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In general, legislative research is accomplished primarily through five organizational approaches:

1. Central Non-Partisan Research Agencies

Central agencies are usually organized and overseen by a joint house-senate legislative council or some other bipartisan governing council. The director of a central research agency is selected either by the legislative council (or other governing council) if the agency is an independent agency, or by the director of the larger central agency into which the research agency is integrated.

The responsibilities of central research agencies vary greatly. In the smaller, independent research agencies, services may be limited to performing research for standing committees, and to some extent, individual legislators. On the other hand, some central research agencies handle bill drafting, fiscal analysis, data processing and committee staffing in addition to providing research services to individual legislators.

examples: Colorado, Maine, North Carolina,

2. Separate Non-Partisan House and Senate Research Agencies

Separate non-partisan research agencies are overseen by a governing council made up of the majority and minority leadership of the legislative chamber it serves. Separate non-partisan agencies may also operate under the purview of a select or standing committee. Directors are chosen by the oversight body.

The scope of the responsibilities of separate research agencies does not include the services which are offered by some central agencies. Services tend to be more focused on individual research requests and long term policy studies. Separate research agencies staff committees in some states. Bill drafting, fiscal analysis and legal counsel are usually retained by an agency whose services are shared by both legislative chambers.

examples: California, Washington, Missouri

3. Separate Partisan Research Agencies

The feature which distinguishes separate partisan research agencies from separate non-partisan research agencies is the design of the oversight body. Separate

partisan agencies are directed by the majority party of the legislative chamber it serves. Research directors are selected by the majority party leadership. While the policy of most separate partisan research agencies is to provide objective research to both minority and majority legislative members, the direction of the agency rests ultimately with party leadership. Research responsibilities for separate partisan agencies are comparable to those of non-partisan agencies. However, because of majority leadership direction, organizational stability and program priorities may vary.

examples: Arizona, Hawaii, Louisiana

4. Caucus or Majority/Minority Research Offices

Caucus and majority or minority research offices serve their respective members. The direction and policies of these agencies are determined by the party or caucus leadership.

Research responsibilities are similar to other non-central agencies. However, research efforts and resources are dedicated toward the projects and programs of the party or caucus. Some committee staffing is provided in some states where the caucus or majority research offices perform most of the legislative research services.

examples: New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan

5. Committees and Member Staff

Research services are also accomplished by committee staff and individual member staff in many states. In some states where staff services are extremely fractionalized, law-makers depend heavily on committee and individual member staff. The dependence on committee and individual staff reduces the role of centralized or separate house-senate research agencies.

examples: Illinois, Texas

Trends in Legislative Staffing

In a study performed by NCSL in 1979, several conclusions were drawn regarding trends in the organizational structure and staffing patterns of state legislatures. The most important of these conclusions which relate directly to the manner in which legislative research responsibilities are performed are as follows:

1. Legislative staffing patterns have become fragmented and decentralized in terms of their management structure and user/clientele.
2. Staff services have become more specialized both by function and more recently by subject matter.
3. The number of institutional staff - those who serve the legislature as a whole - is rapidly being outstripped by the number of personal staff. Individual staff relationships are being emphasized.

(NCSL 1979)

This perspective seems to be reinforced by observations of the Council of State Governments in a more recent narrative from The Book of the States.

"Since 1970, legislative councils have been gradually disbanded in favor of more decentralized and specialized staff arrangements, most recently in Louisiana and Oklahoma. Until the 1960s legislative staff tended to be centralized in agencies which worked for the entire legislature. More recently patterns show increasing decentralization and specialization, with the growth of staff who respond to individual legislators, or one house or committee of the legislature, rather than the institution as a whole. California, Florida, Pennsylvania and New York provide examples."

(Proud 1984)

#### Research Agencies

Oklahoma and Louisiana disbanded the legislative council and central research office in favor of separate house and senate offices in 1980 and 1981 respectively.

According to George Moser of the Oklahoma House Research, Legal and Fiscal Division, the break up of the legislative council was due to poor management of the central service agency and the perception by legislators that one house received preferential treatment. Questions regarding the confidentiality of information and competition between the house and senate were also involved.

In Louisiana, the break-up of the legislative council has been attributed mostly to a difference in perspective in the house and senate on how research services should be organized. The house wanted to reorganize the central research agency on a subject-matter basis and to reduce its independence. The senate did not agree. It also appears that prior to the break-up, the legislative council experienced a tumultuous period in which a compromise leadership could not be attained.

With the exception of Illinois, which recently consolidated its highly decentralized staffing arrangement (formerly over 100 independent, single-subject commissions), there is little evidence of any movement toward centralization. No legislature has disbanded separate house and senate research agencies in favor of a central research agency.

While the trend toward the fragmentation of legislative services is evident, most states retain some kind of central agency which performs research services to one degree or another. At least forty-two states use a central agency for research services. However, research services are not limited to central agencies. Indeed, some states report that the amount of research service provided by the central agency is small compared to that which is performed by the staff of individual legislators.

In many state legislatures where a central agency provides research services, separate research agencies and majority research offices also exist. For example, the New York State legislature has several joint house-senate agencies which provide research services for both legislative chambers (Temporary Study Commission, Legislative Commission on Expenditure Review, Legislative Bill Drafting Commission), and several offices in each legislative chamber (Office of the Counsel to the Speaker, Office of the Counsel to the Senate Majority, Senate Research Service).

### Survey

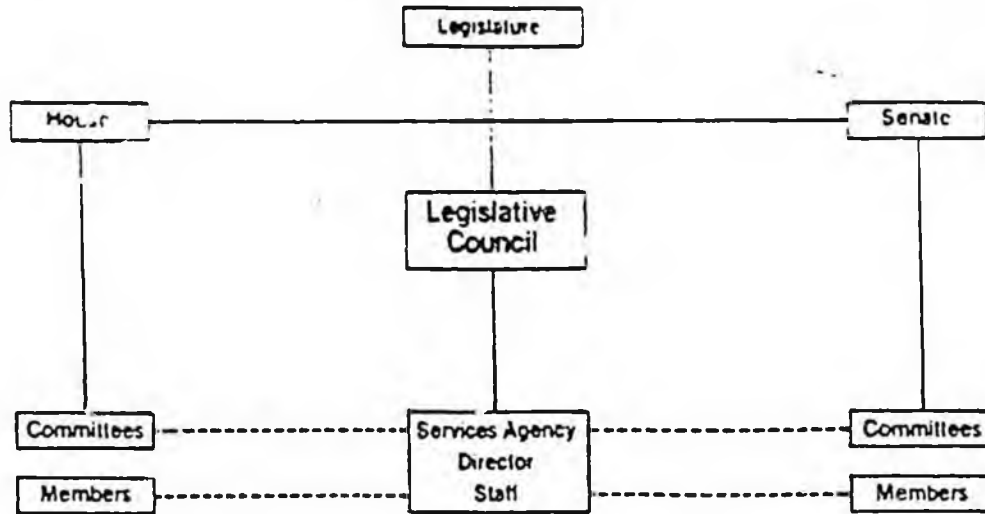
In order to better assess any potential trends in the way research responsibilities are handled in other states, the S.A.C. staff surveyed the research agencies of several states. A questionnaire was mailed to twenty states (a copy of this survey is attached). We were particularly interested in noting trends in those legislatures which have a central research agency and additional separate research agencies or majority/minority research staffs. It was felt that by examining the responsibilities of the research offices and by noting any evolution in staff size, we might be able to draw conclusions regarding the distribution of research services and any shifts in research staffing patterns.

To date, slightly less than half of the survey questionnaires have been completed and returned. About three quarters of the states which were surveyed have responded. A more detailed analysis of the survey results may be possible at a later date. However, in the interest of providing a timely response, a few conclusions may be drawn at this time. Preliminary results from the survey seem to affirm the perspectives from NCSL and the Council of State Legislatures. However, the fractionalization of research services, per se, has not continued in the last few years at the rate experienced in the 1970s. With the exception of Oklahoma and Louisiana in 1980 and 1981, most of the dramatic structural and organizational changes occurred in the 1970s. Nevertheless, it is apparent that in some of the states which have retained central research agencies, the growth in partisan or

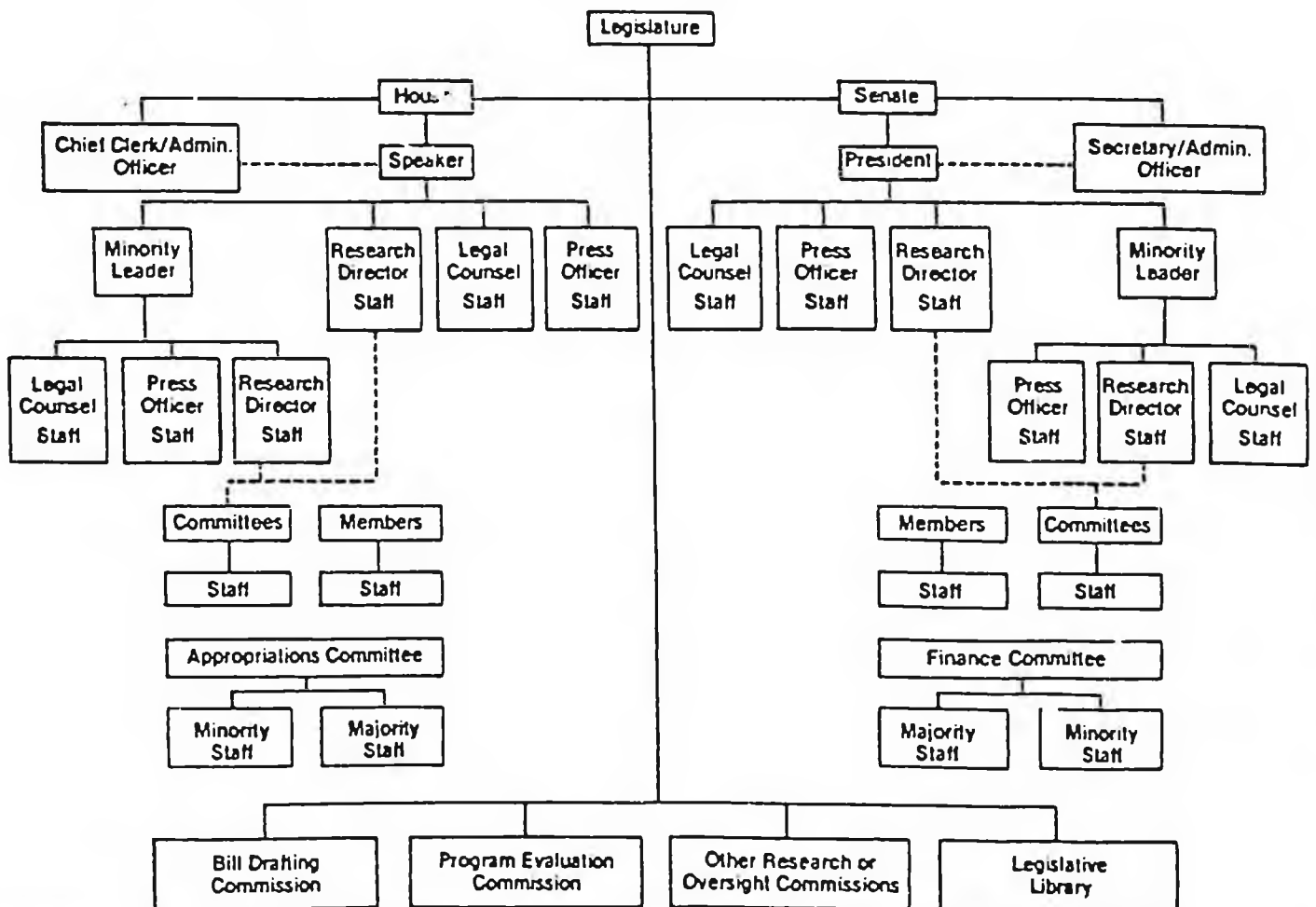
caucus research staff has outstripped the growth in central agency staff. This may indicate some degree of preference for services which are more closely associated with the particular legislative body or caucus.

