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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Monthly Report

February 1983

Kodiak Legislative Information Office

Another busy month with much more emphasis on legislative activity!

Legislative - Requests continue to come in for Legislator phone numbers and addresses along with committee assignments. We have also been experiencing an increase for information on bill hearing's and possible teleconferences. Bill's of particular interest in Kodiak this past month include; fisheries, education, agriculture, homesteading, equal rights, public employees, student loan program, SB53, children, Shuyak Island and permanent fund.

Bills distributed:	673	
Reports:	24	
Legislators' phone/addresses:	25	
POM's:	58	Addressees: 1124
Legislative Information:	84	

Teleconferencing - As predicted, all aspects of teleconferencing increased during February.

Teleconferences:	14
Participants:	35
In House T/C's:	7
Participants:	14
T/C schedules:	180
PSA's:	43

Outreach - We are continuing our Alaska State Government educational program over the radio and have now completed six programs in our series. The weekly news spot is proving worthwhile for getting out information on teleconferences and other office services.

State Program Activities - Requests for information on rural land interest rate reduction, energy auditors, non-owner occupied housing loans, listing of lobbyists, business license applications, state reapportionment plan, oath of office forms, alternative energy loans, student loans, state land disposal, energy assistance grant forms, fisheries loans, Dept. of Natural Resources, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Office of Commercial Fisheries Development, APUC, Commissioner of Labor, Governor's address, airport leasing office, and a Ketchikan ordinance on retail alcohol tax have all come in.

Loan forms:	28
State officials:	34
State programs:	24

Permanent fund:	118
Directories:	43
Statutes:	131
AAC:	35
Proposed regulations:	20

As you can see our requests for statutes and AAC were heavier with requests for; non-profit corporations, landlord tenant laws, real estate laws, sexual abuse of a minor, exempt and partially exempt state employees, title 18, title 10, title 12, title 3, the Alaska Securities Act of 1959, lobbyists, guiding and education and proposed regulations on Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, electricians and plumbers. We also handled research on the Office of Telecommunications and special education funding sources.

Federal - We did not receive any requests for Federal legislation this month, but did have 13 requests for the addresses of our Congressional Delegation.

Other - Other sources of inquiry; IRS toll free number and address in Anchorage, two requests for census information and 17 requests for tax payable credit forms.

General Statistics:

People traffic:	260
Telephone calls in:	357
Telephone calls out:	71
Mail outs:	430
Voter Registration:	2
Telecopy received:	26 pages
Telecopy sent:	15 pages

Please note that all numbers represent approximates as there are occasions when traffic or requests do not get logged.

From the looks of the first few day's, March should be an even busier month.

Mary Jo Simmons *Mary Jo*
Information Officer

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TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FR: Mary J. Schaeffer
Kotzebue LJO

RE: February Monthly Report - 1983

Again activities for the month of February were rather hectic. Numerous calls continue to flood our office regarding addresses, phone numbers, permanent fund program, commercial fishing loan program, student loan program, small business loan program and many other programs that are available.

Teleconferences have increased as we expected during the month. The first constituent meeting with Senator Ferguson and Representative Adams was held on the 24th of the month with several participants. We had expected approximately 23 students from the Kotzebue High School Government class but we lost quite a few between the school and our office. I found out later many of the students were miked and decided not to participate. All in all we had a good turnout.

Bill requests are increasing along with bill status as people are beginning to follow legislation once again. Journals are also becoming popular. State Statutes are being used more early on compared to last year.

Requests for other documents such as State directories, pocket directories and many other informational documents have increased.

The following are approximate figures on activities for the month of February:

Phone Calls (In/Out)	156	Mail Outs	54
Teleconferences		State Statutes/	13
No's	13	ACC	
Attendance	24	Addresses/phone	81
People Traffic	71	Numbers	
Telecopier Usage	5	Bills/Journals	46
Express Mail	13	Other Info	29

Have a good month in March.....

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TO: Charity B. Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Mary A. Kvalheim
Information Officer *M.A.K.*

RE: February Monthly Report

DATE: March 3, 1983

February was a very good month for the Mat-Su LIO. As well as session being fully underway, we were pleased to have Diane Hutchinson back to work with us from the 22nd to the 25th. (Diane is our permanent part-time person who was blinded in a shooting incident last fall.) Diane capably handled phone inquirers, made copies of lengthy bills, sent P.O.M.s and moderated two teleconferences. We are looking forward to her returning to work by the beginning of the next session.

Rep. Lacher used the office during her trip home to meet with constituents on the 19th. She had made plans and appointments for a trip home on the 12th but, due to weather, she could not get out of Juneau. We were able to contact all the persons who had appointments and reschedule. She had a full day as she met with people from 12:00p.m. until 6:30p.m. Rep. Lacher plans to do this monthly during the session.

Cynthia Bryson, Administrative Aide to Represent Larson, used the office during her visit to the district on the 14th and 15th. She met with local municipal officials and constituents while here.

Pat Irvine, Special Assistant to Governor Sheffield, has made arrangements to meet with area residents in our office on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. He has been kept very busy on the two occasions he has been here. As the word spreads, we are getting more requests for appointments with him.

Activity was constant and the figures this month are very low as we missed recording many services during the especially busy periods.

Recorded figures for the month:

Phone calls - 568

Drop-ins - 251

Requests for Administrative information/phone numbers/addresses - 62
Student Loan applications - 31
Longevity Program applications - 5
Federal legislation/requests - 16

Distributions

Bills - 834
Statutes - 58
Administrative Code - 10
Journals - 113
Publications - 30

Teleconferences

Information - 49
Participants - 60

The teleconference mailing list has grown to 231 mailouts.

P.O.M. Statistics

378 individual messages sent to 1187 addressees
26 to all legislators
5 to all representatives

With many, many requests for the pocket directory and the Directory of State Officials, we are looking forward to their arrival and to the continued activity in March.

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March 2, 1983

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

From: Sandy *Sanderson*, Nome LIO

RE: February Office Report

With the first month of my new job behind me, I feel that I can now breathe a little easier as Legislative Information Officer. It was so nice to have Bob Scott right out the door; sure made my transition easier.

There wasn't much happening at the beginning of the month - almost no phone calls, no requests for bills, and few participants in teleconferences. Vernita Zilys of the Unalakleet Legislative Teleconference Center typed up a PSA for the Unalakleet LTC and one for the Nome LIO (see attachment). That must have caught the attention of several people who passed the word around that there was a Legislative Information Office where they can keep in touch with whats going on in Juneau, because I started getting calls and requests for bills, and more people started attending teleconferences.

I also mailed out about 20 teleconference schedules, and have received more requests for them, and more inquiries about upcoming teleconferences. That also seems to have helped in getting people interested in coming to visit the LIO.

On February 24, I gave my first presentation on the Nome LIO to a group of students from the outlying villages - the Kawerak Youth Planning Council. Was I ever nervous! After they came in, my initial nervousness disappeared. As it turned out, I knew most of the students or their relatives, so it was a good group to give a first presentation to. It went smoothly, and the students asked questions on the legislative process, teleconferencing and computer equipment, and seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Here are the stats for February:

Requests for bills: 7
P.O.M.'s: 3
Telecopy: 2 out, 4 in
Teleconferences: 19

At the beginning of the month I tried to keep track of my phone calls, but lost track about the middle of the month. I have started this for March once again, and hopefully I will be able to have stats for you on phone calls at the end of the month.

This is the first monthly report I have ever done, so I hope I have done it right. If I have left out some other statistics you need, please let me know.

That's all for February!

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TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Dorothy Penttila, Petersburg, Information Officer *D. Penttila*

It's March already and I guess it is true, when they say "Time flies when you are having fun." The office has been very busy, and one good sign is that the "in" telephone calls are increasing. I have had three radio interviews--one about the data processor--and a very good outreach with the B.P.W. It was my first one and I was very satisfied with the reception and results.

Most of the questions asked and information wanted pertained to:

- Fish.
- Education
- Student Loans
- ERA
- Time Zones
- Permanent Fund
- Susitna Hydro-Power

<u>Phone Calls</u>	
Out	22
In	15
<u>Walk-in traffic</u>	97
<u>Addresses</u>	
Legislators	18
<u>Distribution</u>	
Bills	64
Weekly Status	6
Journals	9
<u>Telecopy</u>	
Sent	3
<u>Teleconferences</u>	
Number	11
Attend	72
Testify	28
<u>Outside Contacts</u>	15

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SITKA LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

Monthly Report FEBRUARY

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Elaine Sunde, Information Officer
Sitka

Elaine Sunde

Key issues in Sitka during February included the student loan bills and proposals; DMV decision not to license 3-wheelers; the proposed U.S./Canada salmon treaty; and a wide variety of budget interests. Variety is the spice....

We tallied a total of 1,455 transactions under 'information services,' and participated in 19 teleconferences, with a variety of outreach efforts to publicize.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

We distributed 168 bill copies throughout the month, not including those distributed at teleconferences. We also provided 38 copies (or sections) of bill status books. We logged 20 new requests for monitoring of bills and sent 68 monitoring notices. We have appreciated several call-backs on our monitoring notices, indicating that some groups are traveling to Juneau to give personal testimony as a result of committee announcements. We are hearing, also, that people are beginning to better understand the importance of early input during committee review, so that our POM's are more timely.

We logged 66 Public Opinion Messages to 518 legislators, along with 16 pages of telecopy to legislators from various groups.

We distributed copies of 56 sections from the Governor's budget books, with a wide variety of requestors and interests. We also logged 22 persons using Alaska Statutes and Administrative Code books, many of whom requested copies of materials. We logged 17 requests for use and copies from news clip files — many from students preparing research papers.

Among our own research projects were: (1) Laws, regulations, bills, reports concerning noise pollution; (2) State guidelines for development of sheltered workshops for the handicapped; (3) Eligibility criteria under ASHA & HUD for senior citizen housing occupants; and (4) Several researchers using census data.

A sampling of our information requests is attached. Some are wonderful.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

We completed our first-ever round of Constituent meetings in February and felt that community response was good. We did an initial mailing to 93 groups to announce the 'inauguration' of constituent teleconferences, along with usual media PSA outreach.

We logged 22 pages of telecopy to/from seven legislators. We logged 46 requests for addresses/phone numbers of our District legislators and also distributed 47 copies of legislator contact sheets.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (cont.)

We completed several requested tasks for the District legislators -- distribution of draft bills to designated constituents, delivery of news releases in town, pouch service, etc. Rep. Grussendorf kept office hours for one full day and saw many constituents who made appointments or dropped by to talk.

FEDERAL INFORMATION

February was another very busy month for the Washington office -- if Sitka requests are an indicator! Among the requests which the D.C. staff helped us meet:

- * Copies of PL 96-487, PL re Veterans, S. 303 re: Forest Management
- * Continuing lengthy research on documentation of vessels
- * Telecopy of key testimony at Indian Education Act budget hearings for four Sitka requestors.
- * Information on war bonds.
- * California law concerning car seats for children
- * California campaign laws
- * Information on Job Training Partnership Act

We also logged seven requests for membership and addresses of Congressional committees-- all filled by the D.C. staff; 18 requests for addresses of the Alaska Congressional delegation; and a number of requests for telephone numbers for IRS and SS Administration.

We have several people reviewing our "Congressional Clipboard" and have found it of such interest that they are making scheduled weekly stops.

Our favorite request in this category was from a Sitka resident who explained that her mother in Seattle was having a problem with her social security checks and, since the Legislative Office was so helpful, could we help her too. We thought: "Why not?" So, with help from the D.C. staff, we sent the lady a list of her Congressional delegation members & contact information, along with Seattle phone numbers for Social Security.

