increase the deficit.

Your vote to support the repeal of the Little Davis - Bacon Act is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Gregory Anelon, Jr.
Mayor - City of Newhalen

cc: Representative Adelheid Herrmann

MAY 9 1983

City of Tununak

P. O. Box 69

Tununak, Alaska 99681

Phone No. (907) 652-6626

May 2, 1983

The Honorable John C. Sackett
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

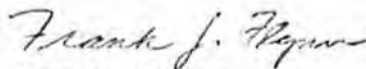
Dear Senator Sackett:

Recently, it has come to our attention that legislation has been introduced (SSSB 172) that would repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska. The City of Tununak recognizes the advantages of eliminating this mandate which requires that union-level wages be paid by contractors and sub-contractors on projects funded directly or indirectly by the State.

A case in point which clearly demonstrates the benefits, to both the City and State, of repealing this Act can be made from our own sea wall project. In our initial budget estimate for the workers wages (using a union-level scale), we were planning to hire 10 workers for more than \$525,000; however, using a force-account system, we are now able to hire 25 workers for less than \$240,000. The reduction in worker wages is enabling the City to hire an additional 15 workers while, at the same time, save the State of Alaska hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We support this legislation because we feel that the repeal of the Little Davis-Bacon Act will enable the City of Tununak to acquire funds that are critical to the operation and betterment of our community--in spite of the declining State revenue.

Sincerely,



Frank Flynn
Mayor

cc: Governor Bill Sheffield
Representative Anthony Vaska

MAY 5 1983



CITY OF BETHEL

P.O. Box 338 • Bethel, Alaska 99559

543-2297—Area Code 907

April 29, 1983

State Legislature

RE: SSSB 172

The City of Bethel herein commends and supports your efforts to repeal A.S. 36.05, the Little Davis Bacon Act. Title 36 (Little Davis Bacon) as it appears on the books and is administered through the Department of Labor is nothing more than a government feeding through perpetuated at the insistence of organized labor. The basis idea behind the law has merit in that it mandates that prevailing wages in an area be paid on government sponsored construction projects in order to eliminate cutthroat competition at the expense of the working person. But its enforcement ensures that the non-competitive aspects of union construction - high wages and restrictive work rules - remain in wide use on government assisted construction projects.

The State of Alaska with its oil revenue has embarked on a large scale development program in an attempt to develop Alaska's infrastructure to a point where Alaska's private economy can flourish on a long term basis and, thereby, benefit all Alaskans with more employment opportunities. We agree entirely with this approach and concept for using non-renewable revenues to develop a renewable or thriving economy that won't be subject to the boom and bust fluctuations heretofore experience. However, it would seem only sensible that the State of Alaska would do everything in its power to get the most for its money. A.S. 36 mandates that an artificially high price be paid for labor on all State sponsored for assisted projects therein negating the variables of labor and inflating the overall cost of all projects. That overly high price for labor then falls over into the labor wages paid in the private sector thereby driving up the cost of doing business. Labor is and should remain a variable cost negotiated with unions and/or with a contractor's work force. It should not be set by government.

The City of Bethel is attempting to do, within the City limits, what the State of Alaska is attempting to do over the entire state; that is, build an infrastructure that can adequately react to growth in the community and create an environment in which private enterprise can flourish. Most of our projects are paid for with state grants and because of this, we are required to pay A.S. 36 wage rates. During the recent construction of a new Public Works Building for the City of Bethel, the A.S. 36 requirements increased the total projects costs by 10%. The increase in labor costs was approximately 25%. This size increase has an enormous impact on a community like Bethel with

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

limited sources of revenue. This Public Works Building was built with local money, not with state grant funds, yet we still were required to adhere to A.S. 36. The overhead of the governmental entity, as well as the contractor's, also increases due to the reporting requirements contained in A.S. 36. It simply costs everybody money.