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attachments:

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



## PARTISAN LEADERSHIP



TYPES OF RESEARCH AGENCIES EMPLOYED BY STATE LEGISLATURES

<u>STATE</u>	<u>central</u>	<u>separate</u>	<u>majority</u>	<u>minority</u>	<u>caucus</u>
Alabama	X				
Alaska		X			
Arizona		X			
Arkansas	X				
California		X			
Colorado	X				X
Connecticut	X		X		X
Delaware	X				
Florida					X
Georgia	X	X			
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	
Idaho	X				
Illinois	X		X	X	X
Indiana	X		X	X	
Iowa	X		X	X	
Kansas	X				
Kentucky	X				
Louisiana		X			
Maine	X				
Maryland	X				X
Massachusetts	X	X			
Michigan	X		X	X	
Minnesota		X	X	X	
Mississippi	X				
Missouri	X	X			
Montana	X				
Nebraska*	X				
Nevada	X				
New Hampshire	X	X			
New Jersey	X		X	X	
New Mexico	X				
New York	X	X	X	X	
North Carolina	X				
North Dakota	X				
Ohio	X		X	X	
Oklahoma		X			
Oregon	X		X	X	
Pennsylvania	X		X	X	X
Rhode Island	X				
South Carolina	X	X			
South Dakota	X				
Tennessee	X				
Texas	X				
Utah	X				
Vermont	X				
Virginia	X				
Washington		X	X	X	
West Virginia	X				
Wisconsin	X		X		
Wyoming	X				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

from NCSL (1979) with amendments.

\* unicameral legislature

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTION

STATES WITH A CENTRAL RESEARCH AGENCY	42
STATES WITH RESEARCH BODY OTHER THAN CENTRAL AGENCY	26
STATES WITH SEPARATE HOUSE OR SENATE RESEARCH BODY	15
STATES WITH MAJORITY RESEARCH STAFF	15
STATES WITH MINORITY RESEARCH STAFF	12
STATES WITH CAUCUS STAFF	6

from NCSL (1979) with amendments

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SB 43

CSSB 43 JUD

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DIVISION WITHIN THE  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PRIME SPONSOR: RODEY

CO-SPONSORS: STURGULEWSKI, FISCHER, V, KELLY, FAIKS, JOSEPHSON, KERTTULA

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SB 44

RCS CSSB 44 JUD

AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT;  
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PRIME SPONSOR: HALFORD

CO-SPONSORS: FAIKS, STURGULEWSKI, KERTTULA

CURRENT STATUS: CHAPTER 95 SLA 85

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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

### MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Jim Zawacki

From: Richard Rainery *RR*  
Senior Analyst  
Rural Research Agency

Date: February 10, 1987

Subject: Rural Research Agency - History, Function, Staff  
and Budget.

Herewith is the information you have requested concerning the Rural Research Agency and its operational history and mission, as well as an outline of its present staffing composition and budget detail. I have purposely made this memorandum brief, so if there is any additional information that you require, please contact me.

#### I. Agency History

The Rural Research Agency (RRA) has its origins in the demise of the Rural Development Council (RDC). The RDC was founded in 1980 by the Legislature, with the support of the Hammond Administration. The RDC had a threefold mission: 1) to coordinate the activities of State agencies involved in rural social and economic development programs and projects; 2) to identify and promote the development agenda of rural residents; and 3) to pursue research and analysis on a broad range of subjects related to the first two tasks.

When the Sheffield administration took office, it quietly and unilaterally closed down the RDC in early 1983, primarily by failing to fill vacancies in the chairman and executive director slots. The Legislature felt that the RDC had performed a valuable function, particularly in producing unique and worthwhile analyses of significant issues, and sought to preserve some of its capabilities. During the 1983 session, the Rural Research Agency was created to perpetuate the research and analysis functions of the RDC. The agency was removed from the executive branch (Department of Community and Regional Affairs) to the Legislative branch. For the past four years, the RRA has performed duties as described in the next section.

## II. Agency Functions

The RRA is a permanent, nonpartisan office of research professionals, with extensive experience in subjects of concern to rural Alaska. Its function is to provide confidential and objective research and analytical support to the Senate (the office has done projects originating in the House) with emphasis on subjects of pressing interest to rural Alaskans. In practice, however, many of the subjects we have been assigned to study have transcended regional interests (Permanent Fund operations, telecommunications, State revenue policy and public school finance, to cite some relevant full length research). As it happens, the agency has customarily devoted most of its staff time to interim projects of some length and detailed scope, but it also regularly undertakes short term session-related issues analyses. Final reports and memorandums are generally released to the public, at the discretion of the requestor.

## III. Agency Staff

Since its inception, the Rural Research Agency has had a staff of three research professionals, a senior analyst and two legislative analysts. Staff are selected first as a result of their strengths in basic research skills and familiarity with Alaskan issues and government processes, and second on the basis of their specialties in various rural issues. No administrative staff has ever been employed by the RRA; all staff resources have been and are devoted to the primary tasks of research and analysis. The staff is presently composed of the following individuals:

Richard Rainery, Senior Analyst - RDC, 1981 to 1983 and RRA, 1983 to present.

Sheila Helgath, Legislative Analyst - RRA, 1985 to present.

Sarah Bibb, Legislative Analyst - RRA, 1985 to present.

All employees are presently permanent, fulltime employees, housed administratively in the Legislative Affairs Agency.

## IV. Agency Budget

The agency's FY 1987 budget is presently an allocation under the appropriation for the Legislative Council. The FY 1987 budget amount is \$177,300, which consists of two components, approximately \$9,100 of unexpended RRA funds carried over from FY 1986 and \$168,200 of FY 1987 funding. The components of that budget (in thousands of dollars) are displayed below. Additional detail on specific categories of the budget is available if you so desire.

1. Personal Services:	
Legislative Analyst III, range 21B; Leg. Analyst II, range 19A; Leg. Analyst I, range 16A. Salaries and benefits	\$156.7
2. Contractual Services	
Telephone, subscriptions, services, etc.	13.0
3. Travel	3.0
4. Supplies	2.0
5. Equipment	2.6
 TOTAL	 \$177.3

The agency's budget request for FY 1988 is \$159,600. That request was made in November 1986 on the presumption that a 10% cut in employee compensation would be in place for FY 88. and on cuts in the travel and equipment categories. If those personal services reductions are not made, budget need would be \$168,700, which require reductions in all other categories.

As I am sure you appreciate, we at the Rural Research Agency are keenly interested in HB 99. Any information that you or your staff could provide us with concerning details of the intent of the bill, proposed mechanics of a merger, and personnel and fiscal impacts would be appreciated. I would be happy to discuss the matter with you at your convenience.

From: Pam Stoops  
LAA

LEGISLATURE ACTUALS FY 76 - FY 86

	FY 76 ACTUALS	FY 77 ACTUALS	FY 78 ACTUALS	FY 79 ACTUALS	FY 80 ACTUALS	FY 81 ACTUALS	FY 82 ACTUALS	FY 83 ACTUALS	FY 84 ACTUALS	FY 85 ACTUALS	FY 86 ACTUALS
<b>BUDGET &amp; AUDIT COMMITTEE BRU</b>											
Legislative Audit	871.2	1104.9	1419.8	1578.2	1937.0	2216.3	2365.7	2435.6	2403.1	2448.7	2387.1
Legislative Finance	646.3	679.7	800.9	1133.5	1896.6	1823.1	2689.5	2190.6	2886.3	2866.5	3030.1
Committee Expenses	319.6	48.1	145.3	239.2	466.5	547.6	535.9	482.9	310.7	398.1	298.4
<b>LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRU</b>											
Salaries & Allowances	1230.6	1105.3	1134.8	1169.2	1704.2	1735.6	1906.5	2003.6	3831.1	3888.6	3910.1
Leadership	100.4	107.4	169.4	183.1	439.5	822.1	3547.8	3823.5	3722.3	3803.9	3255.7
Executive Administration	154.7	129.7	154.2	198.4	506.4	797.3	285.2	305.9	2714.5	2775.4	2126.0
Administrative Services	364.6	926.0	953.7	1276.6	1474.9	3019.8	3339.8	3904.2	1531.3	1508.0	1542.5
Research Services	255.5	495.6	580.7								
Research Projects					442.5						
Legal Services	465.8	529.8	651.4	825.7	1004.7	1247.6	1296.9	1405.0	1480.5	1548.8	1354.9
Session Expenses	3793.6	2088.6	2433.8	2189.0	3391.4	4749.0	6975.1	7729.0	7195.6	6060.1	5938.0
Council & Subcommittees	.3	43.3	1572.3	748.7	3335.6	3507.7	848.3	586.6	791.2	1274.8	876.7
Office Space Rental	77.7	335.8	279.2	277.6	505.3	1717.0	1563.8	2124.8	2095.1	2417.7	2067.9
Equipment Account	364.5	684.2	699.1	872.6	583.4	449.1	576.2	579.7	93.0		
Public Services					1211.5	1955.9	2087.7	3150.8	3050.7	3239.3	2004.9
House Research				1214.0	371.4	493.1	554.2	512.1	578.3	683.2	475.0
Senate Research						823.4	425.2				
Senate Advisory Council								660.9	545.0	652.8	397.3
<b>OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN BRU</b>											
Office of Ombudsman	142.3	248.2	374.1	671.8	1031.1	1177.2	1123.7	1319.6	1536.2	1710.6	1591.2
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>8787.1</b>	<b>8526.6</b>	<b>11368.7</b>	<b>12577.6</b>	<b>20302.0</b>	<b>27081.8</b>	<b>30121.5</b>	<b>33214.8</b>	<b>34764.9</b>	<b>35276.5</b>	<b>31255.8</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR</b>		<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>61.4%</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

The above figures were compiled by using the following references - The yearly Division of Finance Operating Budget Summaries for the Alaska State Legislature and yearly independent audit figures for the Legislative Affairs Agency.