STATE AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Statistics:

Permanent Fund Questions-70	Voter Registration-18
Permanent Fund Phone #s -78	Energy Audit Program-3
Student Loan Applications-90	Lands Program-8
Business License Apps - 11	CFAB Loan Apps-10
Comm. on Women Conference Reg-6	Tax Credit Forms-28
Referrals to Agencies-77	Various other publications (below)

Referrals Included:

Student Loan Office	District Attorney	Dept. of Revenue
Legal Services	Ak. Marine Highway	CFAB
Consumer Protection	Ombudsman	AHFC
Div. of Housing Assistance	Human Rights Comm.	Longevity Bonus Office
Dept. of Labor	Governor	ADF&G
DMV	State Assessor	Dept. Commerce & Econ. Dev.
Occupational Licensing	Dept. Environ. Conserv.	AIDA
Health & Soc. Services	Dept. of Ed.	Div. of Telecommunications
Develop. Disabled Program		

PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED

In addition to various publications and program handouts identified above, we distributed:

Day Care in Alaska	C2M Studies
HRA Report Re: Catastrophic Illness	State Study on Deep Water Port
Task Force Report-DOT/PF	Governor's News Releases - 28
Task Force Report-State Loans	Constitution Handbook-22
Handbook on State Gov't-20	Statehood Final Report-23
US/Canada Salmon Treaty-3	Steps in Passage of House Bill-14
Glossary-14	Separation of Powers-100
Legislative Process-15	AIDA handout
Nonconforming Housing Brochure	Final Election results
Boston U. Study on Ak. image	State plan for disabled services

TELECONFERENCES

Statistics:

Total Teleconferences: 19
Participants : 40
Observers : 39

Associated with teleconferences, we logged distribution of 51 PSA's to the media and mailed PSA's to 61 individuals or groups. As mentioned earlier, we also sent notices to 93 groups/individuals announcing constituent teleconferencings. We tacked up a grand total of 23 posters...and took them all down again!

We logged 31 inquiries about teleconferences and mailed 167 teleconference schedules to those who have requested weekly distribution.

GROUPS USING THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

SE Ak. Women in Fisheries	Sitka Bar Association	Adult Basic Ed. Program Co-ord.
Sitka Historical Society	Sitka Community Assoc.	Ak. Longline Fishermen
Sheldon Jackson College	Raven Radio	Sitka Community College
Chamber of Commerce	Police & Fire Commission	Sitka School Superintendent
Sitkans Against Family Violence	Sitka Handtrollers	BelAir Aviation
Baranof Mental Health Clinic	Ak. Visitors' Bureau	Assembly Members (4)
AAUW	U of Ak Co-op Agent	BPW
City Administrator	Ak. Bd. of Education	Sitka Conservation Society
PACS (handicapped children)	Sitka Community Hosp.	Fire Chief
City Attorney (Sitka)	Double O-Sr. Citizens	Forest Service
City Attorney (Wrangell)	NBA	Sitka Sentinel
Pushka (H.S. Newspaper)	Sitka School Board	KIFW
PHS Administrator	Air Center Sitka	Mountain Aviation
SE Aviation Association	Mt. Edgecumbe H.S.	Soroptimist International
National Secretaries Assoc.	Sitka H.S.	Ak. Lumber & Pulp
Parks & Recreation Committee	Sitka Native Ed. Prog.	Comm. Coll. Advisory Board
SE Reg. EMS Council	Mt. Edgecumbe Day Care	Sitka Teen Club
Superior Court	Ak. Trollers	Nurses Association
Court Clerk	City Clerk	1st Bank
Mayor, City & Borough	Shee Atika, Inc.	No.SE Regional Aquaculture
Friends of Sitka	Raven Radio Foundation	Ak. Native Sisterhood
Spec. Borough Committee on Sr. Citizen Housing		
Sitka Task Force on Mt. Edgecumbe High School		

Sampling of Information Requests:

- * Where & when will AHFC reps. be in Sitka?
- * Who are members of State Vocational Ed. Task Force?
- * Information on Loans -- housing, fisheries, small business, students, etc.
- * All bills and news clips on proposed time zone changes
- * All bills on fisheries, student loans, women's issues, domestic violence, etc.
- * When will State have bid opening on project in Sitka?
- * What is the process for applying for State recreation development grant?
- * What is in the budget for Pioneers' Homes, State Fairs, Council on Science & Technology, colleges, Longevity Bonus, Commission on Women, etc.
- * How does one propose a bill?
- * Explain the organization of the Department of Commerce & Economic Development (?)
- * Information on Rural Electrification Programs

and several candidates for our favorites.....

- * Request for information on octopus fishery, as reported in SE Log. Petersburg LIO located the researcher/writer and our inquirer was in phone contact the next day!
- * What was the type of roofing put on the State Capitol Building?
- * When is Seward's Day?

And a wonderful round robin conversation whereby the District Attorney's aid called to ask how to attach a Permanent Fund check. I referred her to the Court Clerk. Within ten minutes, I had another call....yes, the Court Clerk wondering how to attach a Permanent Fund check. I referred them all to the Dept. of Revenue.

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FEBRUARY REPORT
March 4, 1983

Monthly Report

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Pat Von Barga
Legislative Information Officer, Valdez *Pat*

General activity increased during the month of February. As more people become acquainted with the location, general ease of use, as well as amount of current information, traffic should continue to increase.

Access to evening teleconferences should be helped during March. The magistrate's office has asked us to keep the outer doors to the building locked. Some people have complained their knocking is difficult to be heard. So, the local DOT office (in charge of this building's maintenance) has agreed to our request to install a bell on the outside of the building. A notice will be placed behind glass only during an evening teleconference to forestall vagrant use of it.

Shortly after that request the Kenai delegation elected to remove Valdez from their teleconferences because of time constraints with so many other localities on the Kenai Peninsula. However, Senator Gilman has attend^{ed} Rep. Cato's evening constituent meetings. Senator Paul Fischer has elected to contact our local newspaper on a weekly basis with items of current interest.

Tags were received and placed on all office furniture this month.

Friday, February 25, our terminal went down and remained so into the beginning of March, requiring assistance from IBM.

February Activity - Valdez LIO

Teleconferences/Participants	
Legislative	9/13
Non-Legislative	1/1
Call-ins	11
Walk-ins	10
Bill Distribution	78

Outreach - To radio, chamber of commerce meetings, newspaper, notices

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March 7, 1983

Subject: February End of Month Report

To : Charity Kadow, Director, Division of Public Services

From : Gene Kennedy, Washington LIO

This month has been a busy one despite the rather sparse amount of legislation which has been enacted. In addition, I have been on a swing through Alaska and I cannot tell you how great it is to get back and visit Alaskans but now I am back attempting to catch up with the work that piled up. In addition, we have been kept busy with a great number of requests this month and Kim and our temporary, Rob, were especially busy in my absence. Our busiest month thus far brought forth these statistics:

	<u>Alaskan Requests Legislators & LIO's</u>	<u>Congressional Requests</u>	<u>Other Requests</u>	
February	81	3	21	<u>Total - 105</u>

When you consider that many of these requests are not simply requests for copies of bills, addresses, etc. but genuine research requests which take a long time to respond to, I can only be thankful that I have such wonderful assistance. I hope you will let us know whenever we fall down on the job but it is doubtful we miss much unless it is a lost message or a "down computer". It is a tribute to your support that we are still here and responding to your requests:

Presidential Month - Not only is February the historic month of the Presidents - who can name the other one other than Washington and Lincoln born in this month; and the two who died in February? - but it is also the month every four years when aspirants to the White House announce their candidacy for the Presidency. Four announced this month!

February 2nd - California Senator Alon Cranston, 68, a Senator since 1968 and minority whip of the Senate, was the first to announce. Two former employees of Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman, for whom I worked as Adm. Asst. for 5 years and 7 months, work for Senator Cranston and asked me to attend. Thinking they might need a crowd I went over to the famous Senate Caucus Room (where Sen. Sam Erwin held forth during Watergate) but it was mobbed and I soon left but it was interesting.

February 9th - Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona, a much-loved man in this town and enormously respected (although I would suspect that is not always the consensus of Alaskans) here, disavowed interest in running again for the Presidency.

February 17th - Senator Gary Hart of Colorado and a Senator since 1974 announced he would be a candidate.

February 21st - Former Vice President Walter ("Fritz") Mondale, the

front-runner so far in the executive sweepstakes, made his long-awaited announcement.

February 23rd - Former Governor Reubin Askew of Florida announced he would run. He was Governor from 1971-1978 and later served as President Carter's special trade representative.

Now we have two or three expected candidates to come forth in the spring - Senator John Glenn of Ohio, Sen. Fritz Hollings of South Carolina and, perhaps, Sen. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas.

New Members of Congress -

February 12th - Ex-Rep. Phil Gramm of Texas won with 55.3% of the vote over 70 other candidates. Don Kuntak, his Democratic opponent, has indicated already he would run again in 1984. He got 39.6% of the vote. Rep. Gramm won last November by 94.5% of the vote before he changed his party designation and resigned from Congress.

March 1st - Democratic State Senator Gary Ackerman won election in a 4-way race to replace the late Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal with over 50% of the vote and was sworn in the next day.

Almost New Members (Choose 1 of 2) - The only other vacancy in the Congress in Colorado's 6th District will finally be filled on March 29th. The Democrats chose Former State Rep. Steve Hogan, 34, who ran against Rep.-Elect Jack Swigert (who died just days before he was to be sworn into office in the 98th Congress) in 1982 and received only 35.6% of the vote in this largely-Republican district. Earlier the Republicans selected State Senator Dan Schaefer, 46, on the 4th ballot of a special convention.

The change in numbers of each party in the House therefore is now 263 Democrats and 165 Republicans. Interestingly, of the House races (minus 11 races - 3 in Florida and 8 in Louisiana where no rallies were held due to the fact there was no opposition) a total of 35,323,031 Americans voted Democratic or 55.6% of the vote and 27,354,388 or 42.9% of the vote went for the Republican candidates. This was a change from 1980 when Democrats won 50.4% and Republicans won 48% of the total vote.

New Lobby Registrations - On November 1, 1982 the NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. of Kotzebue, Alaska was represented by the firm of Baanan, Timme, DeReitzes & Middleton, 1049 30th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. Legislative interest: "...including but not limited to all matters relating generally to Alaska, its land and natural resources, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, matters relating to Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts, generally".

Senate Votes in 1983 - There have been only 4 recorded votes in the Senate this year. We informed you of the 97-0 vote for the confirmation of Elizabeth Dole as Sec. of Transportation in January. Richard Burr, the Administration's choice for Asst. Sec. of State for European Affairs, was, finally, confirmed 85-11 (all Conservatives in opposition) after many months of Sen. Jesse Helms holding up the nomination. Former Congresswoman Margaret Heckler was confirmed March 3rd by 82-3 as the new Secretary of Health & Human Services. The last vote was to Amendments to the 1972 Protocol to 1928 Convention Concerning International Expositions.

House Votes - Not much more substantial had passed the House before last week. Votes No. 4 and 5 concerned the Select Committee on Children, Youth & Families (passed 312-69) and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control (passed 290-77) and the establishment of these select committees.

Last Week in the House - The Emergency Math & Science Act passed 348-94 on March 2nd and the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for FY 1983 passed 324-95 on March 3rd. This latter bill of \$4.9 billion, had several provisions which may be of interest to Alaska:

- . \$1.25 billion for Community Development Grants to create 80,000 jobs in the light construction industry.
- . \$200 million for the Economic Development Administration.
- . \$202 million for small business loans.
- . \$200 million for rural water and sewer grants.
- . \$171 million for mass transit under urban discretionary grants.
- . \$ 75 million for VA hospital repairs
- . \$100 million for summer youth jobs
- . \$ 75 million for displaced workers
- . \$150 million for low-income home weatherization
- . \$150 million for social service block grants including day care
- . \$100 million for Women, Infants and Children feeding programs
- . \$364 million for Soil Conservation Service and Army Corps of Engineers for flood control
- . \$125 million for repairs to federal buildings
- . \$120 million for Amtrak grants
- . \$243 million for military housing
- . \$ 50 million for emergency food and shelter

There were many other aspects to the bill - job training vouchers to the unemployed that would allow a business to collect a tax credit on unemployed workers it hires and trains, creating urban enterprise zones, a National Infrastructure Bank to rebuild deteriorating public facilities - and chief among these would be the creation of new jobs of about 300,000 through the programs listed above and others.

Social Security Amendments - The Ways and Means Committee passed 26-2 the changes to the Social Security system and that bill will be on the floor of the House this Wednesday and Thursday. It is most certain to pass.

Of course, the jobs bill and the Social Security Amendments still have to go to the Senate and it remains to be seen what will be included in the bills by the time they pass both Houses and eventually go to conference.

Tomorrow a bill of interest to me, personally, the Gladys Noon Spellman Memorial Parkway, is up for House consideration. This bill would rename the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (operated by the National Park Service) for Mrs. Spellman because of the work she did in repaving it. It passed the House last June but Senator Wallop of Wyoming did not let it out of his Subcommittee in the Senate in the 97th Congress. We are all hopeful of Congressional passage in this Congress.