The labor costs associated with constructing Bethel's new Petroleum Products Dock averaged \$49.49/man hour over the life of the job. This included wages and benefits as required by A.S. 36. I don't need to explain the financial impact of carrying a wage scale like that over a 6 month construction period. The cost becomes staggering. In this instance, the State of Alaska paid those costs through a municipal grant. It is a cost that the State nor the municipality did not need to incur except for the archaic requirements of A.S. 36.

All small municipalities must undertake other relatively, small construction projects to accommodate growth and change. A.S. 36 must still prevail, therein, driving up the costs of meeting nearly every need. On some small projects we experience up to a 33% differential between the A.S. 36 and non-A.S. 36 bids. A 33% hike in the cost of meeting and accommodating growth and change places an undue burden on the already strapped finances of small communities.

We are also missing the boat in another area because of A.S. 36; that is, the area of job training. I know of no employer that is willing to train workers while paying the labor costs mandated in A.S. 36. Those of us in rural Alaska must, therefore, stand idly by and watch workers come in from "outside" while unemployed local workers remain unemployed and cannot get the training and experience required to enter the work force. These workers then end up in the unenviable position at the end of the unemployment line. We cannot blame the contractors for this for it is purely an economic decision. The tide must change sometime. The people of rural Alaska should not have to stand by while other people come in and reap the benefits of our efforts. Economic self sufficiency is something we are all striving for. We cannot achieve it under existing conditions required of us by A.S. 36.

The State of Alaska and all of its political subdivisions are suffering under a law (A.S. 36 - The Little Davis Bacon Act) devised for another time. We feel that we've transcended that time. Labor will get the wage it deserves. We are not trying to short change the working person. We are trying to get the most we can get for our construction dollar. With A.S. 36 in place, we cannot achieve that goal. We support wholeheartedly your efforts to repeal A.S. 36.

Sincerely,



John Guinn
Mayor

MAY 2 1983



CITY OF CRAIG

P.O. Box 23
Craig, Alaska 99921
(907) 826-3275

April 27, 1983

The Honorable John C. Sackett
Co-Chairman of Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 1983 regarding SSSB 17, which would repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act. We are in wholehearted agreement with this bill, and support you in whatever efforts you make to assure its repeal.

I am sending letters to our legislators and the Governor stating our support of the bill. Thank you for your effort in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lee W. Axmaker
Lee W. Axmaker
Mayor

LWA/hg



APR 28 1983

THE CITY OF HAINES, ALASKA

P.O. BOX 576

HAINES, ALASKA 99827

(907) 766-2231

In Reply
Refer To: April 26, 1983

Senator John C. Sackett
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: SSSB 172

Dear Senator Sackett:

On behalf of the City of Haines, I would like to offer our support of your sponsored bill repealing the little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska. In concurrence with your views we feel this Act has resulted in inflated construction costs at far greater consequences to smaller, rural cities than to the large metropolitan areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Maple".

Darrell Maple
City Administrator
CITY OF HAINES

DM/ktg
cc: Governor Sheffield
Senator Eliason
Representative Goll

MAY 3 1983



CITY OF MC GRATH

P.O. BOX 57 MC GRATH, ALASKA 99627

PHONE (907) 524-3825

April 27, 1983

The Honorable John Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

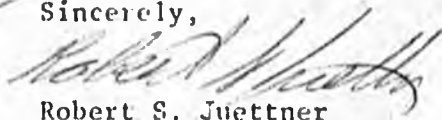
Dear Senator Sackett,

At its last meeting, the McGrath City Council discussed and endorsed your efforts to get the Little, Davis Bacon law repealed. The general consensus of the council was that the Little, Davis Bacon Law causes three things to happen. First, it raises the cost of all construction projection. Second, by establishing such high minimum wages, it forces contractors to hire out of the large cities so as to protect their bids rather than to hire locally. Third, the wage scales established by the law are not applicable to our communities in that they are too high. This in turn results in a problem for local employers who can not meet the expectations of the community for these high wages.