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**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: An Act establishing a legislative research division with the Legislative Affairs Agency, e.f.

Sponsor: Representative Zawacki

Requestor: Representative Zawacki

Bill Version: SSHB 99

Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency

BRU: Legislative Council

Components: New Component House Research Senate Advisory Council & Subcommittees

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		<556.5>	<556.5>	<556.5>	<556.5>	<556.5>
TRAVEL		<25.0>	<25.0>	<25.0>	<25.0>	<25.0>
CONTRACTUAL		<56.8>	<56.8>	<56.8>	<56.8>	<56.8>
SUPPLIES		<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>
EQUIPMENT		<3.0>	<3.0>	<3.0>	<3.0>	<3.0>
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>&lt;643.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;643.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;643.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;643.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;643.8&gt;</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
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<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		<643.8>	<643.8>	<643.8>	<643.8>	<643.8>
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	-0-	<7>	<7>	<7>	<7>	<7>
PART-TIME	-0-	<5>	<5>	<5>	<5>	<5>
TEMPORARY						

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

A Findings section is added in SSHB 99 to confirm that House Research, Senate Advisory Council, and Rural Research Agency will be combined into a single legislative research agency. A decrease of <643.8> will be realized as follows:

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 Division: Administrative Services Date: 2/9/87

Approved by: Warren W. Endicott, Executive Director Date: 2/9/87  
 Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

**Distribution (by preparer):**

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 Senate Secretary

# CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. SSHB 99

FY 88 FUNDING REQUEST FOR:

	<u>HOUSE RESEARCH</u>	<u>SENATE ADVISORY</u>	<u>RURAL RESEARCH</u>
Personal Services	527.3	455.7	145.2
Travel	3.0	25.0	2.0
Contractual	18.7	57.7	10.4
Supplies	1.5	3.0	1.0
Equipment	<u>2.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
	552.5	<544.4>	159.6
Total	\$1,256.5		

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DIVISION

Personal Services	571.7	10 Full Time
Travel	5.0	5 PPT
Contractual	30.0	
Supplies	3.0	
Equipment	<u>3.0</u>	
	612.7	

Current research agencies	1,256.5	1 Director FT	26A
New legislative research division	<u>612.7</u>	1 Secretary FT	13B
		1 Clerk Typist FT	8B
Savings	<u>643.8</u>	1 Principal Research Analyst FT	22A
		2 Senior Research Analysts FT	20A
		2 Research Analysts FT	17A
		1 Research Ass't II FT	16A
		1 Research Ass't I FT	14A
		1 Research Analyst PPT	18A
		2 Research Ass't II PPT	16A
		<u>2</u> Research Ass't I PPT	14A

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Requestor: Representative Zawacki

Agency Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency  
BRU: Legislative Council  
Components: New Component House Research  
Senate Advisory Council & Subcommittees

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES	<325.9>	<325.9>	<325.9>	<325.9>	<325.9>	<325.9>
TRAVEL	<19.0>	<19.0>	<19.0>	<19.0>	<19.0>	<19.0>
CONTRACTUAL	<46.4>	<46.4>	<46.4>	<46.4>	<46.4>	<46.4>
SUPPLIES	<2.0>	<2.0>	<2.0>	<2.0>	<2.0>	<2.0>
EQUIPMENT	<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>	<2.5>
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>&lt;395.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;395.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;395.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;395.8&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;395.6&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;395.8&gt;</b>

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	<395.8>	<395.8>	<395.8>	<395.8>	<395.8>	<395.8>
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	-0-	<5>	<5>	<5>	<5>	<5>
PART-TIME	-0-	<6>	<6>	<6>	<6>	<6>
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

A Findings section is added in SSHB 99 to confirm that House Research, Senate Advisory Council, and Rural Research Agency will be combined into a single legislative research agency. A decrease of <395.8> will be realized as follows: (Continued on Page 2)

Prepared by: Pamela A. Stoops, Manager  
Division: Administrative Services  
Approved by: Warren W. Endicott, Executive Director  
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

Phone: 465-3850  
Date: 2/20/87  
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# CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. SSRB 99  
 Revised Date: 2/20/87

FY 88 FUNDING REQUEST FOR:

	<u>HOUSE RESEARCH</u>	<u>SENATE ADVISORY</u>	<u>RURAL RESEARCH</u>
Personal Services	527.3	455.7	156.7
Travel	3.0	25.0	1.0
Contractual	18.7	57.7	10.0
Supplies	1.5	3.0	.5
Equipment	<u>2.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>.5</u>
	552.5	544.4	168.7

Total \$1,265.6

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DIVISION

Personal Services	813.8	1 Director FT	26C
Travel	10.0	1 Principal Research Analyst FT	22K
Contractual	40.0	1 Senior Research Analyst FT	21C
Supplies	3.0	1 Senior Research Analyst FT	21A
Equipment	<u>3.0</u>	1 Research Analyst FT	19C
	869.8	3 Research Analysts FT	19A
		1 Research Assistant II FT	17A
		1 Research Assistant I FT	16A
		1 Secretary FT	13D
		1 Clerk Typist FT	8B
		1 Research Analyst PPT	19A
		1 Research Assistant II PPT	17A
		<u>2 Research Assistant I PPT</u>	16A

Positions for Legislative Research Division:  
 12 Full Time + 4 Permanent Part Time

16 Positions

Casual labor pool - \$100.0 to hire extra staff during peak periods of the year.

Total funding current research agencies:	\$1,265.6
Cost of new legislative research division:	<u>869.8</u>
Savings	\$ 395.8

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# Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives

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REPRESENTATIVE  
JIM ZAWACKI  
DISTRICT 7

MEMBER  
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET &  
AUDIT COMMITTEE  
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

February 10, 1987

Hon. Fran Ulmer, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Fran;

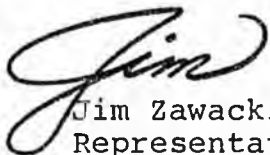
I thought I would pass along the fiscal note submitted by  
Legislative Affairs pertaining to SSHB 99.

With budget cuts affecting nearly all areas, I'm sure the  
amount shown could fill some vital gaps in needed programs.

We are advised by Pam Stoops that the figures given are  
conservative, and show the low side of potential savings.

Your consideration in early Committee scheduling of SS for HB  
99 would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jim Zawacki  
Representative

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CC: All members of House State Affairs  
All members of House Finance

COMPARISON OF FISCAL NOTE AND CURRENT PERSONNEL OF  
SENATE ADVISORY, HOUSE RESEARCH & RURAL RESEARCH

<u>FISCAL NOTE</u>			<u>CURRENT PERSONNEL</u>		
Director	FT	26C	Director	FT	22K
			Director	FT	26C
			Legis Analyst	FT	21B
Secretary	FT	13D	Secretary	FT	13D
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			Legis Analyst	FT	21A
Research Analyst	FT	19A	Legis Analyst	FT	19A
Research Analyst	FT	19C	Researcher	FT	18E
Research Analyst	FT	19A	Admin Officer	FT	18C
			Admin Officer	FT	19A
Research Analyst	FT	19A	Researcher	FT	18A
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THE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

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P.O. Box 1 - State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
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MEMORANDUM

February 18, 1987

TO: Rep. Jim Zawacki  
FROM: Pamela A. Stoops, Manager  
Administrative Services

Per your request, below are Rural Research Agency's actual expenditures for FY 84-86. These actuals were contained in the totals for Council and Subcommittees on the spreadsheet I sent you yesterday.

FY 84	\$157,526
FY 85	\$168,089
FY 86	\$232,825

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REPRESENTATIVE  
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April 24, 1987

MEMBER  
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET &  
AUDIT COMMITTEE  
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Rep. Fran Ulmer, Chair, State Affairs

Dear Fran:

The intent and purpose of House Bill 99 is quite simple, as I pointed out at our first hearing on the subject. It will streamline our fractioned legislative research effort, improve the quality of the research product, and save something in the neighborhood of a quarter million dollars annually.

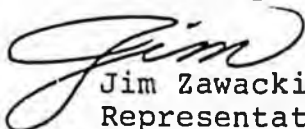
It is self-evident that combining the efforts, personnel, space, research facilities, libraries and equipment of three agencies into one cannot help but be more efficient. The best strengths of each agency, the House, the Senate and the Rural, will contribute to the efforts of each of the others. The fiscal note speaks for itself, and I think it conservative.

A benefit of the bill which does not derive from the change in the law but is very real is that it will demonstrate an effort by the Legislature to make its own contribution to saving money in times of financial trouble. Countless educational and social needs might be served by the money this bill would enable us to save.

The method of selecting a Director for the unified agency has been discussed with many members of the leadership on both sides of the aisle and in both houses. It was agreed that putting that decision in the hands of the presiding officers of the two houses would be the surest way to keep it nonpartisan.

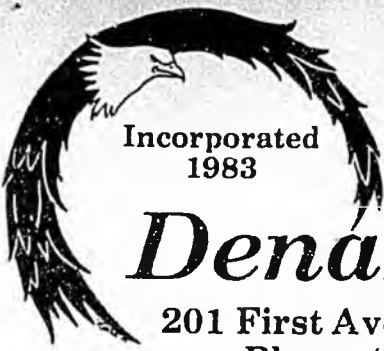
I am assured by senior members of the Legislature that a joint research agency used to work well. All the facts dictate that we should restore that efficient device. By combining the services of three excellent agencies, we will make ourselves a more effective and efficient Legislature.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Zawacki  
Representative

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HB 117

# Denak'kanaaga

201 First Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
Phone (907) 452-8251 Ext. 289

August 31, 1984

The Honorable Fran Ulmer  
1700 Angus Way  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Ulmer:

Attached is a copy of Resolution 87-01 passed at the Denak'kanaaga', Inc. Elders Conference, held June 2-4, 1987 in Northway, Alaska. There were about 300 elders and youth that attended this conference.