Our first real teleconference was held February 8th when a representative of NOAA and the Dept. of State participated with one other in the Juneau-based Legislative hearing on the Halibut Treaty with Canada. Unfortunately, a 2nd hearing was unattended because employees were allowed to go home at noon for another snowstorm was on its way.

I visited over 40 State Legislative Offices in Juneau. Kim visited 46 when she was in Juneau for the orientation session - so nearly every office has been covered. I met with Sen. Kerttula, was warmly received by Rep. Grussendorf, talked with Sen. Sturgulewski in the airport line, and chatted with many others including Rep. Koponen, Rep. Zharoff, Rep. Szymanski, Rep. Larson, Rep. Ringstad, Senator Fahrenkamp, Sen. Josephson, and others - and even saw the two llamas walking the streets of Juneau. Tom Begich, son of my friend, Nick, is the new Adm. Asst. to Senator Josephson in Juneau. Keep us in mind until the end of March report.....

Congress Works!

Here's one for the "believe it or not" column: Congress works!

After years of hand-wringing over legislative paralysis resulting from poor leadership, too many subcommittees, too many special interests and too few results, House and Senate insiders have growing confidence that the lawmakers will get their work done this year promptly and responsibly. By the end of March, no less, they may have nearly completed the three major items on the spring agenda—a supplemental appropriations bill designed to create jobs, a social security package and the fiscal 1984 budget resolution. Soon to follow, according to the script, will be tax and appropriations bills. Some fights are likely on details such as specific defense systems and indexing of tax brackets to inflation, but over all, these measures should receive expeditious handling.

Things are moving so smoothly that serious thought is being given to the longstanding proposal by Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., that Congress turn off the air conditioners and go home for July and August. The best laid plans could fall apart at any moment, of course, but there is a spirit abroad of wanting to get the job done on important bills with minimal horseplay.

Many describe the operative condition these days as "bipartisanship." But that may be more the result than the motive. In fact, what seems to be at work is a powerful movement toward consensus across the political spectrum.

Take the budget resolution as an example. In both the House and Senate, Budget Committee members have been discussing informally the outlines of next year's budget. Rep. James R. Jones (D-Okla.) and Sen. Pete V. Domenici (R-N.M.), the two chairmen, hope to finish committee work in the next two weeks and bring action by the scheduled March 25 start of the Easter recess.

More important than the timetable is the content of the budget. In contrast to most of 1981-82, when President Reagan's wishes dominated the legislative process, the new budget likely will be primarily a congressional document. Committees will not emanate from widely heralded meetings with the President or from the desks of his aides, and Reagan's views will be considered but will not dominate the legislative process. Congressional Republicans have joined Democrats in making clear that they will support cuts in Reagan's proposed defense spending and increases in taxes and discretionary domestic programs—especially beyond fiscal 1984.

A Senate Democratic aide said the results will be similar to the kind of central budgets produced by the Senate during the late 1970s when Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, chaired the Budget Committee and Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma was the senior Republican. But there is an important difference, he said. "Muskie and Bellmon felt they needed to be bipartisan to make the budget process survive Senate politics. This time, the two sides are coming to a consensus via the economic route. They are coming together on the 'macro' goals and leaving the details to other committees to resolve."

A House Budget Committee aide agreed that lawmakers must resolve relatively few major decisions and that the political and economic climates leave relatively little leeway on the broad outlines. A senior GOP political aide made a similar point: "My sense is the public is tired of congressional carping and confrontation while the country is going to hell. This climate allows us to solve some problems and differentiate the views of the two parties while the people catch their breath."

House Democrats, who want to prove they can pass a respectable budget of their own, recently offered a dramatic example of their desire to avoid internal confrontation. After weeks of skirmishing among House Democrats over a proposal by Anthony C. Beileman of California, chairman of the House Rules Committee task force on the budget process, to make what he called "modest" changes in handling the budget, the full committee met on March 1 to consider his plan. But Beileman told the other members that House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., had requested that the panel not vote on the proposal. "After arguing with him for some time, I acceded to his request," Beileman said.

Under strong pressure from Jones, who said the proposal would weaken budget discipline, O'Neill told Beileman the procedural issue should be postponed until the House adopted 1984 budget targets. "I said I wanted an intra-party squabble," O'Neill later told reporters. (See *NJ*, 2/17/83, p. 315.)

The action was not a complete defeat for Beileman. According to aides, Jones has taken several steps in recent weeks to respond to his critics' charges that he was ignoring their views on enforcing budget targets. For example, Rep. Leon J. Panetta, D-Calif., a senior committee member, met with the staff directors of other House committees to give them a preview of the forthcoming resolution and invite their reactions. That does not mean other committee chairmen will drop their complaints that Jones is pushing on their turf, but he may have defused their attacks on the budget process by accepting the spirit, if not the letter, of some of their complaints.

House Democrats are not the only ones with conflicts. Domenici likely will not resolve his disagreement with Senate Armed Services Committee chairman John Tower, R-Texas, on defense cuts. Senate Finance Committee chairman Robert Dole, R-Kan., will remain at odds with Rep. Jack F. Kemp of New York and other Republicans on tax policy. Many Democrats will continue to be unhappy that their party leaders are not pushing hard enough for more money for jobs programs. And, in resolving their differences on the budget, the Democratic House and Republican Senate may produce ambivalent results that fall short of needed policy changes.

But in the atmosphere of realism and cooperation that pervades what may become the "can do" Congress, those differences probably will not stand in the way of action.

"There's a political concern in both parties that Congress has not been doing its job because of all the delays," said a Democratic aide. "The public expects important bills to be passed on time." □

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DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Monthly Report

March 9, 1983

TO: Charity B. Kadow
Director

FROM: Micki Henson, Manager
Anchorage Teleconference

RE: February

February just flew by! Anchorage participated in a total of 55 teleconferences, an impressive increase over last month's 21. Participation rose to 273 over January's 173. Our 13 constituent meetings were attended by 67 participants. These meetings are increasing in popularity and we expect March totals to be high. Our weekly teleconference schedule is now being mailed to 650 people.

During this month the "leg work" was completed on phone line installations and verification in the 9 off site locations we are utilizing in the Anchorage area. Teleconferences were held at 4 of these sites in February with the remainder to be used in March. Distances from the LIO to our various off site locations range from 14 to 1/4 miles (one way) with the average distance totaling 5 miles for a one way drive. The teleconferences have been successful at our off site locations, however the worst problem is trying to beat the rush hour traffic to set up for a 6:00 p.m. teleconference. Impossible!

I am happy to say that all LTC's now have their PCI conference sets and are up and operational. The last of the major equipment had been checked and shipped out. February also saw our first statewide hearing involving all LIOs and LTCs. We can all appreciate the hard work and careful planning it takes for teleconferencing in a network twice as large. I would like to take this time to send the Juneau teleconference staff a warm "congratulations" for a job well done.

We had several visitors this month. Vernita Zilys from Unalakleet was in on the 17th to attend the moderator update and discussion. Carol Williams from Hoonah spent the 23rd and 24th here for training. Both Vernita and Carol are wonderful people and we are very lucky to have them on board.

During all of the normal flurry of activity we have been anxiously watching the workmen ready the new teleconference space on the first floor. We are very excited about the move and look forward to being close to the Information folks. Another plus is that our new phone number is in effect -- 278-9624. This should lift some of the burden off the information lines.

I also had the opportunity to attend a time management seminar, along with Lana Trujillo. This was a most enlightening experience and offered numerous suggestions and tips. Now if we can just find the time to get organized!

We are looking forward to a busy busy March.

TOTALS	#	Participants	Observers	Total
Legislative Public Hrgs.	15	38	48	86
Legislative Work Sessions	4	7	11	18
Non-legislative Work Sessions	8	37	1	38
Constituent Mtgs	13	42	25	67
Conference Calls	5	18	21	39
Internal	4			
Other	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	55	156	117	273

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March 2, 1983

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Margaret Dayton
Galena Moderator

RE: February Report

This was a very busy month for me learning how to run a teleconference meeting and doing all the paper work that had to be done. I learned how to use my telecopier for the very first time with Kathi in Juneau. That was a lot of fun. There was a mayors conference here in Galena last month and they needed a resolution from Juneau. I can't tell you how glad I was when I didn't have any problems with that.

The teleconference on the Dividend Repeal was very interesting. I had two participants. Apparently Juneau was having trouble with there conference set and could not hear some of the testifiers around the state. My participants were not able to testify. So that was one of the first problems I had to deal with during a teleconference.

I'm still trying to get people to participate by putting up poster around town. Galena has a newsletter that comes out twice a week, so thats one good way of advertising.

Last but not least, I'm really looking forward to my two day orientation in Anchorage. It would be a good learning experience just to see how they run things in there office.

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February 24, 1983

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Robert Tungyan
Gambell Teleconference

RE: February Monthly Report

So far Gambell LTC has participated in two teleconferences. The first one was a constituent meeting with Senator Frank Ferguson and Representative John Fuller. And the other teleconference was about the Repeal of the Permanent Fund Dividend. Both went really smooth but to be honest I was a little nervous at the start of both teleconferences. On the first teleconference we had three participants and on the other teleconference we had five participants. I'm hoping that a lot more will come on our next teleconference on March 7.

I'd like to thank the staff in Anchorage for the very informational orientation that we had back in January.

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February, 1983

TO: Charity B. Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FR: Aleta Adkins, Moderator
Haines Teleconference Center

Teleconference activity increased greatly this month. We also had some participants new to the network, and they were very favorably impressed. Here are the statistics:

Legislative TC's--8 Participants--8 Observers--5

Non-legislative TC's none

Calls out---8

Calls for information--3 (Usually there are none)

The newspaper (Lynn Canal News) is willing to write up an informative article about the LTN. They also print TC and constituent meeting schedules for us. We continue to get good coverage from the public radio station, KHNS; several people have told me they heard about aTC first from radio.

We are looking forward to plans for the network open house--should be great!

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Monthly Report

February 28, 1983

To: Charity B. Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

From: ^{Jean} Jean M. Schroeder, Moderator
Homer Teleconference Center

Re: February Monthly Report

Phone Calls In - 60
Phone Calls Out - 45
Teleconferences - 7
Teleconferences (Work Sessions) - 3
Attendance - 57
Testifying - 25
Observing - 22
Constituent Meetings - 3
Attendance - 19
Requests for Bills - 30
Walk-Ins - 15

After the slow fall months, January seemed very busy. However, all activities (teleconferences, calls, requests, etc.) in February virtually doubled our January totals. We have had good response to our new regular "open" hours (2 hours) every Thursday as seen in regard to walk-in traffic as well as several phone calls during those hours.

Many of February's activities enhanced our outreach. One of the highlights for the month was the privilege of having Charity Kadow, our director, and Rhoda Eady, Information Officer from the Seldotna office in Homer to participate on radio station KGTL's weekly talk show, "Encounter." Charity also spoke at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon (see attached clipping) and I'm sure her comments and explanation of the teleconference center here really sparked the interest of many people in the community. The results of this were apparent when 31 people attended the teleconference on the Permanent Fund. This, in turn, allowed several people to sign up for our teleconference schedule mailouts.

Homer has had good participation and interest in constituent meetings and many people also visited our office the morning Rep. Fritz was here in person.

We are anticipating a high level of activity throughout the remainder of the session as more and more people discover our office.

Homer's link to Juneau is on Pioneer Ave.

The Alaska Legislature has kept its part of the bargain by providing access to legislative information: now it is up to the people to use it, according to Charity Kadow, director of the state Division of Public Services.

The Homer Teleconference Center is one part of a statewide network of information centers and "access points" which have developed in the past several years, she said. "It has grown in direct response to people's demands," she said.

"We have never closed a teleconference center, we have only upgraded them," Ms. Kadow told the Homer Chamber of Commerce Monday. If there was enough demand, for information, she said, it is possible the Homer center could be turned into a full-fledged information center.

Currently the only such center on the Kenai Peninsula is in Soldotna. Just the same, she said, people in the Lower Peninsula can call the Soldotna office collect to secure many of its services. Among them are copies of pending or approved legislation; committee meeting records, and state studies.

Through the Homer center a person can attend scheduled teleconferences, talk directly to area legislators during the weekly constituent meetings (Thursday nights at 7 p.m.), and send short "public opinion messages," all free of charge.