However, the McGrath City Council feels that there may be serious problems with the repeal of the Little, Davis Bacon law. First, a contractor may bid the job using a low wage and importing the labor from outside of Alaska. This is a very common occurrence with oil exploration companies. Second, a contractor may establish different wage scales for the same trade. For example, a contractor might pay a carpenter from Anchorage more than a carpenter from the community in which he is working. This does happen on a regular basis if you consider per diem as part of a fringe benefit package. Finally, a contractor may bid a job at a certain wage scale and find that he can hire local help for less than his proposed wage scale.

It is not my intent to malign contractors by using them in my examples. In many instances the Little, Davis Bacon law is a burden to them as well as the contracting agency. I just used them to make the point that once the Little, Davis Bacon law is repealed, steps must be taken to protect the workers of Alaska.

Sincerely,


Robert S. Juettner
City Administrator

APR 27 1983

MANLEY HOT SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MANLEY HOT SPRINGS, ALASKA 99756

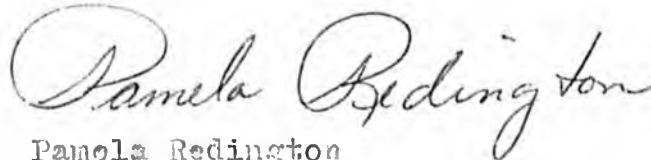
April 24, 1983

Hon. John Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Sen. Sackett

The Manley Hot Springs Community Association Board voted to write you in regard to Title 36, Davis-Bacon wage requirements which creates a hardship for our state funded community projects. Not only does this regulation upset our local economy, it also makes it difficult to complete local projects within budgetary limitations. We recently became aware of requirements when signing our SB 168# contracts. There was no knowledge of the Title 36 requirements when we first wrote our project proposals and budgets. Your consideration and assistance in this matter this session will be greatly appreciated.

Respectly



Pamela Redington
Secretary

MAY 2 1983

City of Gambell
P.O. Box 111
Gambell, Alaska 99742

April 26, 1983

Hon. Senator John Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett

Since there are a large number of major development requests this year, I am strongly in support of SSSB 172, the repeal of the Little Davis Bacon Act in Alaska.

The local level wages would be savings of up to fifty percent of the State's monies. In fact, other than water and sewer or other projects that need special equipment, the smaller municipalities must be allowed the forced account on their building projects.

Each community now has enough skilled people in all trades. The contract monies that come to the communities are not benefited by the local people. Only two or three local people are hired by the contractors.

With forced account, the economy of each community would be lifted while it automatically helps the social well being of the skilled young people.

Each community now has high schools provided by the State of Alaska, so therefore, the jobs also must be localized in order to make local education work.

For an example, Gambell can have it's own building contracting business and road contract business. We have many skilled carpenters, electricians, plumbers, drivers, and equipment operators. All we need is to be provided contracts and utilize the money at the local level. This will not only help the local people, but it would help our tax base which is needed very badly.

With negative municipal assistance this year and a very low tax base, the closure of the city government is eminent. The bill would help the State to save dollars for other purposes. Congratulations.

Sincerely



Roger Silook, Mayor

cc Governor Sheffield
Senator Ferguson
Representative Fuller

MAY 3 1983

KOLIGANEK VILLAGE COUNCIL

KOLIGANEK, ALASKA 99576 - VILLAGE TELEPHONE (907) 596-8001

Governor Bill Sheffield
State of Alaska
M/S 0101
Juneau, Alaska 99811

April 28, 1983

Dear Governor:

Koliganek is faced with major expenditures in the implementation of our state funded capitol improvement projects. One major expenditure is freight of building supplies/materials. Freight to Koliganek can be almost as high as freight between Seattle and Dillingham, almost doubling our freight expenditures. However Koliganek has come up with alternative freighting methods that not only cut our freight costs almost in half, but will also benefit Alaskan businessmen instead of outside businessmen.

There are other ways in which Koliganek can get more value for it's state funded projects, one of them is to have the members of our community minded village build our capitol improvement projects semi-voluntarily, that is to work for ten dollars an hour, in order to have a project that will benefit the entire community. If however your administration continues to support the economy inflicting labor unions in the face of community spirit and fiscal responsibility by the enforcing of title #36, then we will not be able to implement the projects that have been appropriated for Koliganek. Is your administration intentionally coming down heavy with title #36, so that our non-implemented projects can then be reappropriated to such administrative projects like, Hydro-electric dams that will develop and settle the last frontier, or is your administration's tight adherence to title #36 only due to bureaucratic overzealousness?