We believe this resolution speaks clearly how the Elders feel about the Second stanza of the "Alaska Flag Song".

We are asking for your support on behalf of the Athabascan Elders.

Sincerely,

Don Lee  
Executive Director

DL/as  
Attachment

A Resolution to Support the Second  
Stanza of the Alaska Flag Song:

Resolution #87-01

WHEREAS, Denakkanaaga' Inc. represents all the Elders of the  
Athabaskan region, and


WHEREAS, the term "Natives" means anybody born to a certain  
country or state, and

WHEREAS, the second stanza would pay homage to Alaskan Natives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denakkanaaga' Inc. support  
the proposal of adding the second stanza of the Alaskan  
Flag Song to honor all Native Alaskans.

Certification

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the  
Denakkanaaga' Inc. Board of Directors on June 4, 1987 at  
Northway, Alaska.

  
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Secretary/Treasurer  
Denakkanaaga' Inc.



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March 19, 1987

Representative Fran Ulmer  
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

This letter is to confirm in writing what University of Alaska Foundation President Paul Meyerhoff has already communicated to you concerning the Alaska Flag Song.

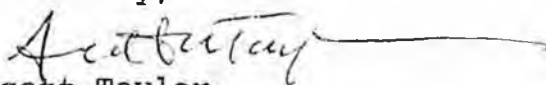
On March 18, 1987, the Executive Board of the University of Alaska Foundation passed the following motion:

PASSED

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University Foundation accepts the addition of the proposed new verse to the song "Alaska's Flag" as described in Legislation currently before the Alaska State Legislature in House Bill 117. This action has the effect of combining the two copyrighted verses currently owned by the Foundation into a single song which will be designated by the Alaska Legislature as the official song of the state entitled "Alaska's Flag." Should the proposed or similar legislation not be passed, this action will be null and void. This action effective March 18, 1987."

I hope this clarifies the Foundation's position concerning the proposed new verse. If you have any questions, please let me know. I wish you success in achieving passage of HB 117.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Taylor  
Acting Executive Director

ST/bjg  
cc: Paul Meyerhoff

QUALITY SERVICES

Date MAY 28 1987

Peninsula Clarion

Client No. 0615

# Controversy flaps over idea for new words to flag song

By The Associated Press

A proposal to add a second verse to the Alaska Flag Song — in part to honor the memory of Benny Benson of Seward — is drawing criticism from some old-timers.

The addition would pay homage to Alaska Natives and their contributions to statehood. The idea was approved by the House of Representatives and awaits action by the Senate next year.

The first line of the new verse honors the late Benny Benson, a Native who designed the Alaska Flag in 1926 when he was a boy of 13, said the song's composer.

"People get pretty sentimental about things that are important to them. They're asking for trouble if they try to change the song," said Mike Dalton, a spokeswoman for Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska in Fairbanks. The auxiliary wrote a letter recently to all 60 legislators asking them to vote against the proposal.

But backers claim that Natives have at least as much right to be mentioned in the official state song as "sour-doughs," the fabled 19th-century miners and trappers mentioned in the song's one official verse.

"I think it's very sad" that some Alaskans would oppose an additional verse mentioning Natives, said Richard Stitt, president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, one of the groups supporting the addition.

The new verse was penned by 96-year-old Carol Berry Davis, a well-known poet from Juneau. The controversy "is an awful lot of fuss about nothing in my opinion," Davis said Tuesday.

Her verse goes like this:

A Native lad chose the dipper's stars  
for Alaska's Flag that there be no bars  
among our culture. Be it known  
through years the Natives' past has grown  
to share life's treasures, hand in hand,  
to keep Alaska our Great Land;  
we love the northern, midnight sky,  
the mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.  
The great North Star with its steady light  
will guide all cultures, clear and bright,  
With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,  
the simple flag of the last frontier.

In its letter to legislators, the Fairbanks group wrote: "Our Alaska flag song is precious and beautiful in its current form. It is now so moving and touchingly Alaskan that some of us believe it approaches sanctity.

"We ask: Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity," the letter said.

"This isn't a racist thing," Dalton said. "But we figured somebody would raise that issue."

Stitt, in fact, said he felt there may be a bit of that involved. "I guess legal equality doesn't necessarily mean true equality," he said.

State Rep. Fran Ulmer, D-Juneau, who sponsored the legislation, said she didn't understand how opponents could argue that the new verse favors a particular "ethnic group."

"That's ridiculous. The song doesn't mention Tlingits, or Eskimos, or any other particular (Native) group," she said.

# People

## Summer activities set

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After school activities end Friday, but that doesn't mean nothing for kids to do this summer. Community schools sessions and other sports offer activities to meet a range of interests.

If the weather doesn't look favorable for outdoor swimming this summer, kids can go to the Kenai and Soldotna High School pools this summer during open and lap swimming, or by taking swimming lessons.

A session of swimming lessons lasts two weeks, and costs \$20 per session. Lessons are on June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20 and

grams will be offered in SoHi's Pre-School Room from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursdays in two-week sessions. The last session ends Aug. 6. Fees are \$30 for one child per session, \$25 for the second child and \$20 for the third child in the same family.

The Sunshine Recreation Elementary Day Camp is also offered in two-week sessions beginning June 15 at SoHi. The day camp hours are 1 to 4:50 p.m., and activities include arts and crafts, music and drama, nature and sports. Fees range from \$40 to \$30 a child per session, depending on the number of children in the family registered.

For the first time, a summer recreation



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Date JUN 04 1987

Petersburg Pilot.

Client No. 0615

# Wasvick staying out Ak. flag song debate

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Complaints voiced by a Fairbanks auxiliary of the Pioneers of Alaska against a proposed second verse for the Alaska Flag Song are drawing neither the support, nor interest, of the organization's state president.

"I'm not very concerned about it," said Arnold "Swede" Wasvick, president of the grand council of the Pioneers of Alaska. "I don't have any opinion on it."

In the just completed legislative session the Alaska House of Representatives approved a bill which would add a second verse to the state song. The measure awaits action by the state senate in 1988.

The new verse, written by 96-year-old Carol Berry Davis, a Juneau poet, praises the contribution of Alaskan natives in the state's development.

But Auxiliary No. 8 of the pioneers opposes the proposed verse and wrote to all 60 representatives asking them to reject it.

Declaring, in its letter to the lawmakers that, for some of their members, the song "approaches sanctity," it asked, "Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? to alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity."

Wasvick said the Fairbanks auxiliary was speaking its own

He emphasized that the organization has no position on the song and would take no action. The issue was brought up at the annual convention of the Grand Council in September.

Although he said he had no opinion on the verse, he was on the radio broadcast during which he was with Fran Ulmer (D-Juneau) who supported the verse during the legislative session, Wasvick repeated that he had no opinion on the verse.

In an Associated Press article, the verse' author, Carol Berry Davis, called the Fairbanks auxiliary's opposition "an awful fuss about nothing in my opinion."

Her stanza declares:  
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for Alaska's Flag that the  
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among our culture. Be it  
through years the Native  
has grown  
to share life's treasures  
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to keep Alaska our Great  
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Storage Times

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# Group says 2nd verse 'violates sanctity'

Associated Press 6/5

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## Know-paying posts

recruitment about a month ago and low-seniority troopers were being encouraged to apply for the jobs.

Troopers who qualify for and accept the jobs as prisoner transportation officers "are looking at a cut in salary," English said.

Public safety officials have been preparing for budget cuts for several months. In March, then-assistant commissioner Jim Aden said as many as 54 troopers of all ranks might eventually be laid off.

English said his staff is still analyzing the budget passed last week by legislators in Juneau. He said he expected to know how many positions would be cut — and where — by the first week in June.

English said meetings with tent and other commanders have been held "to prepare them for the worst."

The prisoner transportation officers will act as civil process services, transport prisoners between courts and jails, guard prisoners in court and act as court security officers. The positions will be open in Anchorage,

Palmer, Fairbanks, Juneau and Kodiak.

The average trooper after one year on the job makes about \$3,100 a month. A beginning prisoner transportation officer will make about \$2,000 a month.

named most inspirational swimmer by the Hillside Swim Club.

Klabunde admits to a "ridiculously high" grade point average: "something like 3.98," but prefers to avoid the nerd image.

"I've worked really hard to break that image," he said. "Yeah, I am smart. It's tough. People label you as different.

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Klabunde does care what people think of him.

"How do I want to be remembered? I work I hard. I don't try to slide my way through things."

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## Why a second verse for 'Alaska Flag Song'?

**Editor's Note:** A copy of the following letter to Betty Kjera, secretary of Pioneers of Alaska Auxiliary No. 8 in Fairbanks, was submitted for publication.

**Dear Betty:**

I have received your letter dated March 27, in which you objected to the adoption of the second verse of the "Alaska Flag Song."

I would like to explain to you why I introduced HB 117 and why I hope you will change your decision to oppose the bill.

No one loves the flag song any more than I do. For many years, I have sung it for groups, meetings, conventions, commencements and even for Gov. Bill Egan's memorial service here in Juneau. I offer the second verse out of deep respect for the first verse and for its recognition of Alaska's history. I believe the second verse complements the first verse and gives recognition not to one ethnic group, but to all Alaskans and their ability to work together in a unified and harmonious way.

The addition of a second verse has been discussed for many years by various groups. At one time, funds were inserted into the House's version of the budget to hold a contest for selecting a second verse. Carol Beery Davis was asked to write another verse to the flag song to recognize the contribution of Native Alaskans, who were here long before you or I, or even the Pioneers. She did so, and offered it as a gift to the State of Alaska. I was asked to support its adoption and to introduce a bill to make it officially recognized by the state. I did so, and it has passed the House.

In order to understand the special significance of this verse, you must know about Carol Beery Davis, a former poet laureate of Alaska. She is a 60-year resident of Juneau. Her husband, Trevor, was born here 94 years ago and is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper (to whom the second verse refers in lines 1 and 2). Carol has written dozens of books about Alaska, including "The Alaska Flag Song" book which is credited with helping to make the song so well-known. I have enclosed a copy of this book. She knew personally both Elinor Housenbury and Marie Drake, the two women who decided to write the song and offer it to the state, just as Carol has done.