Legislators, Ms. Kadow said, give much credence to teleconference testimony. Hearings are commonly held on such matters of general interest as taxes, transportation, health care, and the judicial system, she said.

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DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Legislative Teleconference Center
General Delivery
Hooper Bay, Alaska 99604

Monthly report for FEBRUARY 1983.

The month of February for the Hooper Bay Legislative Teleconference Center here was pretty good, aside from having a bad PCI Equipment and weather related outages of local phone services, which was the case of missed Rap Sessions and Teleconferences. Slowly the awareness of have a local legislative teleconference center is being known to the local citizens with more phone calls inquiring what the purpose of the services are for.

The Teleconference Center is still located at the City Office Building, with the permanent location still under construction and are working on the finishing phase, hopefully we can move all equipments some time during the spring season. The regular hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Monday - Friday

Duties I work on are as follow;

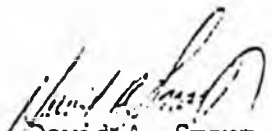
- a) Filing H.B.'s and S.B.'s
- b) Publicity for up-coming teleconferences
- c) Telephone inquiries & Correspondences
- d) other related needed work.

February 03, Rap Session from Aniak.
10, Rap Session-Hooper Bay - local service problems (telephone)
15, Teleconference on S.B.# 29 Municipal Elections
disconnect early due to radio/telephone interference.
17, Rap Session Hooper Bay
23 Teleconference on S.B. # 11 & 85 - Permanent Fund Dividend Repeal.
24 Rap Session Hooper Bay - problems with phone and operator.

Participated total 5 persons

Telephone calls out 22
inquiries (local) 20

received 1 Address stamp @ pad
1 Punch
2 dozen envolops
25 Hanging file folders
1 box Plastic tabs
1 box Holders


David A. Smart
Teleconference Moderator

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Monthly Report

TO: Charity R. Kadow

FROM: Linda Hoff *Linda*

SUBJECT: February Report

Use of the LTN in February broke the 1981 all-time-high-record for the number of teleconferences in a month. A total of 91 teleconferences were scheduled, tracked and moderated by the Juneau staff.

The total number of legislative teleconferences more than doubled last year's February figure, with the number of participants also doubling. The constituent category accounted for many of the increases, as the number of teleconferences doubled, and the people attending them tripled figures for last year.

February statistics:

	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Testified</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legislative Constituent (39)	457	381	838
Legislative Public Hearing (18)	623	435	1058
Legislative Work Session (6)	79	54	133
Legislative Two-Wire (12)	189	108	297
Administrative (8)	3	216	219
Non Legislative (8)	13	65	78
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Total Number of Teleconferences (91)*	1364	1259	2623

*Totals do not include:

Two statewide broadcasts of Senators Stevens and Murkowski address to the Legislature or the number of cancelled teleconferences (10).

To put these figures in a 12 month perspective, compare the number of participants in teleconferences for the month of February, 2,600 to the 7,000 participants for the entire year of 1982. These advances necessitated a full-speed-at-all-times effort in the Juneau office - a pace that broke another record as the Juneau staff moderated 9 (NINE!) "chairing-site" teleconferences in one day. We knew that Juneau and all LTN sites were being heavily impacted this month - now we know how heavily - doubled and tripled!

Juneau Teleconference Monthly Report
February 1983

While all these teleconferences were being professionally handled, Bonnie and Tom were working on the new contact/confirmation sheets with all 41 sites listed. These were sent out to all sites along with a map of our sites that may help to orient our users, and a sample of the new polling sheet. The polling sheet is one of the ways the primary moderator keeps track of sites with witnesses and transmits that information to the chairperson. It helps to have a copy of it nearby during a statewide teleconference so you can see the probable order the sites will be called in.

February saw more requests for special, non-funded off network sites to be added to particular teleconferences than ever before. These requests probably quadruple the amount of detailed backup coordination necessary to make the teleconference run smoothly. Another sort of request was fielded more than ever before in Juneau - requests for more teleconferences from state agencies, commissions and departments than we can accommodate during session. If they continue, I expect that we will get a chance to moderate teleconferences for record breaking numbers of Alaskans all through the coming year. Onward into March!

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MARCH 2, 1955

Mr. Charles Ladgo, Director
Division of Public Services

from: Patricia Engstrom, Mediator
Savoonga Teleconference
re: February Report

The month of February has been another busy month, though not as chaotic as January. Teleconferences are picking up. Savoonga had 2 official teleconferences. One was with Representative Fuller and a staff member of Senator Ferguson; who were very nice to take the time to speak on the Savoonga Teleconference "Open House." One Council member participated and 13 people were present to observe. The "Open House" was well attended, though many people were in Barrow meeting with the whalers and a girl from Savoonga died on the day of the "Open House." The other teleconference was the hearing on the appeal to the Permanent Fund and Alaska L. ... had one participant who did

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Tawsonga Teleconference

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not have the chance to testify because of the lack of time on the statewide teleconference. Five people came to observe.

Public interest is growing steadily; some of it due to the Open House. I hope. I am getting more calls of inquiry and some of interest in participating on legis via teleconferences.

Office supplies, P.C.I., and bill/journal binders arrived, which have made work much more organized.

I have recently hired Mary Louise Hignelton as my substitute. I am in the process of training her and she's proven to be an avid learner and dependable.

I attended a stockholders meeting of the Tawsonga Native Corporation and got a chance to speak briefly on the purpose and operation of the Legislative Teleconference System. That is all for this past month.

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Selawik Teleconference Site
March 3, 1983

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Ruthie Sampson, Moderator
Selawik LTC

Re: February Monthly Report

February has been a good month to learn about being a teleconference moderator. Because this is not a legislative information office, I have not kept track of all the activity that goes on in here because it is on a limited level. However, for your information, here are a few statistics:

Legislative Teleconferences: 3 (2 public hearings
1 constituent meeting)

Participants	5
Unable to Testify	1
Observers	7
Total	<u>13</u>

Rap Sessions 4 (1 in Kotzebue with Mary
Schaeffer of the LIO)

Telecopy 3 sheets sent to Juneau

Equipment received: The PCI, bookcase and the filing cabinet

I also have a reserve person whose name is Linda Mitchell. She will be receiving her training and filling in for me most of the month of March, as I will be in Kotzebue.

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Monthly Report

TO: Charity Kadow, Director
FR: Vicki Seigel, Seward Moderator
RE: Seward Report

Seward had a busy month and Esther and Jolene did a great job while I was away.

Seward had 10 teleconferences with 22 observers and 13 participants in February.

It is good to be back and March is going to be a good month.

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UNALAKLEET TELECONFERENCE CENTER
General Delivery
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

February 23, 1983

Charity B. Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services
1024 West Sixth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Monthly Report - January/February 1983

Dear Charity:

Enclosed within this letter is a combined monthly report for January and February 1983. As I continue to make progress in the establishment of the Unalakleet Teleconference Center, I promise to make these reports every month, on time.

JANUARY '83:

To backtrack just a little bit so the entire history of the Unalakleet teleconference center may be recorded, my first statewide teleconference was conducted using the Duophone on Thursday, December 16, 1982. At that time, I was unaware that my telephone equipment had arrived; therefore, my father graciously consented to allow the teleconference to take place in my parents' livingroom.

The experience was awesome for both of us. My father was born in 1913, before the advent of widespread telephone networks. As for me, I had envisioned a certain kind of teleconference, nearer to a hook-up between extensions in a single office. It must have been about the time Mary from Kaktovik and Harry from St. Paul came on-line that my father and I exchanged looks of wonder and delight. Having never used a PCT before then, I did not miss its technological superiority to the Duophone, and while we did have a small problem with the jack not wanting to stay in its place on the Duophone, we were so caught up in the fun of listening to voices that originated from faraway places and that belonged to people from such a wide array of cultures, that later, when Kathi Baltos apologized for any "difficulties" we had experienced, it was all I could do not to laugh aloud. Far from being "frustrated" or "disgusted", we felt as though we had been let in on a huge and pleasurable secret.

Thus began what I have come to consider as my "love affair" with the legislative teleconference network. I left on holiday for Anchorage December 22, looking forward to training and orientation in Juneau January 10-14; I was somewhat apprehensive as to exactly what was planned for me and my fellow trainees and greenhorns, and not very sure about my ability to handle the computer equipment Kathi informed me Unalakleet had been selected to receive.

It did not take long for the staff who participated in the orientation and training sessions in Juneau to draw me even further into the magic world of the legislative teleconference network. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one for their untiring patience, their effervescent enthusiasm, and their unceasing attention to the information we offered in our turn. If, at first, the equipment did not work; if the schedules sometimes overlapped or confused; and if Juneau itself often seemed like Fairyland, so infused with people I am used to seeing only on the evening news from Anchorage, well, somehow everything seemed to work out to the benefit of the moderators. When the equipment failed, we learned what to do about it, and the experience reassured us all that "these things happen - don't freak out!". It turned out that the flexible scheduling allowed all of us to proceed at our own pace, and I for one, was delighted to find myself with Marilyn Rasmussen, exploring the Capitol Building on our own, like delinquent schoolgirls. We probably absorbed more of what we did see than any formally guided tour would have taught us. As for "Fairyland" - the exposure helped to convince me that our legislature must not be looked upon as a gathering of eagles. Certainly, I will be more able to convince people to attend and participate in future teleconferences as equals of any legislator present.

Maria Moya and Pete Kinney must also receive my gratitude for their efforts to open up the terminal screens, transforming their inscrutable "faces" into exhibitions of available information. I am looking forward to practicing and using the Omni to exchange information with other moderators. I hesitate at this point to name names among the staff who participated in the training process. I refuse to be specific for fear of omitting some gracious person - and they all were. But I learned the following:

1. It IS possible to "hear" a smile over the network, and I often smile back, though my PCI remains mute.
2. The PCI is a useful and exciting tool, not a piece of conjurer's art.
3. The administrative side of my work is often the most satisfying, as it gives me the chance to look back over the small triumphs - as when things go off without a hitch; or when people say on the evaluation sheet that they liked the teleconference.
4. The entire staff is truly concerned that the network be amenable to the people of the villages. I was extremely pleased to hear expressions of concern about dealing with elders and people who have trouble with the English language.
5. Courtesy and consideration are alive and well, thanks to the ITT.

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FEBRUARY REPORT: UNALASKA LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE CENTER

February represents Unalaska's first full month as a Legislative Teleconference Center. It was a rewarding month in terms of participation with 8 community members turning out for the first constituent meeting. I particularly found February's "All Alaskan Public Hearings" positive in terms of "rural input." I wrote articles for the local newspaper on the hearing from Senate Bill 29, 63 and the Permanent Fund Dividend Repeal, thus giving the Community of Unalaska wider access to what communities from around the state were saying about these issues. I gave updates of these hearings on our community access television station's weekly public affairs program. As it takes time and thought to reach the community and time to build an appreciation for the opportunity the Network can offer participants/communities. I would like to know more about the outreach programs other sites have developed to increase community awareness.

A project developed at the Unalaska LTC this month involves the Alaska Student Close-Up Program. Unalaska's Center has put together a student teleconference to be jointly sponsored by Learn/Alaska, Department of Education and Legislative Affairs Agency, Division of Public Services. The conference, "Question Your Classmates of the Legislative Process" will be Friday, April 8th. It will involve student participants in Juneau that week and their classmates in Petersburg, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Unalaska, Cordova, Hoonah, and Haines. I will have information packets in the mail to the above LTC's or LIO's including all details of the conference. Those will be in the mail in very short order.

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TO: Charity B. Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Mabel Fennimore, Moderator
Wrangell Teleconference Center

RE: February 1983

Legislative Teleconferences	9
Non-Legislative Teleconferences	1
Participants	11
Observers	55
Participants unable to testify	2
Phone calls out	64
Phone calls in	6
Personal contact	11
Requests for bills	7
Posters made	24
T.V. notices	8
Radio notices	8
Newspaper notices	6

February was a busy month for Wrangell. Being a fishing town the teleconferences on the proposed U.S./Canada Salmon Treaty got the fishermen out in full force. I was very pleased with the turn out for our first Constituent Meeting with our Representatives Ron Wendte, and Jack McBride, with 14 in attendance.