In either event Koliganek requests that you reevaluate your administration's adverse stand on title #36, repeal it, and thereby promote fiscal responsibility in the expenditure of state funds.

While I am on the subject of fiscal responsibility, I want to point out the wasteful tendencies of your administration in your support for a pay increase to state employees. State employees do very well for themselves at present, when measured against wage earners and the unemployed in bush Alaska. How are you going to fund this unwarranted pay increase, with our permanent fund dividend? If you are bound and determined to spend dollars for wages, it would be far better to appropriate those dollars to capitol improvement projects to satisfy title #36 requirements, or to fund public works projects for the under and unemployed, hire more employees, or better yet just tell the Alaska Public Employees Union, "NO", on their requested increase.

Sincerely,

C.T. Seidl

C.T. Seidl

Village Administrator

cc: Representative Albert Adams
Representative Adelheid Herrmann
Representative Mike Miller
Senator Frank Ferguson
Senator Bob Mulcahy
Senator John Sackett



MAY 3 1983

City of Anvik

ALASKA, 99558 / (907) 663-6328

April 27, 1983

Senator John C. Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Sackett:

In regards to your letter, which I recieved today, we the City Council of Anvik are in full support of SSSB 172, that you have recently introduced which would repeal the Little Davis Bacon Act in Alaska if passed.

Freedom to operate in the most cost effective way is very important to us out here in the bush, especially in the smaller villages, such as our's, when sometimes funds are distributed by the state, and from other source's by per capita. In a small place like Anvik that would not give us much to work with if we have to pay Little Davis Bacon Wages. With having to pay such high wages the funds would decline considerably fast.

We have enough people here who are skilled in various categories to fulfill our needs, without going outside the village and hiring someone to come in and do a certain job, and have to pay them these high wages.

Again, we are in strong support of SSSB 172.

Sincerely,

Robert Walker / by Cj. Vandergast City Clerk

Robert Walker, Mayor
City of Anvik

MAY 3 1983

CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

P.O. BOX 204 · MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, ALASKA 99632 · (907) 365-8001

April 28, 1983

Senator John C. Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett,

I strongly support your sponsorship of Senate Bill #172, which would, if successful, repeal the Little Davis-Bacon Act in Alaska.

As the need for State of Alaska funding for the City of Mountain Village capital projects continue to increase from year to year, I see clearly the need to reduce labor costs. As labor costs are cut, I foresee the increase in the State of Alaska funding of other village projects.

Sincerely,



Ed Beans
Councilmember

cc: Governor Bill Sheffield
Representative Vern Hurlburt

MAY 3 1983



Box 335
Homer, Alaska 99603

REPLY TO:

- City Hall
Ph. (907) 235-8121
- Port of Homer
Ph. (907) 235-8597
- Harbor Master
Ph. (907) 235-8959
- Public Works Dept.
Ph. (907) 235-8120
- City Engineer
Ph. (907) 235-6368

April 27, 1983

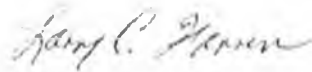
The Honorable John Sackett
Senate Finance Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Regarding your letter of April 23, 1983 concerning SSSB 172, please note the Homer City Council has previously passed a motion in favor of this bill (at the regular City Council meeting of April 11, 1983). A copy of the minutes reflecting this motion is enclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Very truly yours,


Larry C. Farnen
City Manager

LCF/PB

enclosure

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 1983 - 10

Each member was to write their own list to be considered by the committee. A worksession was called for 6:30 A.M., Wednesday, April 13, 1983.

Memorandum 83- A-30 Re: Confirmation of
appointments to the Homer Public Library Board

Homer Public
Library Board

MATTHEWS/KOSCH - MOVED FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARLEEN KRANICH, GLORIA TAYLOR, JANICE TODD AND RUTH PLYMIRE TO THE HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

VOTE: Yes: Matthews, Kosch, Guldseth, Everts,
Phillips, Turkington

Motion carried.