At age 96, Carol, a true Alaska pi-

ioneer, is still contributing to her loved state by offering this beautiful verse, a tribute to unity of all Alaskans:

*"A Native lad chose the Dipper stars*

*For Alaska's flag that there be in bars*

*Among our cultures..."*

She is recognizing history and our progress as a state:

*"Be it known*

*through years, the Natives' past has grown.*

*To share life's treasures, hand in hand,*

*To keep Alaska our Great Land."*

She is focusing our attention on the natural beauty of our land and reminds us of the treasures of its beauty:

*"We love the northern, midnight sky,*

*The mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.*

*The great North Star with its steady light*

*Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,*

*With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,*

*The simple flag of a last frontier."*

It is hard for me to understand why anyone who has read these words could object to them. It is impossible for me to understand how anyone who knows who Carol Beery Davis is and the contributions she has made to art, music and literature in Alaska could object to her offering this beautiful gift.

Why did this legislator propose HB 117? Out of respect for a beautiful Alaskan lady who has offered a beautiful verse to a beautiful song about a great state.

**Sincerely,**

**Rep. Fran Ulmer**

**Juneau**

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In order to understand the special significance of this verse, you must know about Carol Beery Davis, a former poet laureate of Alaska. She is a 60-year resident of Juneau. Her husband, Trevor, was born here 94 years ago and is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper (to whom the second verse refers in lines 1 and 2). Carol has written dozens of books about Alaska, including "The Alaska Flag Song" book which is credited with helping to make the song so well-known. I have enclosed a copy of this book. She new personally both Elinor Dusenbury and Marie Drake, the two women who decided to write the song and offer it to the state, just as Carol has done.

At age 96, Carol, a true Alaska pi-

oneer, is still contributing to loved state by offering this 1<sup>st</sup> verse, a tribute to unity of Alaskans:

*"A Native lad chose the 1 stars*

*For Alaska's flag that the bar.*

*Among our cultures..."*

She is recognizing history progress as a state:

*"Be it known*

*through years, the Native has grown.*

*To share life's treasures, hand,*

*To keep Alaska our Great 1*

She is focusing our attention the natural beauty of our land reminds us of the treasures beauty:

*"We love the northern, m sky,*

*The mountains, lakes, streams nearby.*

*The great North Star w steady light*

*Will guide all cultures, cle bright,*

*With nature's flag to Al dear,*

*The simple flag of a last tier."*

It is hard for me to understand why anyone who has read these words could object to them. It is possible for me to understand anyone who knows who Carol Beery Davis is and the contribution she has made to art, music and culture in Alaska could object to her offering this beautiful gift.

Why did this legislator propose HB 117? Out of respect for a beautiful Alaskan lady who has offered a beautiful verse to a beautiful state about a great state.

**Sincerely,  
Rep. Fran Ulmer  
Juneau**

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# Plan to Add Verse to State Song Opposed

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The first line of the new verse honors the late Benny Benson, a Native who designed the Alaska Flag in 1926 when he was a boy of 13, composer Davis said.

"What we're trying to do is put a little history into the song," she said.

# Flyers Delay Oilers' Celebration

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The citizens of Edmonton had a parade planned in the event of a Stanley Cup victory by their beloved Oilers. But the Philadelphia Flyers rained on it, thanks to a hail of assists by Brian Propp.

"Brian has really developed into a fine playoff performer and he's demonstrating that this year," Flyers Coach Mike Keenan said after watching his gritty left wing set up all four goals in Tuesday night's 4-3 victory in the Stanley Cup final.

Propp's four points gave him a team-leading 27 in the playoffs on 11 goals and 16 assists. His four assists also tied a Flyers playoff record shared by three others.

On the brink of elimination, the Flyers battled back twice from two-goal deficits to pull this one out and send the series back to Philadelphia for Game 6 Thursday night.

Holding a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series, the Oilers still need only one victory to win their third Stanley Cup title in the last four years. But they'll have to play better than they did in Game 5, when they blew leads of 2-0 and 3-1.

Before the game, there was talk in the newspapers of a big victory parade for the Oilers in the event they won the contest.

That only made the Flyers mad.

"The parade talk had us geared up," said Rick Tocchet, who scored two goals, including the game-winner at 5:26 of the third period.

Just about all the Flyers' scoring came from the makeshift line of Propp, Tocchet and Pelle Eklund. The latter had a goal and two assists.

What made Keenan decide on that particular line makeup?

"We had to generate a little bit more offense than we have been," Keenan explained. "I didn't start the game with them together but I moved them in together when we went down a couple of goals."

The contest was almost a replica of Game 3 of the series, when the Oilers dominated early and took a 3-0 lead.

This time, they led 2-0, thanks to Jari Kurri's playoff-leading 14th goal and the first of two by Marty McSorley.

It looked like a safe lead for the Oilers until Tocchet scored with just 50 seconds left in the first period off a perfect feed from Propp.

"Our biggest goal was that goal at the end of the first period," Flyers defenseman Mark Howe said.

McSorley scored again at 1:32 of the second period, to give the Oilers a 3-1 lead. But the Flyers came back to tie on second-period goals by Doug Crossman

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"we got up 3-1 and then got back on our heels and sat back a bit," Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky said. "Again, we got ourselves in trouble."

Meanwhile, Flyers goaltender Ron Hextall was playing one of his best games of the playoffs. Lustily booed by the crowd of 17,502 at the Northlands Coliseum for the stick-swinging incident with the Oilers' Kent Nilsson in Game 4 Sunday night, Hextall turned aside 31 shots.

The Oilers missed a chance to put the Flyers away in the first period. They scored two goals, but had golden opportunities for plenty more.

"We had lots of opportunities and missed them," said Edmonton Coach Glen Sather. "The Flyers seemed to collect themselves and then went in and gathered momentum and then scored themselves."

# State song

## *Sourdoughs object to added verse*

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## Obituary

### Kevin Withem

Kevin Forrest Withem, 7, died  
Tuesday in Ephrata, Wash., after he  
was accidentally struck by a car.

Kevin was born and raised in  
Ketchikan and moved to Ephrata  
with his mother, Nancy Withem,  
about a year ago.

Besides his mother, Kevin is  
survived by his father, Bud Withem  
of Ketchikan, and aunt and uncle,

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He is also survived by his bro  
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# New verse for the Alaska Flag Song creates controversy

Carol Berry Davis, 96, is as sour a dough as you will find. She came to Alaska for three months "to relieve a man at the theater playing silent pictures."

That was in 1920 and she hasn't gone back to Washington yet.

These days, Davis is still providing music for Southeast dramas; she wrote what has become the controversial proposed second stanza of the Alaska Flag Song:

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It's as unabashedly sentimental as the first verse written by Davis' friend, Marie Drake, all those years ago. But in conversation, Davis is no sentimentalist — as you'll find if you ask her about the controversy brewing over her lyrics, written at the suggestion of a committee from the Alaska Native Brotherhood. Some people don't want the song expanded at all, and some object to singling out a particular ethnic group — Natives — for mention.

"I hate to see it used as a political football in the legislature," says Davis. "I think the



**suzan nightingale**

whole situation boils down to the fact that the Pioneers (of Alaska) as a society would never have any Natives in it — and I'm a strong Pioneer myself, I've been president and everything. So the Pioneers wrote in that they didn't want anyone tampering with the first verse."

For the record, Auxiliary No. 8 of the Pioneers of Alaska in Fairbanks, which says racism doesn't enter into it, has sent a letter to every legislator that reads in part: "Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity."

"When Marie wrote it, she didn't mention anyone but the Sourdoughs," counters Davis. "We have a lot of other cultures mixed up

with ours — you know there is a lot of Russian heritage in Wrangell, and Norwegians in Petersburg, and we have a lot of Filipinos here in Juneau — I tried to make it for everybody. That's why I used the word, 'cultures,' plural."

Davis thinks Drake would be "very happy" with her new verse, "so would Elinor" Dusenbury, who wrote the music. "It's really quite a historic thing, and I think I feel closer to that flag than any other Pioneer could possibly feel."

Davis' husband, Trevor, 93, is the last surviving member of the seven-member committee that selected Alaska's flag.

"Gov. Parks was territorial governor and he came back from a big festival in Washington where all the states' flags were flying," she recalls. "He said the only reason Alaska didn't have one up was because we didn't have a flag. There were only a couple or three working organizations then and he thought the American Legion was the logical one to run the contest.

"They had 143 designs sent in. On the first vote, a polar bear on an iceberg won. My husband got up and said it wouldn't be consistent with all of Alaska, and several people agreed and said the same. So they decided to vote over, and on the second vote they were unanimous for the great dipper. I think that's the amazing part.

"When Trevor told Marie they had selected a flag," she said, "Someone should write a

jingle.' Like so many things in the olden days, it just happened like that.

"The song became part of the law that same spring. They kind of hurried it so it would be ready for the legislature, because they only met every two years. There was no controversy at all about it — everybody was thrilled with it. I thought it turned out very nicely."

Davis, who told the story in her book, "Alaska's Flag," says she's surprised at the contrasting reception her verse has received — especially in light of its easy 35-5 passage by the House this session. "I thought it would all be over in two weeks."

Instead, the proposed second verse of the Alaska Flag Song is now in the Senate State Affairs Committee chaired by Sen. Mitch Abood, who has said he will hold a hearing on it. Because the Alaska Flag Song's lyrics were included in the statute making it official, any official change in the lyrics means an amendment to the statute.

Still, the University of Alaska — not the Senate — owns the copyright on the song, and Davis has already copyrighted her stanza and sent it on to the university.

"Even if the Senate should turn it down, I think it still belongs to the university. And even with all the ifs and ands, I think it's the best flag of the 50 — and the best music of the 50."

□ Suzan Nightingale is a Daily News columnist.

RELATIONS CONSULTANT, IS heading a group of Anchorage-area business leaders who hope to put the gambling question on the ballot in the 1988 general election.

If approved by voters, gambling would be allowed as a local option.

Lt. Gov. Stephen McAlpine announced on Tuesday he has certified McConkey's initiative petition.

McConkey plans to start stumping the state for signatures as soon as the petitions are delivered to his doorstep, probably in about three weeks.

The group has one year to get 18,253 signatures, or 10 percent of the voters in the last general election.

If the petition is valid, the question would be reviewed by the legislature before it would be put on a statewide ballot in Nov. 1988.

Rep. Fritz Pettyjohn has been hired as attorney for the pro-gambling group. The Anchorage Republican has introduced legislation similar to McConkey's plan.

But, like several other gambling bills, Pettyjohn's measure did not get out of committee this session.