Mabel

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TO: CHARITY KADOW, DIRECTOR
Division of Public Services

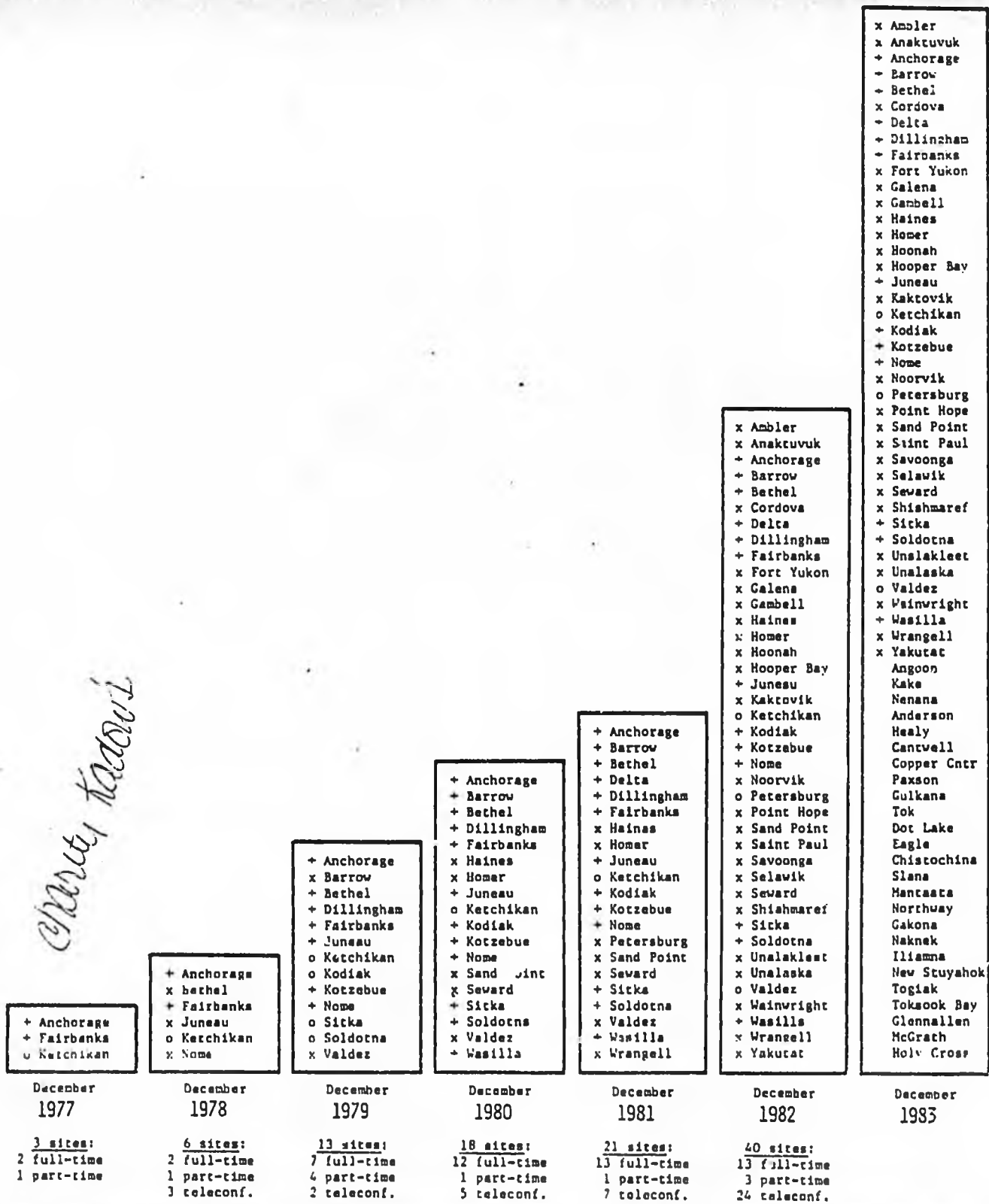
FROM: MARTHA NELSON, MODERATOR *Martha*

Re: YAKUTAT Teleconference Center
February

The YAKUTAT LTC'S first month in operation WAS A LEARNING experience and very exciting. We had six teleconferences with five PARTICIPANTS and eighteen observers. We also had four lengthy RAP sessions. I spent a lot of time contacting people to let them know about the teleconferences.

I received a bookcase, file cabinet, telecopier and PC set. The PC is much nicer to use than the Duo-phone.

Charity Kaddu



Legislative Affairs Agency
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK activated February 1978
 DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES established May 1979

x Full-time Legislative Information Office
 o Part-time or session-only Legislative Information Office
 + Teleconference Center

Unfunded sites requested for teleconferences in a recent four-week period: Pelican (2); Tenakee (2); Boys' Club, Anchorage; Whittier (2); North Pole (7); Adak (2); Seldovia (4); Palmer; Talkeetna (2); Craig; Pioneers' Home, Anchorage; Susitna Valley High School; Brevig Mission; Teller; Wales; Greenwood; Metlakatla; Port Alexander; Chester Valley. Nine simultaneous teleconferences held during February 1983.

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DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

March 14, 1983

Honorable Adelheid Herrmann
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Room 212, Behrends Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Herrmann:

Re: HB193

It has come to my attention that New Stuyahok, one of the four proposed Legislative Teleconference Network sites in HB193, does not presently have the technical capability to adequately accommodate that service.

The Division of Telecommunications Services has recently sent inquiries to all Alaskan telephone companies requesting information regarding existing or planned exchange service in Alaska's communities. Response from Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative indicates that the certification process to extend exchange service to eight Bristol Bay area communities has begun. If certified, Bristol Bay intends to provide exchange service to New Stuyahok, but not until the last quarter of 1984. The other three communities in HB193 presently have exchange service.

I hope this information is useful. Please contact me if the Division staff or I can provide further help.

Sincerely,


Sioux Plummer, Director

Thru:


Lisa Rudd, Commissioner

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Bristol Bay Borough

Box 189 • NAKNEK, ALASKA 99633

RESOLUTION NO. 82-21

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A LEGISLATIVE OFFICE WITH A TELECONFERENCE CAPABILITY IN THE BOROUGH.

- WHEREAS, important items which affect the lives of citizens in Bristol Bay Borough are introduced and debated each year in the legislature, and
- WHEREAS, public input is difficult to provide due to the long distance from the Borough and the State Capital, and
- WHEREAS, information about legislative affairs often arrives after the decision has been made, and
- WHEREAS, a Legislative Office with a teleconference line would greatly improve the information flow between the Borough and State capital and the legislators and their constituents.

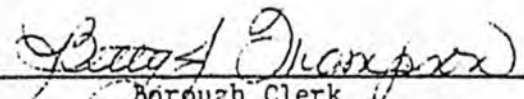
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Bristol Bay Borough request the legislature to establish an office with teleconference capability in the Borough.

Passed this 20th day of December, 1982.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Borough Clerk



Bristol Bay Borough

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JIM D. CLARK
MAYOR

TELEPHONE
(907) 246-4224

January 14, 1983

Rep. Adelheid Herrmann
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Adelheid:

Enclosed is a Resolution from the Borough Assembly requesting a legislative office with teleconference capabilities within the Borough.

We believe this office will better link us to the State Capital and keep us better informed about issues and items that affect us. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

Please call me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Francis W. Mandeville
Borough Manager

FWM:bjt

Enclosure:

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES
1024 WEST SIXTH AVENUE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501
(907) 274-8518

January 5, 1983

Senator Bob Mulcahy
Box 246
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Dear Senator Mulcahy:

As you requested, we have developed cost figures for session-only Legislative Information Offices and for Legislative Teleconference Centers in Iliamna and Naknek.

The attached worksheets show both one-time and recurring costs for each type of facility. We have based FY 83 recurring costs on a March 1, 1983 startup date. If it is your intent to seek funding to establish the facilities in FY 84, rather than for the balance of FY 83, the funding request should include both both the one-time costs and the coming year recurring costs.

The funding requirements would be as follows:

Iliamna - information office, 3-1-83 startup	27,605 one-time
	<u>46,894</u> recurring
	74,499
7-1-83 startup	27,605 one-time
	<u>115,873</u> recurring
	143,478
Iliamna - teleconference center, 3-1-83 startup	8,315 one-time
	<u>11,249</u> recurring
	19,564
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	<u>31,027</u> recurring
	39,342
Naknek - information office, 3-1-83 startup	27,585 one-time
	<u>45,434</u> recurring
	73,019
7-1-83 startup	27,585 one-time
	<u>111,493</u> recurring
	139,078

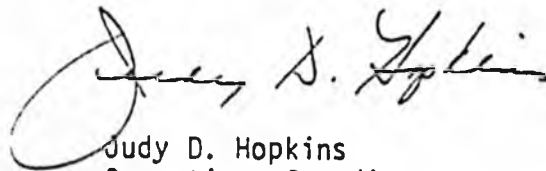
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If we can provide further information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,



Judy D. Hopkins
Operations Coordinator

c: ✓ Representative-elect Adelheid Herrmann
M. R. Charney
Wally Harrison
Charity Kadow
Carol Dickason
Kathi Baltes

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTE

MARKER

Establish and operate a Legislative Teleconference Center
 March 1 through June 30, 1983

Requestor: Mulcahy/Herrmann
 Prepared: 1/5/83

	ONE-TIME COSTS	RECURRING COSTS for period 3/1 thru 6/30/83	TOTAL	AMOUNT AVAILABLE FROM CURRENT YEAR FUNDS	CURRENT YEAR FUNDING REQUIREMENT	RECURRING COSTS, COMING YEAR
100 Personal Services	-0-	3272	3272	-0-	3272	9815
200 Transportation, Per Diem	1655	1900	3555	-0-	3555	1900
300 Contractual Services	480	5177	5657	-0-	5657	15532
400 Commodities	300	100	400	-0-	400	300
500 Equipment	5880	-0-	5880	-0-	5880	1080
Space	-0-	800	800	-0-	800	2400
Data Communications	-0-	-0-	0	-0-	0	-0-
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Totals	8315	11249	19564	0	19564	31027

See category breakdowns, attached

If funding is sought to establish and operate facility during the current fiscal year, use Current Year Funding Requirement figure. The Division of Public Services will request funds required for continuation in the coming fiscal year if current-year funding is approved.

If funding is sought to establish facility in the coming fiscal year, rather than for the balance of the current fiscal year, funding request should include One-Time Costs and Recurring Costs, Coming Year.

Category Breakdowns
LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE CENTER

ONE TIME COSTS

Transportation and Per diem - Administrative travel to site for interview, arrangements; staff travel to major center for training.

Contractual Services - Telephone installation; freight for initial supplies; signs, rubber stamps, notary seals.

Commodities - Initial, "staple" office supplies; maps, flags.

Equipment - Teleconference equipment, file cabinet and equipment stand, typewriter, telecopier, answering machine, tape recorder, and associated freight.

RECURRING COSTS

Personal Services - On-call moderator; includes cost of living differential where applicable and percentage for employer costs/benefits.

Transportation and Per Diem - Staff travel to major center for orientation and training, administrative travel to site for supplemental training.

Contractual Services - Telephone service, postage and mailing, pouch service, off-net tolls and bridge services, required printed materials, funds for local advertising and newspaper subscriptions; equipment repair and maintenance, freight.

Commodities - Stationery and supplies, duplicating supplies, computer commodities, library supplies.

Equipment - Routine recurring requirements for office furniture and equipment and for teleconference equipment.

Space - Funds to reimburse donor of space for janitorial and/or utilities costs if required.

HISTORY
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Legislative Council Minutes

State of Alaska
THE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Monthly Report

ANCHORAGE INFORMATION OFFICE
MARCH 1983

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TO: Charity Kadow, Director
Division of Public Services

FROM: Marcie Sharrock, ^{Marcie} Information Officer

March brought spring, more daylight, more sunshine and was a very busy month. The teleconference office and hearing room was moved to the main floor behind our information office which makes traffic flow more efficient for the staff, and public teleconference traffic goes through the main lobby of the building rather than up our very ugly back stairs. With the relocation of phones we added a new three line rotary to the telephone system which gives the public a separate phone number to call for teleconference inquiries. With the new lines in use, we have had no more complaints that the info lines are always busy, and people are able to get through to information or teleconference on their first call.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Bill information requests have become more complex as bills started moving through the committees and the public became more aware of the variety of data available in the computer and our manual record of scheduled committee hearings. Bills receiving the greatest number of requests during March were bills dealing with the budget and capital appropriations, student loans, homesteading, permanent fund dividends, corrections, juvenile corrections and alcohol bills.