Senate Bill 172 - (Phillips)

Labor

PHILLIPS/GULDSETH - MOVED THAT CITY COUNCIL PASS ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL (SB 172 & HB 304).

c/r

Public Bids

SB 172 is an act on wage rates for construction by municipalities (Davis/Bacon Act) exempting public projects from compliance to certain rates.

Exemption for municipalities is supported by Alaska Municipal League Policy.

VOTE: Yes: Guldseth, Kosch, Phillips,
Matthews, Everts, Turkington

Motion carried.

Memorandum 83-A-18, RE: Liquor License
Application, Beverage Dispensary for Eastwood
Investments aka Lakewood Inn & Mallard Lounge

Liquor License

Eastwood Inv.

MATTHEWS/KOSCH - MOVED TO VOICE NO OBJECTION TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION OF EASTWOOD INVESTMENTS.

VOTE: Yes: Kosch, Matthews, Phillips,
Guldseth, Turkington, Everts

Motion carried.

Kachemak Way Reconstruction Project - Change Order
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Kachemak Way -
Reconstruction

TURKINGTON/MATTHEWS - MOVED TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3.

VOTE: Yes: Everts, Phillips, Guldseth,
Matthews, Kosch, Turkington

Motion carried.

Memorandum 83-A-30 Re: Word Processing & Data
Analysis Equipment - Lease/Option Agreement

Administration
Equipment

MATTHEWS/TURKINGTON - MOVED FOR RATIFICATION OF THE LEASE OPTION.

Finance Officer Newby briefly described of the equipment.

VOTE: Yes: Turkington, Phillips, Everts,
Guldseth, Kosch, Matthews

Motion carried.

MAY 9 1983



City

of

Pelican

BOX 757

PELICAN ALASKA 99832

PHONE 735-4101

May 3, 1983

Senator Dick Eliason
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Eliason:

The City Council of the City of Pelican is in support of H3304 exempting municipalities with a population less than 5000 from the "Little Bacon-Davis Act."

It is a hardship for small communities to pay state prevailing wage. While we support local hire and proper compensation for labor, the results of the "Little Bacon-Davis Act" has prevented construction of much needed projects in small communities.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Davidson
Mayor

HAD/ec

CC: Senator Don Bennett
Senator Bob Mulcahy
Senator Patrick Rodey
Senator John Sackett ✓

MAY 3 1983



Matanuska-Susitna Borough

BOX B. PALMER, ALASKA 99645 • PHONE 745-4801

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

April 27, 1983

The Honorable John C. Sackett
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Re: LITTLE DAVIS-BACON ACT

The Little Davis-Bacon Act has damaged our ability to upgrade our 770 miles of local service roads at a low cost.

We maintain this system of roads using about 20 local service road contractors, who bid on the work on an equipment hour basis. The work is awarded based upon the lowest bid.

The State of Alaska Department of Labor has taken the position that if we want to lay down some gravel to take care of a soft spot, then we have to handle this under the provisions of the Little Davis-Bacon Act, which means that we cannot use our road contractors, but must break this out as a separate construction contract. Now this is just absolutely insane, but it is hard to argue with the Commissioner's interpretation. It is probably right.

It means that we can obtain the full benefit from our system of using 16 road service areas with volunteer road supervisors. Ordinarily, over a period of years, local service roads could be gradually upgraded into much better roads than they are today if we could do a little gravel spreading and culvert installing during the course of regular summer grading using the regular grading contractor, who has all the equipment and knows the roads thoroughly.

To artificially break out minor road upgrades from road maintenance means that a local government is forced to greatly increase its costs of contract administration for minor road upgrades--considerably more than the 20%-40% you have indicated in your letter.

The only real remedy that I see, if the Little Davis-Bacon Act is not amended to cover this situation, is for the local government to handle the minor road upgrades with its own equipment and its own employees, which in the case of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, would be a major change in the way the Borough tries to use the private sector to get a job done.