The initiative would set up a five-member Alaska Gambling Board, appointed by the governor.



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By KATHRYN BAKER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Raid that refrigerator, then plop down in front of the TV set tonight for "NBC News Report on America: Life in the Fat Lane."

Correspondent Connie Chung takes a glib, often funny look at America's obsession with weight and dieting, "serious and deadly, ludicrous and funny," all at the same time. The documentary covers a lot of ground quickly, so it doesn't cover anything in any great depth, but it is enormously entertaining.

It also might prove to be a sure-fire cure for the munchies. Watch the segment on Lypsouction — with graphic footage of the surgical removal of fat — and you may never want to eat again.

The documentary draws quips from celebrities known for their weight, like Dom DeLuise, Nell Carter and Oprah Winfrey.

But it also examines, however briefly, serious subjects such as controversial diet plans, the ease with which quack "nutritionists" can get professional-looking credentials, and desperate methods to control weight, such as insertion of a "gastric bubble" in the stomach. DeLuise holds up a soccer ball and quips, "You eat this, you'll feel full."

The message from the media is an invitation to frustration, Chung says, "eat fat, look thin." We exalt the svelte and discriminate against the fat.

Jane Fonda, who has made a big business of her "Workout" videotapes, seems to be trying to make the overweight feel better by telling how she was obsessed with her weight in high school. (NBC seems to be trying to make the overweight feel better by shooting Fonda only in a head-shot.)

"I'm about exercise," Fonda says. "By encouraging people to exercise, it's not

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so everyone can get skinny, it's so they can get healthier."

The message is ultimately depressing for seekers of easy weight loss — eat less, exercise more and do it forever.

"Doesn't that seem like a potentially miserable life?" Chung asks a professional dietician. He has no encouraging answer.

If you're overweight and seek only to be happy the way you are, the documentary has some ammunition. Experts say fat is hereditary and people are born with a certain number of fat cells — some more, some less, some bigger, some smaller.

Nell Carter says other fat people should cheer up. "As soon as the world wakes up and realizes I am the sex symbol," she says, "everyone will be fat."

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NEW YORK — U.S. Supreme Court justices, not keen on chats with Johnny Carson or blabbing to People magazine, are little-known personalities to the public.

Sandra Day O'Connor has been especially enigmatic since becoming the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court in 1981, but she reveals something of herself in her first extensive television interview as part of the series, "Moyers: In Search of the Constitution." The program airs Thursday on PBS.

Under Bill Moyers' gentle interviewing style, O'Connor is alternately dignified and cautious, but also spunky and reassuringly deliberative about her role on the court.

O'Connor would not talk to Moyers about specific issues that might come before the court, such as abortion, but she did talk about how she decides cases.

"You said in your hearings you found abortion morally repugnant," Moyers says. "Doesn't that mean you have to vote against it when it comes to this court?"

"No," O'Connor says. "Just like any other case, you take the case and see what the issue is. More often than not, it's a state statute that we're reviewing to see whether it passes muster under the federal Constitution."

Moyers: "So even if you personally disagree with what you think that law says should be the ruling, you're going to rule that way?"

O'Connor: "Sure."

O'Connor tells of her first attempts to enter the legal profession after graduating at the top of her class from Stanford. A round of interviews produced only one job offer — to be a legal secretary.

Instead, she turned to the state of Arizona, eventually becoming an assistant attorney general while raising three children. She was also the first female majority leader of a state senate.

Moyers: "What would you say to my daughter, who is 25, who has a husband who wants to have children, but who wants to have a career?"

O'Connor: "I would say, it isn't easy to have both a career and a family. I've worked very hard to do that. I haven't had any spare time or free time that I can recall, but it was worth it. I love my family and I wouldn't give that up for anything, but I wanted a career."

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# Sour notes sound about Flag Song flap

## Pioneers upheld racial stupidity

In regard to the article printed on May 27 about a second verse pertaining to the Alaska flag song, I would like to clarify for "Pioneer" Dalton and members of auxiliary #3 of Fairbanks the difference between Sourdoughs and Pioneers.

Both groups came to this great land long before statehood. The Sourdoughs trapped and mined and lived among the Natives, most of whom married into various families and raised lots of kids, of whom I'm one. Whereas the ones who call themselves Pioneers came and opened up their business establishments. They put up signs saying "No Natives Allowed" — that was here in this city. I understand it was worse in Fairbanks.

If "Pioneer" Dalton remembers, the signs there read "No Eskimos or dogs allowed." So if anyone brings up this racial stupidity, it's Pioneer Dalton and the members of the Fairbanks auxiliary #8 who so thoughtfully wrote to our legislators about this trivial matter.

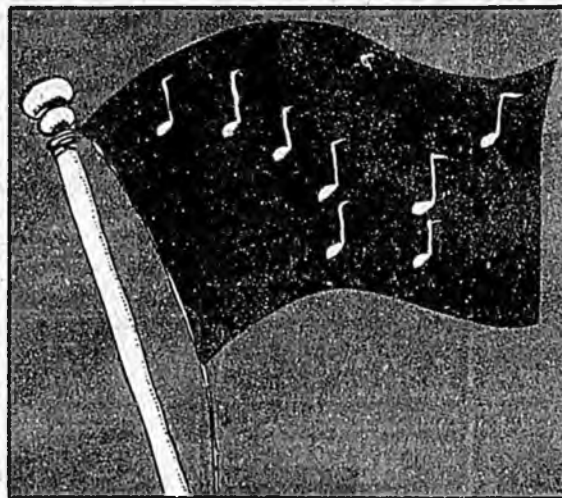
I bet my old friend Benny Benson is turning over in his grave.

— C.E. Johnson

## Vigilance stops social progress

The Fairbanks Pioneers have spoken up in defense of the alpha-numeric integrity of the Alaska Flag Song. They should be complimented. It is only by such ceaseless vigilance that social progress can be stopped.

Who knows what might be next? The rumors we hear in Juneau are terrible. Some say that after rewriting the flag song, the legislators started thinking about changing



the state fossil from the mastodon to Bucky the Moose. Is nothing sacred anymore?

— Dick Monkman  
Juneau

## Natives get sentimental, too

I am a proud Alaska Native, and I believe the proposed second verse to our state song should be added. I believe we are the true Alaskans. Why shouldn't we be mentioned in our own state song?

Mike Dalton said that people get sentimental about things that are important to them. Fact is Natives are people too. We get sentimental just like everybody else. I believe our state song is important. I agree with Richard Stitt, there may be a bit of racial prejudice involved.

— Marlene Bartlam

## A Native child designed our flag

In regards to the article headed "Second verse to flag song draws opposition" (May 27), there is something indeed ironic about the protestations of Mike Dalton (female of species Mike) about "sanctity" etc. The local poet emeritus, Carol Beery Davis, is aware that the designer of that flag was a Native Alaskan by the name of Benny Benson.

The flag he designed was chosen in a contest sponsored by the American Legion (which has no racial barriers). He was an orphan who later worked for a number of years as a mechanic for a "pioneer" airline.

If I remember correctly, Benny Benson was only 13 when he won the contest and was awarded a watch by then Gov. George Parks.

I would also remind Mike Dalton that she can join the Alaska Native Sisterhood since they don't require a blood quantum for enlistment. I know that because, in addition to being a member of Igloo Six, I'm also a member of Camp No. 2 of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. And that our flag song will be even more "precious and beautiful" with the addition of a second verse.

Incidentally, I think Mike Dalton should be reminded that a real hero of hers once offended the Daughters of the American Revolution when he opened his remarks to their national convention (circa 1937) by saying, "Fellow Immigrants." That was Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mike. Mike? Or as Will Rogers (a Native American in part) once replied when asked if his ancestors arrived on the Mayflower: "Nope, they met it."

— Vern Metcalfe

Juneau

## obituaries

### NORMA M. THOMPSON

Private family services were held Sunday for Norma M. Thompson, 71, an Anchorage homemaker, who died May 24 at Humana Hospital-Alaska.

Born May 14, 1916, in Antigo, Wis., she had lived in Alaska the past 22 years.

She leaves her husband, Charles, of Anchorage; her sons, Dennis, of Anchorage, and Thomas and Michael, both of Tampa, Fla.; her daughters, Judith Adrian and Sally Mandigo, both of An-

chorage; and 15 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Kehl's Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel.

### MIKE "PAT" FITZPATRICK

Services for Mike "Pat" Fitzpatrick, a retired mason, will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Anchorage Free Methodist Church with the Rev. Neil Jolin officiating. There will be a visitation at 10:30 a.m. before the service.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, 69, died

May 24 at Providence Hospital.

Born April 23, 1918, in Kewadin, Mich., he had lived in Alaska the past 29 years and was employed at Elmendorf Air Force Base as a civilian mason. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He leaves his wife of 49 years, Blythe, of Anchorage; his daughters, Gloria Sinnett and Laura Mitchell, both of Anchorage; his sons, Walter, of Wasilla, and Robert, of Anchorage; his brothers, Barney, of Torch Lake, Mich., and Ryan, of Hebron, Ind.; his sisters, Lenora Monaham of Los Angeles, Eileen Purczynski of Walla Walla, Wash., Ione Skinner of Honer, Mich., and Inez Chum of Honolulu; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial with full military honors will be at Fort Richardson National Cemetery following the service. Memorials

can be sent to Our Lady of Compassion Care Center, 4895 Cordova St., Anchorage, 99502. Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

### ALAN HUGHES

Funeral arrangements for Anchorage resident Alan Hughes, 59, are pending at Evergreen Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Hughes died May 25 at Humana Hospital-Alaska.

### ANTOINETTE JACKSON

Memorial services for Fairbanks resident Antoinette "Toni" R. Jackson, 49, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Northern Lights Mortuary in Fairbanks.

Mrs. Jackson died May 18 at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Born March 10, 1938, she had lived in Alaska the past 20 years. She lived in Anchorage in the 1960s.

## vital statistics

### Marriage licenses

May 12, 1987

Daniel M. Booher and Shelly R. Mitchell.  
Kenneth E. Thompson and Ellen Rice.  
Craig E. Harpel and Janyce L. Roberson.  
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Marshall L. Hettlet and Milisa M. Belarde.  
Robert R. Nelson and Martha J. Willis.  
David L. Petrie and Linda S. Barber.  
William E.R. Snow and Donita L. Crump.

May 13, 1987

Edward C. Faulk II and Julie K. Sullivan.  
Dennis J. Rose and Maree I. Dobbie.  
Steven J. Klein and Cynthia L. McRee.  
Lewis F. Gordon and Rebecca M.

Forbes.