With the publication of the Directory of State Officials and Legislative Pocket Directory, the staff made a major effort to complete distribution of all pending requests for these documents. In the one month period, we distributed 700 copies of the state directory and 4,500 copies of the legislative directory.

We averaged one inquiry per day from other info sites. These inquiries included requests such as contacting the Judicial Council requesting that a report be mailed, statute research, committee hearing schedules, voting procedures, HUD information for a site, and copies of the working draft of the mental health commitment procedures bill to several sites. We also picked up and mailed a copy of a court case file for the Legal Services Division.

While 4 of the new teleconference moderators were in town for training, Lou gave a demonstration on how to clean a telecopier and I gave a session on the legislative process, tour of the information office and answered many questions about reading and filing of bills and journals.

We logged 39,550 pages copied on the Xerox 5600 and printed out 109 bills 'on the same day as introduced' using the laser printer (388 pages). We gave out 14 BTMF printouts and printed 14 documents (197 pages) from the committee minutes and journal data bases in STAIRS.

Anchorage Information Office Activity Tally - March 1983

POMS sent	799
to number of addressees	17,050
POMS to Washington, D.C.	6
Call-ins	2,370
Teleconference calls	189
Div/Public Services calls	106
Walk-in traffic	601
Info mail-outs (requested)	1,129
Bill status/process/info inquiries	437
Legislator/staff phone/address inquiries	484
US Congress phone/address/referrals	29
Governor phone/address/referrals	50
State agencies phone/address/referrals	75
Federal agencies phone/address/referrals	9
Muni/Anchorage phone/address/referrals	8
Miscellaneous inquiries	55
Research (by staff or visitors):	
Current bills	49
Previous sessions	7
AS & ACC	14
Issues	2
Budget	14
Reference library	6
Distribution:	
Bills	2,110
SLA, AS & ACC	44
Directory of State Officials	700
Legislative Pocket Directories	4,500
Weekly status	135
LAA Publications	641
Reports and Audits	88
Applications/forms	7
Other (phone lists, rosters, etc.)	951
Telecopy 495:	
Pages sent	207
Pages received	339
Special Request DHL pouch to Juneau	3

Although we frequently respond to student requests for information, the attached thank you letter from a 9th grade student in the state of Washington is my favorite. After not receiving a response to a written inquiry and also calling the state for the information, the student's mother called our office in desperation. We immediately gathered the required information and included our usual informational publications with the mail out.

OUTREACH

The major outreach effort in March was the distribution of the directories to all pending requestors as well as a mailing of the Legislative Pocket Directory to the 700 individuals on the Anchorage Teleconference Newsletter mailing list.

Carol Dickason gave a presentation on the Information and Teleconference Network services to a state-wide gathering of 75 Community School people. June and I came in on a Saturday and gave a presentation and office tour to a group of 24 women attending a day long conference sponsored by the United Methodist Women. We also continue to give short tours and computer training to new office users daily.

During March we provided the following groups with directories and publications:

Anchorage Pioneer Home
Libertarian Party
Anchorage Republican Women's Club
Anchorage Women's Club FREE Committee
IBEW
RURALCAP
UAA
Anchorage Governor's Office
Anchorage Election's Office
Federation of Community Councils

SERVICES FOR LEGISLATORS

During March we were responding to 3 or 4 legislative requests a day, with telecopy, omnicom messages, in-town deliveries and staff back-up for local meetings. Lou worked one Saturday and assisted during a Senate Labor and Commerce hearing, Senator Josephson's hearing on mental health commitment procedures and Representative Uehling's constituent meeting. We also pre-registered participants for the Anchorage Senate Judiciary hearing on the death penalty.

April promises to be another busy month, but the peak activity is still more than a month away. Before the end of April though, we should start receiving those crystal ball questions; Will this bill pass? Will the Governor sign or veto the bill? When will the legislature adjourn?

Marcie Sharrock,
I would like to
take this opportunity to thank you
for the information that you have
given me on the state of Alaska. I
know it took you some time to
do this for me, thank you. The
information you gave me was
more than enough to give me a
very good grade.

Thank You.

Chris Henderson

(P. O. Box 653

Ridgefield, Washington 98642)

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3706 Bisquier Drive
Anchorage, Alaska
March 25, 1983

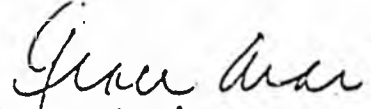
Marcie Sharrock, Information Officer
Legislative Information Office
1024 West 6th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Marcie,

On behalf of the Planning Committee of the Legislative Training Event sponsored by United Methodist Women, I thank you and your staff member for graciously coming in especially to give us a tour of the Legislative Information Office.

We very much appreciate the information about the services offered by the Office and how we can make use of them. You increased our awareness of how to keep intouch with legislation and legislators. Thank you again.

Sincerely,


Grace Arai
United Methodist Women

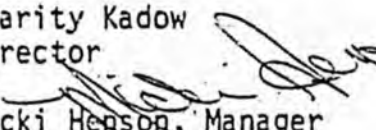
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THE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Monthly Report

April 6, 1983

TO: Charity Kadow
Director

FROM:  Micki Henson, Manager
Anchorage Teleconference

RE: March Report

March was another busy month! The majority of our days are spent in a flurry of teleconference activity. A normal day consists of telephones ringing, walk-in customers, non-stop conversations on the LTN, (during the moments actual teleconferences are not taking place) and the postman arriving with a steady stream of correspondence from our regional Legislative Teleconference Centers and numerous others. I know this is a "statewide" mode of operation. During March so many things took place I feel it best to take the highlights and elaborate somewhat.

TELECONFERENCE OFFICE MOVES

During the first week of the month we watched the finishing touches being completed in our new space and managed to relocate ourselves all at once. We are now located on the first floor directly behind the Legislative Information Office. Our new phone number 278-9624 is in operation complete with a recording set for evenings we are not in the office that gives the next day's schedule. We are very pleased with the new location and it is much more accessible to the public. We are still using the second floor conference room for those non-teleconferenced meetings and hope to continue this practice during the interim.

ORIENTATION

On the 7th and 8th Anchorage teleconference hosted a orientation/training session for the Legislative Teleconference Center moderators who were not able to attend in January. Justlie Paneak from Anaktuvuk Pass, Margaret Dayton from Galena, Mary Riley from Kaktovik and Mable Finnimore from Wrangell participated in the two day session. Linda Hoff our Jureau teleconference manager traveled to Anchorage to assist in the training. The session was very productive and well received by all.

TELECONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Anchorage participated in 54 teleconferences with participation at 474. Legislative public hearings totaled 24 for the month. A wide range of subjects were topics. Comments were heard on the Susitna Hydro project, the permanent fund, residency issues, the Iditarod, motor vehicles and liquor laws to name a few.

Thirteen constituent meetings were scheduled for Anchorage. The majority of these teleconferences are held at "off-net" locations in the Anchorage area. During this month the teleconference staff traveled to 9 separate locations. Our "off-net" locations include the Boys Club of Alaska where District 11 constituents meet, Tudor Road Elementary School is the site for District E 8 and 9. District H 14 utilizes both the teleconference office and Chester Valley Elementary School. District G 13 has held their constituent meetings in conjunction with the local community council meetings at Chester Valley Elementary School, Wonder Park Elementary and the Mt. View Community Center. I have attached a questionnaire that was sent to area residents for one of the meetings. District G 12 speaks to their constituents gathered in the teleconference office and the Anchorage Pioneer Home Residents on 11th Avenue, are dialed in to participate. Constituents from District H 15 may participate at the Eagle River Library or the Anchorage office. In addition to our tally of 13 constituent meetings, Representative Szymanski has held 2 constituent meetings using our PCI conference set.

Our room has been used for 2 non-teleconferenced public hearings, the Senate Labor and Commerce committee and the Senate HESS committee. Representative Uehling held an "in town" District meeting.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Representative Furnace sponsored a presentation over the network for a class of 69 eighth graders from Clark Junior High. By using the teleconference drop at the Mt. View Library the students were able to walk from the school to listen and ask questions of Representative Furnace.

The Multihandicapped Special Education class at Central Junior High continues to provide assistance to our office by preparing the weekly teleconference schedule for mailing. We have 6 students who participate in the project as "job training". The schedules are delivered to the students on Tuesday mornings for folding, labeling and stapling. The class instructor Ms. Susan Ryan, would then bring the schedules back to our office on Wednesday for mailing. During the last week the students have been coming down to our office on Wednesday mornings for a few hours to complete the project "on the job". The students accompanied by an instructor leave the school and take a bus to our office, finish the project and return to school. We are happy to have the assistance and pleased that we can provide valuable training for the students. They have our special "thanks".

Kenny Nekeferoff
Jana Maxey
Paul Kimbal

Steven Schoenberg
Terre Malm
Shane Duwell

TELECONFERENCE TOTALS

	#	Participants	Observers	Total
Public Hearings				
Legislative	24	71	124	184
Non-Legislative	2	12	21	33
Work Sessions				
Legislative	5	17	11	28
Non-Legislative	8	35	2	37
Constituent Mtgs.	13	59	45	104
Other *	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>88</u>
TOTAL	54	209	265	474

* Press Conference
Legislative Presentation

QUESTIONNAIRE

By

University Area Community Council

The results of this questionnaire will be tabulated for the upcoming teleconference with our House District 13 and Senate District 6 legislators (Jerry Ward, Terry Martin, Joe Josephson and Vic Fischer).

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 1983

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: College Gate Elementary School

Please complete and return the questionnaire IMMEDIATELY so that we can tabulate the results before the teleconference. Drop in the mail (postage paid) or deliver to the Community Councils Center, 801 W. Fireweed Lane, #103. For more information call B.J. Morton: 333-8915 or Judy Stanek: 333-2998 (evenings).

	YES	NO	No Opinion
1. Do you favor continuation of the direct distribution of the permanent fund dividends?	_____	_____	_____
2. Should the State tax credit (now \$100/person) be continued for political contributions?	_____	_____	_____
3. Should the State fund day care facilities/programs?	_____	_____	_____
4. Do you support the acquisition of additional land within our area for open space/recreational use?	_____	_____	_____
5. Do you support "Forward Funding" (money in the bank) for the State? The State could not spend money which it did not already have. If adopted there would have to be a transition of several years to change from the current system.	_____	_____	_____
6. Do you support zero-based budgeting for the State?	_____	_____	_____
7. Do you support budgeting State capital improvements separately from operating costs?	_____	_____	_____
8. Do you support a requirement that future operating and maintenance costs be estimated for proposed State capital improvement projects?	_____	_____	_____
9. Should the State prepare: A 5 year funding plan for capital improvements? A 20 year plan to prioritize long term projects?	_____	_____	_____
10. Do you support compulsory liability insurance for automobiles?	_____	_____	_____
11. Do you support a standard requirement for being an "Alaskan Resident" for all public programs?	_____	_____	_____

12. Do you support confiscation of automobiles in DWI (drinking while intoxicated) cases after:

	YES	NO	NO Opinion
1st offence?	_____	_____	_____
2nd offence?	_____	_____	_____
Manslaughter Conviction?	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____

13. Do you support legislation (SB 79, Right to Know) which requires that the use & composition of certain hazardous and toxic materials found in the workplace are made known to the workers and communities exposed to them so that appropriate preventative measures can be taken?

14. Do you support State subsidies for public radio and TV?

15. Should the State provide financing to broadcast the Legislative session?

16. Is the death penalty needed as a deterrent to violent crime?

17. Should "prison industries" be encouraged?

18. Do you support mandatory automobile inspections for safety?

19. Do you support mandatory automobile inspections for emissions?

20. Should public hearings be required prior to passage of legislative bills?

21. Do you support development of alternative energy resources?

22. What are your priorities regarding the State's development of energy resources? Rate the following with no. 1 being the top priority.