Incidentally, we are very proud of our road contractors and think that they do a good job.

Our Assembly and 53 road supervisors are keenly aware of how we are hamstrung on handling minor road upgrades. We actually do accomplish a great deal in the way of minor road upgrades, but we do it at a much greater cost than should be necessary.

We meet regularly with our 53 voluntary road supervisors for our 16 road service areas. We get into very small individual road situations. Each time we have to go over the reasons why the logical way of getting a job done cheaply, most quickly and with the least administrative delay and rigmarole, is barred to us because of the Little Davis-Bacon Act. This is frustrating to us and takes away some of the incentive for being a volunteer road supervisor. So that you know that I am talking about the real world, I am sending you a copy of the agenda for our May 14, 1983 meeting with road supervisors.

As we read the State Little Davis-Bacon Act it would be unlawful for a non-profit organization such as the Lions, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, etc. to volunteer any labor for ballfields, parks, etc. Our park and recreation effort, although extensive, is based almost entirely on volunteer effort. Sometimes our local non-profit corporations would like to use local teenagers for work on these projects and pay them something for their effort. If they attempt to do this using Borough park and recreation money they would be illegal.

I know that in the villages, under the old Rural Development Program, a good portion of the labor in villages on boardwalks, pathways, etc. could almost be described as being half volunteer and half paid. In fact, in the early 60's, the most that the village council could pay for labor was \$2.00 an hour, which meant that the people working on the village projects were, for the most part, donating their time, with the State picking up some of the labor costs, and usually all of the material costs. This system worked fine and there were very many fine village projects built with volunteer labor or labor that was close to being volunteer. The Willow community center was built this way in 1962. The local residents cut their own logs, peeled them, laid them, etc. The State put up the money for the project most of which went into materials. Maybe some of it went into labor at a low hourly rate.

I do not see how the old Rural Development Program of the kind carried out in the 1960's could be carried out at all in rural parts of the State under the Little Davis-Bacon Act.

If you have not received much mail on this it is probably because villages, smaller cities and boroughs with small service areas are simply ignoring the State Little Davis-Bacon Act, as interpreted by the State Commissioner of Labor. My guess

is that the Commissioner looks the other way most of the time. If this is so, this is not a good long-term solution. Last November, I participated in a Alaska Municipal League committee meeting that took up this subject. There was good representation on the committee from small outlying cities and villages and larger local governments. The persons present, with one exception, were frustrated by the restrictions placed on local government contracting by the Little Davis-Bacon Act.

Sincerely,



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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

ROAD SERVICE AREA COORDINATOR'S TRAINING SESSION
May 14, 1983, Wasilla City Hall

- 8:30 A.M. SIGN UP--COFFEE
- 9:00 ROAD STANDARDS--Collectors, subdivision roads, local service roads and pioneer access roads. Ray Niemi, Borough Platting Officer and Clint Dice, Borough Road Service Area Coordinator
- 9:30 ROAD SPECIFICATIONS FOR UPGRADES--identification of areas needing repairs and upgrades, sources of gravel and borrow. George Paulsberg, Borough Civil Engineering and Jack Felton, Bomhoff & Associates
- 10:30 FIELD DEMONSTRATION ON LUCILLE STREET (See attachment A) Road Service Area Coordinator
- 12:00 LUNCH BREAK
- 1:15 P.M. REVIEW OF PROBLEMS SEEN IN FIELD DEMONSTRATION
- 2:00 INSPECTION AND CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE Clint Dice, Borough Road Service Area Coordinator and David McClelland, Anchorage Road Maintenance Supervisor or other person from Anchorage or DOT/PF
- 2:45 ESTIMATING AND PLANNING FOR SMALL ROAD JOBS David McClelland, Anchorage Road Maintenance Supervisor, and Jack Felton, Bomhoff & Associates
- 3:30 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND PLANNING Rodger Lewerenz, Borough Civil Engineer, Claudio Arenas, Borough Planner and Borough road consultant
- 4:00 SUMMARIZATION