Gregory L. Garney and Diana L. Gregory.  
Alan E. Dablamont and Tracie L. Alvarez.

May 14, 1987

Dennie L. Larson and Carol A. Isenegger.  
William A. Braswell and Yamon D. Treese.

John G. Tipton and Teresa R. Stemen.  
Jerald C. Conn and Anne P. Dashnaw.  
Paul E. Williams and Dawn J. Gayhe Jr.  
Richard E. Troutman and Cheryl A. Nelson.

Willie J. Johnson and Carla G. Peoples.  
Neil E. Broghammer and Audrey F. Chancellor.

Joel F. Reed and Felicia J. Burud.  
Jae W. Kim and Pong C. Cha.

May 18, 1987

Patrick R. Flanagan and Marilyn S. Kuwahara.

Duard H. Fyffe and Doris C. Rascon.  
Yoichi Hasegawa and Patricia C. Macdonia.

Timothy J. Horning and Maureen M.



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DAILY NEWS



It's tough to make music with just the white notes...

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Fairbanks Daily News

Client No. 0615

## Plan wants Natives to get 'equal play' in Flag Song

ANCHORAGE (AP)—A proposal to add a second verse to the Alaska Flag Song is drawing criticism from some old-timers.

The addition would pay homage to Native Alaskans and their contributions to statehood. The idea was approved by the House of Representatives and awaits action by the Senate next year.

"People get pretty sentimental about things that are important to them. They're asking for trouble if they try to change the song," said Mike Dalton, a spokeswoman for Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska in Fairbanks. The auxiliary wrote a letter recently to all 60 legislators asking them to vote against the proposal.

But backers claim that Natives have at least as much right to be

mentioned in the official state song as "sourdoughs," the fabled 19th-century miners and trappers mentioned in the song's one official verse.

"I think it's very sad" that some Alaskans would oppose an additional verse mentioning Natives, said Richard Stitt, president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, one of the groups supporting the addition.

The new verse was penned by 96-year-old Carol Berry Davis, a well-known poet from Juneau.

"It (the opposition) is an awful lot of fuss about nothing in my opinion," Davis said Tuesday.

Her verse goes like this:  
*A Native lad chose the dipper's stars*

(See SONG, Page 8)

## SONG <sup>0615</sup>

(Continued from page 1)

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sky,  
the mountains, lakes, and  
streams nearby.

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steady light  
will guide all cultures, clear and  
bright,  
With nature's flag to Alaskans  
dear,

the simple flag of the last frontier.

In its letter to legislators, the Fairbanks group wrote:

"Our Alaska flag song is precious and beautiful in its current form. It is now so moving and touchingly Alaskan that some of us believe it approaches sanctity.

"We ask: Why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect? To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates the song's serenity," the letter said.

"This isn't a racist thing," Dalton said. "But we figured somebody would raise that issue."

Stitt, in fact, said he felt there may be a bit of that involved. "I guess legal equality doesn't necessarily mean true equality," he said.

State Rep. Fran Ulmer, D-Juneau, who sponsored the legislation, said she didn't understand how opponents could argue that the new verse favors a particular "ethnic group."

"That's ridiculous. The song doesn't mention Tlingits, or Eskimos, or any other particular (Native) group," she said.

The first line of the new verse honors the late Benny Benson, Native who designed the Alaska Flag in 1926 when he was a boy of 1, composer Davis said.

"What we're trying to do is put little history" into the song, Stitt said.

Date JUN 21 1987

ANCHORAGE Daily News

Client No. 0615

## Flag Song's new verse befits state

During the past session, I introduced HE which would add a second verse to Alaska's flag song. Some objections have been voiced to this addition about which I would like to comment.

The author of the second verse, Carol Berry Davis, is a 50-year resident of Juneau and a former poet laureate of Alaska. Her husband, Elinor, is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's Flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper. Carol personally knew both Elinor Dusenbury and Marie Burke, the two women who wrote the Alaska

Flag Song. At age 96, Carol, a true Alaska pioneer, is still contributing to her beloved state by offering this beautiful verse, a tribute to the unity of all Alaskans. She is recognizing our history and progress as a state and is focusing our attention on the natural beauty of our land.

I believe we should all say thank you to a beautiful Alaska lady who has offered to us all a gift of a beautiful verse to a beautiful song about a great state.

<sup>0615</sup> — Fran Ulmer, Representative Juneau

## Flag Song shows respect for cultures

The controversy instigated by the Pioneers of Alaska led by Mike Dalton opposing the addition of the second verse to the Alaska Flag Song has created meaningless friction between the cultures of Alaska.

It was at the request of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood that Claire Berry Davis, 96, a former poet laureate of Alaska, created the new verse. In light of efforts to show respect to all cultures, is it not fitting to honor all people of Alaska with its song?

"A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars/ For Alaska's flag that there be no bars/ Among our cultures . . . The great North Star with its steady light/Will guide all cultures, clear and bright . . ."

Let us keep our minds and hearts open to all of Alaska's first people.

— Howard Luke Fairbanks

PIONEERS OF ALASKA  
AUXILIARY #17

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Kodiak, Alaska 99615

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April 20, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Chair  
State Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
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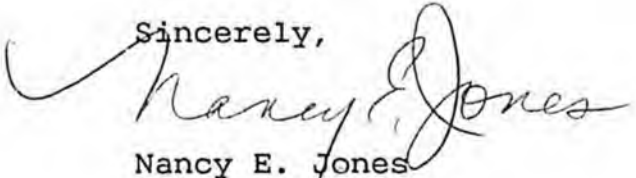
Dear Representative Ulmer:

RE: House Bill 117

Thank you for your letter of April 8, explaining the background regarding House Bill 117 which would add a verse to the Alaska Flag Song. While we certainly mean no disrespect to Carol Beery Davis, the Members of the Pioneers Auxiliary #17 agreed at the April 12, 1987 meeting that we do not wish to see anything added to the present Alaska Flag Song.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy E. Jones  
Secretary

cc: Betty Kjera, Secretary  
Auxiliary #8, Fairbanks



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

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COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

April 20, 1987

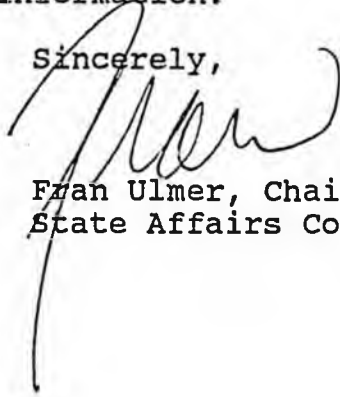
Betty Miller  
P.O. Box 021005  
Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Betty:

Thank you so much for providing the addresses for the Pioneers and auxiliaries in such a timely manner. We were able to get letters out to all of them and I hope a different perspective will bring in some support. In case you have not seen the letter, I have enclosed a copy for your information.

Thanks, again, for your help. It's great to get help from people who have the necessary information.

Sincerely,



Fran Ulmer, Chair  
State Affairs Committee



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## House

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### COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

April 8, 1987

Pioneers of Alaska  
Igloo #1  
Boxs 1101  
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Pioneers:

I have received a letter from Betty Kjera, Secretary for Pioneers of Alaska, Auxiliary Number 8, expressing opposition to the adoption of the second verse of the Alaska Flag Song. I would like to explain to you why I introduced House Bill 117 and why I hope you will support me in this decision.

No one loves the Flag Song any more than I do. For many years, I have sung it for groups, meetings, conventions, commencements, and even for Governor Bill Egan's memorial service here in Juneau. I offer the second verse out of deep respect for the first verse and for its recognition of Alaska's history. I believe the second verse complements the first verse and gives recognition not to one ethnic group, but to all Alaskans and their ability to work together in a unified and harmonious way.

The addition of a second verse has been discussed for many years by various groups. At one time, funds were inserted into the House's version of the budget to hold a statewide contest for selecting a second verse. Carol Beery Davis was asked to write another verse to the Flag Song to recognize the contribution of Native Alaskans who were here long before you or I, or even the pioneers. She did so, and offered it as a gift to the State of Alaska. I was asked to support its adoption and to introduce a bill to make it officially recognized by the State. I do so, and it has passed the house.

In order to understand the special significance of this verse, you must know about Carol Beery Davis, a former poet laureate of Alaska. She is a 60 year resident of Juneau. Her husband, Trevor, was born here 94 years ago and is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's Flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper (to whom the second verse refers in lines 1 and 2).

Carol has written dozens of books about Alaska, including The Alaska Flag Song book which is credited with helping to make the song so well known. She knew personally both Elinor Dusenbury and Marie Drake, the two women who decided to write the song and offer it to the State, just as Carol has done.

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It is hard for me to understand how anyone who has read those words could object to them. It is impossible for me to understand how anyone who knows who Carol Beery Davis is and the contributions she has made to art, music and literature in Alaska could object to her offering this beautiful gift.

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Sincerely,

Fran Ulmer, Chair  
State Affairs Committee



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### COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

April 20, 1987

Dorothy Onkka  
5701 East Portage Drive  
Wasilla, AK 99687

Dear Ms. Onkka:

Thank you for your public opinion message pertaining to the state song. I would like to explain to you why I introduced House Bill 117 and why I hope you will support me in this decision.

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Fran Ulmer, Chair  
State Affairs Committee

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: DOROTHY ONKKA  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 5701 E PORTAGE DRIVE  
CITY: WASILLA ZIP: 99687  
PHONE: 376-5742  
BILL NO: HB 117  
SUBJECT: STATE SONG; 2ND VERSE OF "ALASKA'S FLAG"  
MESSAGE: WE VOTE NO TO ADD TO OR CHANGE THE ALASKA SONG. EACH TIME  
WE SING IT WE FEEL WE HONOR THE YOUNG NATIVE BOY WHO WROTE IT. AND  
WE SING IT PROUDLY.

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STATE OF ALASKA



REPRESENTATIVE  
FRAN ULMER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

P.O. Box V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
(907) 465-4947

April 2, 1987

Betty Kjera, Secretary  
Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska  
P.O. Box 656  
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Dear Betty:

I have received your letter dated March 27, 1987, in which you object to the adoption of the second verse of the Alaska Flag Song.

I would like to explain to you why I introduced HB 117 and why I hope you will change your decision to oppose the bill.

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Betty Kjera

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April 2, 1987

Why did this legislator propose it? Out of respect for a beautiful Alaskan lady who has offered a beautiful verse to a beautiful song.