- _____ Oil _____ Susitna Hydro Project _____ Small Hydro Projects
- _____ Natural Gas _____ Coal _____ Hydrogen _____ Nuclear _____ Solar
- _____ Wind _____ Other _____

23. What are your priorities in terms of State funding for the following using no. 1 as your top priority:

- _____ Constructing Capital improvements _____ Developing Energy Resources
- _____ Developing Human Resources _____ Other _____

24. What (if any) legislative reform is needed in the student loan program?

- _____ Raise the current interest rate (Now 5%)
- _____ Reduce the loan amount to \$ _____
- _____ Eliminate the forgiveness clause
- _____ Use high test scores to determine eligibility
- _____ Other _____

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Introduced: 2/11/83
Referred: State Affairs and
Finance

Funding Information
General Fund \$157,368
Other Funds -0-
\$157,368

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY HERRMANN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 193

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Legis-
7 lative Affairs Agency to establish and operate tele-
8 conference sites; and providing for an effective
9 date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. The sum of ^{159,087}\$157,368 is appropriated from the general fund
12 to the Legislative Affairs Agency to establish and operate teleconference
13 sites at Naknek, ^{Wadsworth}Lliamna, ^{Lockhart}New Stuyahok, and Togiak.

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* Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of the appropriation
15 made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1984.

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* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.

Time enough

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. _____ House Bill No. 193

Title An act making special appropriation to Legislative Affairs Agency to establish
Requested XXX and operate Teleconference sites Date March 17, 1983

Requested by Representative Mitch Abood - State Affairs

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Legislative Affairs Agency

Program Category Affected Public Services Division

BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Teleconference Sites

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		39,260				
200 TRAVEL		14,220				
300 CONTRACTUAL		6,048				
400 COMMODITIES		2,400				
500 EQUIPMENT		27,840				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		9,600				
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		-0-				
		-0-				
TOTAL		157,368				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		157,368				
FEDERAL FUNDS		-0-				
OTHER (Specify Source)		-0-				

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section 111)

ONE-TIME COSTS

- 200-Admin. travel to site for interview, arrange., staff travel to major center for training.
- 300-Telephone install., freight for initial supplies, signs, rubber stamps, etc.
- 400-Initial stock of office supplies
- 500-Teleconf. equip., file cabinet & equip. stand, typewriter, telecopier, answering machine, associated freight.

RECURRING COSTS

- 100-On-call moderator, inc. cost of living differential.
- 200-Staff travel to major center for orient. & train., admin. travel to site for supp. train.
- 300-Telephone service, postage & mailing, off-net tolls & bridge svcs., required printed mat., funds for local advertising & newspaper sub, equip. repair & maint., freight.
- 400-Stationery and supplies
- 500-Routine recurring requirements for teleconf. equip., office furniture & equip.
- 600-Funds to reimb. donor of space for janitorial and/or utilities costs if required.

IV. DATE March 17, 1983

PREPARED BY Wally Harrison, Director, Admin. Svcs.

AGENCY Legislative Affairs Agency

Original: Legislative Finance

PHONE 465-3850

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

33-001 (Rev. 12/82)

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS
LETTER OF INTENT
FOR
CSHB 193 (STATE AFFAIRS)

Mr. Speaker:

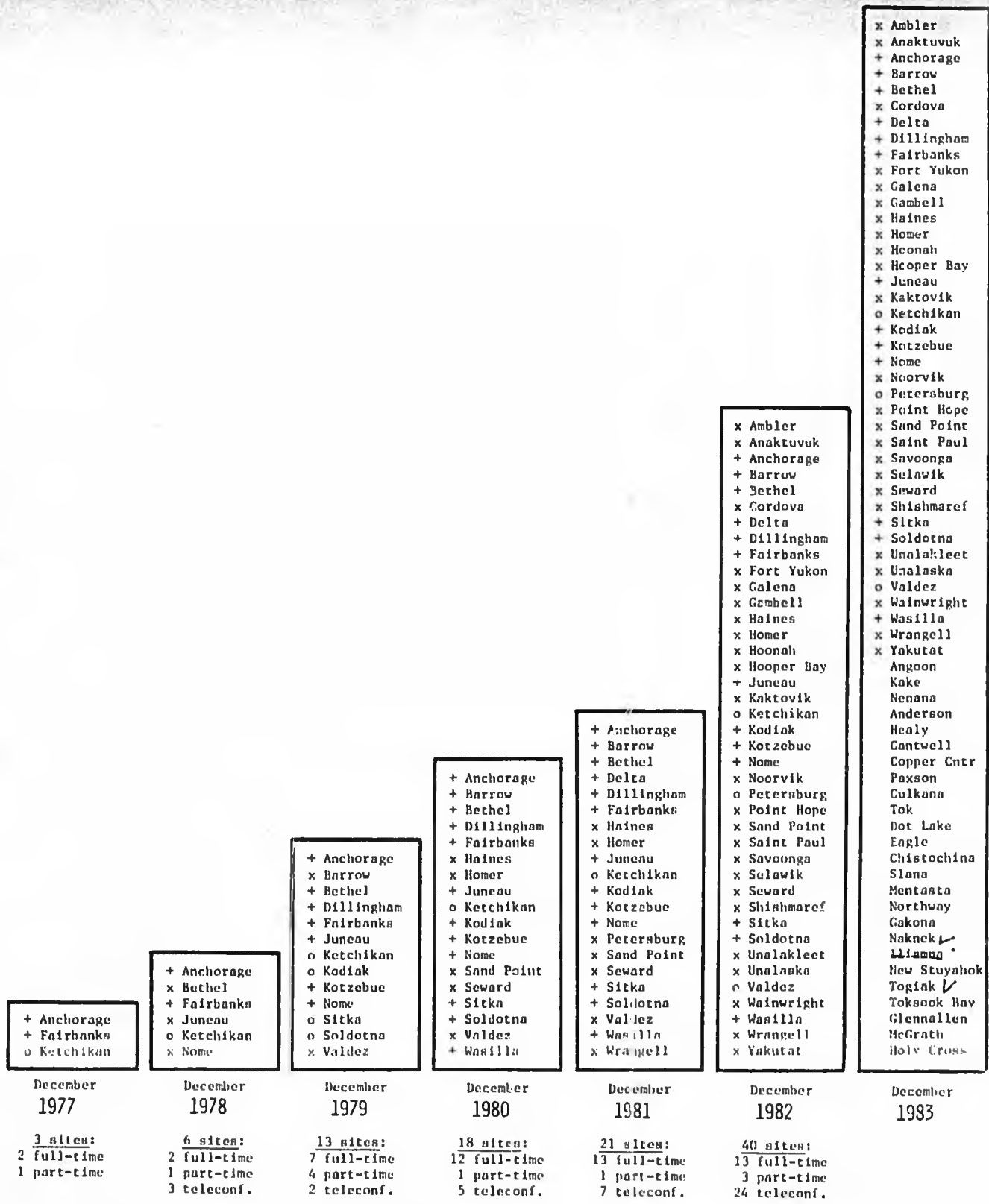
The Committee on State Affairs has had House Bill 193 under consideration, and the Committee recommends that the bill be replaced by Committee Substitute for House Bill 193, and that the Committee Substitute (CSHB 193) do pass.

The State Affairs Committee intends to reflect, through CSHB 193, a commitment to the Legislative Information & Teleconference Network and recognizes the importance of linking the government of Alaska to her people.

Testimony before the committee has clearly established that Alaska's legislative telecommunications system is unique in providing for the vital interchange of thoughts and opinions throughout our vast and diverse land.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Mitch Abood
Chairman



Legislative Affairs Agency
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK activated February 1978
 DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES established May 1979

+ Full-time Legislative Information Office
 o Part-time or session-only Legislative Information Office
 x Teleconference Center

Unfunded sites requested for teleconferences in a recent four-week period: Pelican (2); Tenakee (2); Boys' Club, Anchorage; Whittier (2); North Pole (7); Adak (2); Seldovia (4); Palmer; Talkeetna (2); Craig; Pioneers' Home, Anchorage; Susitna Valley High School; Brevig Mission; Teller; Wales; Girdwood; Metlakatla; Port Alexander; Chester Valley. Nine simultaneous teleconferences held during February 1983.

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

POUCH C
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: (907) 465-2041

DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

March 14, 1983

Honorable Adelheid Herrmann
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Room 212, Behrends Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Herrmann:

Re: HB193

It has come to my attention that New Stuyahok, one of the four proposed Legislative Teleconference Network sites in HB193, does not presently have the technical capability to adequately accommodate that service.

The Division of Telecommunications Services has recently sent inquiries to all Alaskan telephone companies requesting information regarding existing or planned exchange service in Alaska's communities. Response from Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative indicates that the certification process to extend exchange service to eight Bristol Bay area communities has begun. If certified, Bristol Bay intends to provide exchange service to New Stuyahok, but not until the last quarter of 1984. The other three communities in HB193 presently have exchange service.

I hope this information is useful. Please contact me if the Division staff or I can provide further help.

Sincerely,


Sioux Plummer, Director

Thru: 
Lisa Rudd, Commissioner

SP/bb



Bristol Bay Borough

Box 189 • NAKNEK, ALASKA 99633

J. W. D. CLARK
MAYOR

TELEPHONE
(907) 246-4224

January 14, 1983

Rep. Adelheid Herrmann
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Adelheid:

Enclosed is a Resolution from the Borough Assembly requesting a legislative office with teleconference capabilities within the Borough.

We believe this office will better link us to the State Capital and keep us better informed about issues and items that affect us. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

Please call me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Francis W. Mandeville
Borough Manager

FWM:bjt

Enclosure:



Bristol Bay Borough

Box 189 • NAKNEK, ALASKA 99633

RESOLUTION NO. 82-21

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A LEGISLATIVE OFFICE WITH A TELECONFERENCE CAPABILITY IN THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, important items which affect the lives of citizens in Bristol Bay Borough are introduced and debated each year in the legislature, and

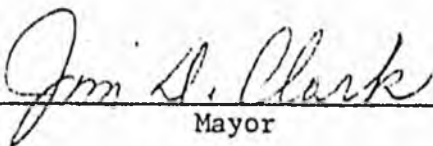
WHEREAS, public input is difficult to provide due to the long distance from the Borough and the State Capital, and

WHEREAS, information about legislative affairs often arrives after the decision has been made, and

WHEREAS, a Legislative Office with a teleconference line would greatly improve the information flow between the Borough and State capital and the legislators and their constituents.

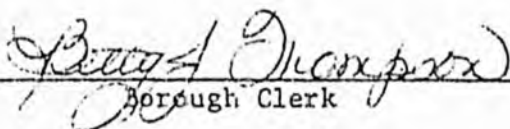
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Bristol Bay Borough request the legislature to establish an office with teleconference capability in the Borough.

Passed this 20th day of December, 1982.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Borough Clerk

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES
1024 WEST SIXTH AVENUE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501
(907) 274-8518

January 5, 1983

Senator Bob Mulcahy
Box 246
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Dear Senator Mulcahy:

As you requested, we have developed cost figures for session-only Legislative Information Offices and for Legislative Teleconference Centers in Iliamna and Naknek.

The attached worksheets show both one-time and recurring costs for each type of facility. We have based FY 83 recurring costs on a March 1, 1983 startup date. If it is your intent to seek funding to establish the facilities in FY 84, rather than for the balance of FY 83, the funding request should include both both the one-time costs and the coming year recurring costs.

The funding requirements would be as follows:

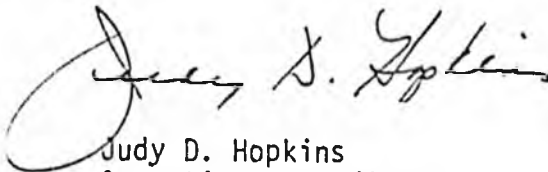
Iliamna - information office, 3-1-83 startup	27,605 one-time
	<u>46,894</u> recurring
	74,499
7-1-83 startup	27,605 one-time
	<u>115,873</u> recurring
	143,478
Iliamna - teleconference center, 3-1-83 startup	8,315 one-time
	<u>11,249</u> recurring
	19,564
7-1-83 startup	8,315 one-time
	<u>31,027</u> recurring
	39,342
Naknek - information office, 3-1-83 startup	27,585 one-time
	<u>45,434</u> recurring
	73,019
7-1-83 startup	27,585 one-time
	<u>111,493</u> recurring
	139,078

Senator Bob Mulcahy
January 5, 1983
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Naknek - teleconference center, 3-1-83 startup	8,315 one-time
	<u>11,249</u> recurring
	19,564
7-1-83 startup	8,315 one-time
	<u>31,027</u> recurring
	39,342

If we can provide further information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,



Judy D. Hopkins
Operations Coordinator

c: ✓ Representative-elect Adelheid Herrmann
M. R. Charney
Wally Harrison
Charity Kadow
Carol Dickason
Kathi Baltes

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTE

NAKNEK

Establish and operate a Legislative Teleconference Center
 March 1 through June 30, 1983

Requestor: Mulcahy/Herrmann
 Prepared: 1/5/83

	ONE-TIME COSTS	RECURRING COSTS for period 3/1 thru 6/30/83	TOTAL	AMOUNT AVAILABLE FROM CURRENT YEAR FUNDS	CURRENT YEAR FUNDING REQUIREMENT	RECURRING COSTS, COMING YEAR
100 Personal Services	-0-	3272	3272	-0-	3272	9815
200 Transportation, Per Diem	1655	1900	3555	-0-	3555	1900
300 Contractual Services	480	5177	5657	-0-	5657	15532
400 Commodities	300	100	400	-0-	400	300
500 Equipment	5880	-0-	5880	-0-	5880	1080
Space	-0-	800	800	-0-	800	2400
Data Communications	-0-	-0-	0	-0-	0	-0-
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Totals	8315	11249	19564	0	19564	31027

See category breakdowns, attached

If funding is sought to establish and operate facility during the current fiscal year, use Current Year Funding Requirement figure. The Division of Public Services will request funds required for continuation in the coming fiscal year if current-year funding is approved.

If funding is sought to establish facility in the coming fiscal year, rather than for the balance of the current fiscal year, funding request should include One-Time Costs and Recurring Costs, Coming Year.

Category Breakdowns
LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE CENTER

ONE TIME COSTS

Transportation and Per diem - Administrative travel to site for interview, arrangements; staff travel to major center for training.

Contractual Services - Telephone installation; freight for initial supplies; signs, rubber stamps, notary seals.

Commodities - Initial, "staple" office supplies; maps, flags.

Equipment - Teleconference equipment, file cabinet and equipment stand, typewriter, telecopier, answering machine, tape recorder, and associated freight.

RECURRING COSTS

Personal Services - On-call moderator; includes cost of living differential where applicable and percentage for employer costs/benefits.

Transportation and Per Diem - Staff travel to major center for orientation and training, administrative travel to site for supplemental training.

Contractual Services - Telephone service, postage and mailing, pouch service, off-net tolls and bridge services, required printed materials, funds for local advertising and newspaper subscriptions; equipment repair and maintenance, freight.

Commodities - Stationery and supplies, duplicating supplies, computer commodities, library supplies.

Equipment - Routine recurring requirements for office furniture and equipment and for teleconference equipment.

Space - Funds to reimburse donor of space for janitorial and/or utilities costs if required.

H I S T O R Y

ESTABLISHMENT OF ALASKA'S
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION FACILITIES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES May 15, 1979

Establishment of the Division of Public Services was approved by Legislative Council May 15, 1979.

Funds for operation of the Division were transferred from the Division of Administrative Services and session funds.

Appointment of Director approved May 15, 1979.

JUNEAU INFORMATION CENTER/LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION NETWORK May, 1979

Juneau Information Center/Legislative Information Network were established with the transfer of services to the Division of Public Services.

Legislative Information Network (LIN) staffperson hired May 18, 1979.

Prior to transfer of the Juneau information facility, information support services were provided to regional facilities under the auspices of the Division of Administrative Services, Legislative Affairs Agency.

LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK February 2, 1978

LR 93, 1977, directed establishment of a Legislative Teleconference Network (LTN) to be operational in January, 1978, and to include Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Ketchikan, Juneau, and Nome. The LTN was operational February 2, 1978.

CH 161, SLA 78, Sec. 7 funded expansion and maintenance of the LTN. Expansion included addition of teleconference centers in Barrow, Kotzebue, Kodiak, Soldotna and Sitka in 1979.

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REGIONAL FACILITIES

ANCHORAGE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE 1972

Established by the Seventh State Legislature in 1972.
Included as initial teleconference center under LR 93, 1978.

FAIRBANKS LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE 1975

Established by the Ninth State Legislature in 1975.

Included as initial teleconference site under LR 93, 1978.

KETCHIKAN LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE (SESSION-ONLY) January, 1978

Legislative Council minutes, 6-17-77: "Mr. Charney noted there was evidence that the House Finance Committee had approved an in-session information office for Ketchikan and approved \$8,000 for that purpose. The FCC kept the intent, but failed to provide the funds. Motion by Ray that project be carried forward within the limitations of the session funds." FY 79

Explanation of LAA/budget during 1-7-78 Council meeting notes inclusion of funds for Ketchikan office that it was "authorized for 1978 but not funded."

Included as initial teleconference site under LR 93, 1978. Information Officer hired 12-4-77.

NOME LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE July 1, 1979

Teleconference center established under LR 93, 1978.
Legislative Council approved \$22,500 from Council contingency funds to establish session-only office, at request of Sen. Ferguson, 12-6-78.

LAA's FY 80 budget included funds for a year-round office (per 5-15-79 review of Agency's budget before Legislative Council).

On-call moderator hired 1-15-79; status changed to full-time Information Officer when full-time Nome LIO opened 7-1-79.

BETHEL LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE July 6, 1979

Teleconference Center established in 1978 under LR 93.
Information Officer hired 7-6-79; Bethel LIO opened for business 7-6-79.

DILLINGHAM LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE August 6, 1979

Information Officer hired 7-25-79; Dillingham LIO opened 8-6-79.

LAA's FY 80 budget included funds for year-round office.

KENAI PENINSULA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE September 7, 1979

Teleconference center established by CH 161 SLA 78.
LAA's FY 80 budget included funds for session-only office.
Opened as session-only 9-7-79. On-call moderator hired 1-15-79; became Information Office 9-7-79.

Division's FY 81 base budget request increased by \$25,000 full-time Soldotna office by action of Legislative Council 6-2-80.

KOTZEBUE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE September 24, 1979

Teleconference Center established in 1979 by CH 161 SLA 78.
Information Officer hired when full-time LIO opened 9-24-79.
LAA's FY 80 budget included funds for full-time office.

VALDEZ TELECONFERENCE CENTER October 10, 1979

Cost figures for various configuration prepared at request of Representative Branson 7-12-79.
Legislative Council approved \$6,172 for establishment of teleconference center 10-10-79, from balance of uncommitted funds previously appropriated for the Agency's Research Services Division.
Cost figures for upgrade provided to Representative Cato 2-81.
\$85,300 authorized by Sec. 80, CH 101 SLA 1982 to operate Valdez as part-time LIO during FY 83.

KODIAK LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE December 15, 1979

Teleconference Center established by CH 161 SLA 78.
Opened as session only 12-15-79.
Cost figures to upgrade to full-time provided at request of Representative Zharoff 1-25-79.
\$25,000 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to upgrade Kodiak from session-only to full-time.
LAA's FY 80 budget included funds for session-only office.

SITKA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE December 17, 1979

Teleconference Center established by CH 161 SLA 1979.
Session-only office opened 12-17-79; information officer Charles Bickenheuser originally hired as on-call moderator 2-26-79.
Cost figures to upgrade to full-time prepared at request of Representative Eliason 4-15-80. Rep. Eliason requested at 4-18-80 meeting of the Council that upgrade funds be included as an addendum to the Division's FY 81 budget.
LAA's FY 80 budget included funds for session-only office.
Division's FY 81 base budget request increased by \$25,000 for full-time Sitka office by action of Legislative Council 6-2-80.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE January 28, 1980

Cost figures for teleconference center prepared at request of Senator Kerttula 11-5-79.
Cost figures for various configurations prepared at request of Representative Meekins 1-3-80.
Cost figures of "modified" information office (no data equipment) prepared at request of Representative Meekins' staff 1-20-80.
News clip dated 1-29-80: "...Carney has obtained a commitment from the Legislature to establish an information office in Wasilla."
\$34,000 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to cover establishment of Mat-Su facility and operation through FY 80.
Cost figures of upgrading to full-time prepared at the request of Representative Carney and provided to Representative Carney and Senator Kerttula 4-3-80.

Division's FY 81 base budget request increased by \$80,000 for full-time Mat-Su office by action of Legislative Council 6-2-80.

CRT equipment installed late June 1980; BASIS October 1980. Information Officer hired 1-28-80; office opened 1-28-80.

BARROW LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE May 1, 1980

Teleconference center established by CH 161 SLA 78, Sec. 7. Information Officer hired 4-7-80. Barrow LIO opened 5-1-80.

HAINES TELECONFERENCE CENTER June 19, 1980

Cost figures prepared at request of Senator Ray 4-8-80. \$21,100 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to cover establishment and operation through FY 80. Teleconference drop active 6-19-80. Moderator hired 10-15-80.

HOMER TELECONFERENCE CENTER July 21, 1980

Cost figures prepared at request of Representative Malone 2-8-80. \$14,000 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to cover establishment of Homer and Seward teleconference centers and operation through FY 80. Teleconference drop active 7-21-80. Moderator hired, 4-29-80. At request of Rep. Malone, \$3,500 authorized by Legislative Council 3-16-81, to rent and furnish space.

SEWARD TELECONFERENCE CENTER September 8, 1980

Cost figures prepared at request of Representative Malone 2-8-80. \$14,000 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to cover establishment of Homer and Seward facilities and operation through FY 80. Moderator hired 8-27-80; news release on facility opening dated 9-8-80. \$13,510 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to cover establishment and operation through FY 80.

SAND POINT TELECONFERENCE CENTER Spring, 1981

Cost figures prepared at request of Representative Osterback 2-7-80. \$13,510 included in CH 50 SLA 80 to cover establishment and operation through FY 80.

DELTA JUNCTION LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE January 26, 1981

Cost figures prepared at request of Representative Pappy Moss 10-9-80. Legislative Council approved \$20,000 "for establishment of a teleconference/information office" 1-10-81. Moderator hired 1-14-81; office opened 1-26-81.

PETERSBURG TELECONFERENCE CENTER March, 1981

At request of Representative Haugen, \$3,000 authorized by Legislative Council 3-16-81 for operation as off-net teleconference site for balance of FY 81. Moderator hired 3-19-81. First usage - constituent meeting 3-23-81.

Cost figures for upgrade to session-only LIO prepared at the request of Senators Ziegler and Eliason 12-2-82. \$30,000 from session funds authorized by Council 12-8-82 for operation as session-only LIO for the balance of FY 83. Dial-up data pilot.

WRANGELL TELECONFERENCE CENTER

March, 1981

At request of Representative Haugen, \$3,100 authorized by Legislative Council 3-16-81 for operation as off-net teleconference site for balance of FY 81. Moderator hired 3-19-81. First usage - constituent meeting 3-23-81.

CORDOVA TELECONFERENCE CENTER

July, 1982

\$22,500 authorized by Sec. 80 CH 101 SLA 1982 to establish and operate Teleconference Center during FY 83.

AMBLER, ANAKTUVUK PASS, FORT YUKON, GALENA, GAMBELL, HOONAH, HOOPER BAY, KAKTOVIK, NOORVIK, PT. HOPE, ST. PAUL, SAVOONGA, SELAWIK, SHISHMAREF, UNALASKA, UNALAKLEET, WAINWRIGHT AND YAKUTAT TELECONFERENCE CENTERS

July, 1982

\$741,300 authorized by Sec. 173 CH 141 SLA 1982 to establish, operate and provide administrative support for teleconference centers during FY 83. At request of Senator Eliason, Legislative Council approved substitution of Hoonah for Kake 10-1-82. At request of Senator Ferguson, Legislative Council approved deletion of ANS/Anchorage and addition of Ambler and Selawik 12-8-82. Original funding had been adequate to provide for dial-up data on a pilot reduced to three - Fort Yukon, Unalakleet, Unalaska. Overall funding adequate for centers to maintain minimal regular "office hours" for provision of limited information services.

Notes: Information prior to the establishment of the Division of Public Services (5-15-79) is not maintained in the Division files. The FY 80 budget for public information services was prepared and presented by the Division of Administrative Services. The first budget written under the Division of Public Services was the FY 81 budget.

At the end of 1979, the Division was operating 13 sites Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai Peninsula, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome, Sitka and Valdez.

Five sites were added in 1980 - Haines, Homer, Mat-Su, Sand Point and Seward. Three sites were added in 1981 - Delta Junction, Petersburg and Wrangell. Nineteen sites were added in 1982 - Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Cordova, Fort Yukon, Galena, Gambell, Hoonah, Hooper Bay, Kaktovik, Noorvik, Point Hope, St. Paul, Savoonga, Selawik, Shishmaref, Unalaska, Unalakleet, Wainwright and Yakutat.