Sincerely,



Fran Ulmer  
Representative

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: DOROTHY I. CLIFTON(ON BEHALF OF)  
TITLE: PIONEERS OF ALASKA, AUX. #2  
ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 6  
CITY: VALDEZ ZIP: 99686  
PHONE: 835-4367  
BILL NO: HB 117

SUBJECT: STATE SONG; 2ND VERSE OF "ALASKA'S FLAG"

MESSAGE: WE, THE PIONEERS OF ALASKA AUXILIARY NO. 2-VALDEZ, ALASKA, SUPPORT  
LEAVING THE OFFICIAL ALASKA FLAG SONG AS IT HAS BEEN PRIOR TO HB 117  
THE ALASKA FLAG SONG AS FIRSTLY WRITTEN COVERS THE SUBJECT WITHOUT  
NEED FOR ANY CHANGE OR ADDITION.

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WALLIS	

\_\_\_\_ NO RESPONSE REQUIRED

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE ULMER

NAME: IRENE BRAUN  
TITLE: SEC, AUX, #4, PIONEER OF AK  
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1547  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99510  
PHONE: N/A-  
BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: FLAG SONG  
MESSAGE: THE MEMBERS OF AUXILIARY #4, PIONEERS OF ALASKA, WISH TO GO ON RECORD AS BEING DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGES OR TO ANY ADDITIONS TO THE ALASKA FLAG SONG. TO LENGTHEN THE ALASKA FLAG OR TO CHANGE IT IN ANY WAY WOULD ONLY DEMEAN ITS BEAUTY.

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FROM THE DESK OF

## Carl W. Heinmiller

Box 271 Haines, Ak.  
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April 13, 1987

The Hon. Fran Ulmer  
Legislature  
Box V  
Juneau, Ak. 99811

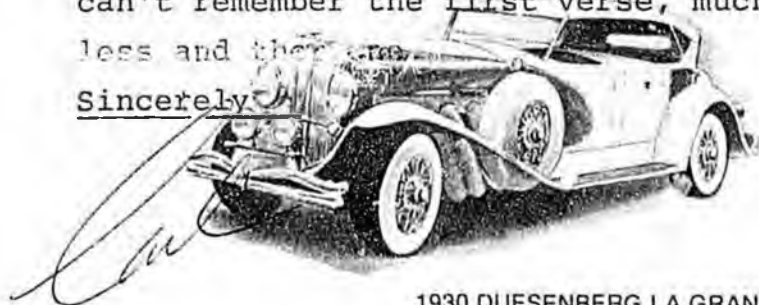
Dear Fran:

At the Haines Pioneers Igloo yesterday, we heard of your bill that would add another part to Alaska's Flag song. While I have known the Davis for 40 years, I and the others here do not agree to this addition to the State song.

While not a poet, the 2nd addition was too much a take off on the first part. If it is desired to honor Carol, then do so, but not in this manner.

In fact, even we Pioneers can't remember the first verse, much less and then some.

Sincerely,



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Marge Eagan

PRESIDENT

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Betty Kjera

SECRETARY

Auxiliary

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Number 8

## PIONEERS OF ALASKA

P.O. Box 656  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

April 16, 1987

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PO Box V  
Juneau, Ak 99811

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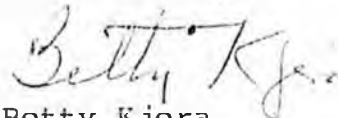
Thank you for your reply to our letter about the Alaska Flag Song.

We appreciate Carol Beery Davis and all her contributions to the literature of Alaska and we do not object to the words of the second verse to the Alaska Flag Song, only to the addition of a second unnecessary verse.

The song as written by Marie Drake pays homage to ALL Alaskans including Natives and all who have made this great land our home.

We do hope that Alaska's Flag Song can remain as it has for the past many years.

Fraternally,



Betty Kjera  
Corresponding Secretary

PRESIDENT

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Number 8

PIONEERS OF ALASKA

P.O. Box 656  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

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March 27, 1987

Representative Fran Ulmer  
Alaska State Legislature  
Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

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It is now so moving and so touchingly Alaskan that some of us believe it approaches "sanctity."

We ask, why tamper with an already beautiful composition that is held in such respect?

To alter the official state song by adding another verse (which salutes only one ethnic group out of many ethnic groups in our great state) violates this song's serenity. Such a proposal causes us to wonder why any legislator would want to single out one group of Alaskans over other citizens of this land.

Auxiliary No. 8, Pioneers of Alaska, in Fairbanks, expressed the above sentiments at its meeting earlier this month, and the Auxiliary asked that these sentiments be passed on to our 60 lawmakers in Juneau. Our organization opposes House Bill 117 and asks you to vote against the measure.

Sincerely yours,

*Betty Kjera*

Betty Kjera, Secretary  
Auxiliary No. 8  
Pioneers of Alaska

Igloo No. 9

# PIONEERS of ALASKA



Seward, Alaska

RECEIVED APR 15 1987

April 5, 1987

Legislators, State Of Alaska

Dear Members:

The Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 9, are unanimously opposed, by vote at our last meeting, to the addition of another verse to our Alaska Flag Song.

The citizens of Alaska are composed of many Ethnic groups and this added verse, as proposed in the Legislature (House Bill 117) is directed at one only Ethnic group.

Our Alaska Flag Song, in its present form, has been memorized by a large number of Alaskans and to add another verse makes the song Too long.

We ask that you please kill (House Bill 117)

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold W. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Harold W. Davis  
Secretary

PIONEERS OF ALASKA

AUXILIARY NO. 11

PALMER, ALASKA

April 13, 1987

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Fran Ulmer  
Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Ulmer:

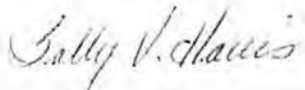
During our monthly business meeting of April 6, 1987 members of Auxiliary #11, Pioneers of Alaska, discussed the subject of adopting a second verse for the Alaska State Song, as proposed by House Bill 117. The members present, representing a total membership of 270, voted unanimously to oppose the legislation.

We feel that the original composition, as created by Marie Drake and Elinor Dusenbury, is, in itself, a complete and compatible work of art. For years the familiar and unique combination of words and music have generated a very personal emotional response to the mind and heart of every Alaska resident, no where in the world he heard it. To tamper with that now by adding the words of another, no matter how well-meaning her intentions, would constitute an unnecessary and unethical violation of the touching beauty of the original passage.

In addition, this group opposes the selection of words in the proposed verse which draw attention to one culture or ethnic group to the exclusion of others, and finds no reason to intrude upon the dignity of the original text which includes all members of our Great Land.

Please consider the desires of this membership, to oppose any and all changes to the Alaska Flag Song, when you cast your vote on this measure.

Sincerely yours,



Sally V. Harris, Secretary  
Pioneers of Alaska, Auxiliary #11  
P.O. Box 3362  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

# PIONEERS OF ALASKA

IGLOO NO. 31 - INSTITUTED MARCH 11, 1962  
PALMER, ALASKA



April 10, 1987

Fran Ulmer  
Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Ulmer:

We are writing to advise you that at the most recent meeting of Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo #31, of Palmer, our Igloo voted unanimously to vigorously oppose any change in our Alaska State Flag Song, as mandated by HB117.

Any violation of the sanctity of this State Song will also receive future vigorous opposition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Carson".

Michael A. Carson, Secretary  
Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo #31  
Box 870303  
Wasilla, Alaska 99687



# Pioneers of Alaska

Auxiliary No. 5

CORDOVA • ALASKA

April 12, 1987

Committee on State Affairs  
ATTN: Fran Ulmer, Chair  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Fran Ulmer:

Thank you for your letter explaining the second verse proposed to our State Song.

Our Pioneer Auxiliary #5 of Cordova has no objection to the words of the proposed second verse by Carol Beery Davis, but we do have an objection to another verse being added to our State Song. We feel the original verse is sufficient to be our State Song.

To paraphrase a part of Carol B. Davis' book Alaska's Flag (1964), the words originated to acquaint the school children with the then new Alaska Flag and the Legislative Act adopting the Flag.

The Auxiliary feels Marie Drake did an extraordinary job on converting a Legislative Act into a poem and that it should stand on its own. Our State Flag is simple and our State Song should also remain simple.

Very Sincerely,

Mary Britt  
Secretary



Pioneers of Alaska  
Igloo No. 6 and Auxiliary No. 6  
P.O. Box 1005  
Juneau, Alaska 99802

April 2, 1987

The Honorable Fran Ulmer  
Alaska State House of  
Representatives  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

Upon your request, I am enclosing an address list of all the Pioneers of Alaska Igloos and Auxiliaries. In most cases, the men meet separately from the women so any correspondence you might generate should be sent to each assembly. If there is anything else I can do to help, please don't hesitate calling on me.

Sincerely,

*Betty*

Betty J. Miller  
Financial Secretary  
Auxiliary #6

Phone: 780-6054 or 586-5887

Enclosure

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Igloo #4  
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Fairbanks, AK 99701

Igloo #6  
Box 021005  
Juneau, AK 99802

Igloo #7  
Box 890  
Valdez, AK 99686

Igloo #9  
Box 571  
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Igloo #15  
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Igloo #16  
Box 5476  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Igloo #18  
Box 4090  
Kodiak, AK 99615

Igloo #19  
Box 335  
Cordova, AK 99574

Igloo #21  
Box 315  
Wrangell, AK 99929

Igloo #22  
Box 1581  
Sitka, AK 99835

Igloo #26  
Box 628  
Petersburg, AK 99833

Igloo #31  
Box 870303  
Wasilla, AK 99687

Igloo #32  
Box 931  
Homer, AK 99603

Igloo #33  
Box 1005  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Igloo #34  
Box 985  
Haines, AK 99827

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Pioneers of Alaska  
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Auxiliary #11  
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Auxiliary #14  
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Homer, AK 99603

Auxiliary #15  
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Wrangell, AK 99929

Auxiliary #16  
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Soldotna, AK 99669

Auxiliary #17  
716 Mission Road  
Kodiak, AK 99615

Auxiliary #18  
Box 75  
Haines, AK 99827

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date referred: 2/11/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 2-16-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered HB 117

"An Act relating to the state song."

**RECOMMENDS:**

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title
- attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**ADOPTS:**  \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

**ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

- fiscal impact  same as previous fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal note  same as previous zero fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero with analysis

**SIGNING DO PASS:**

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 Chairman's signature



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## House

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 117

FILE CONTENTS

1. HB 117: AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SONG
2. FISCAL NOTE, -0-
3. LETTER FROM CONNIE MUNRO TO REPRESENTATIVE ULMER, DATED 1/26/87
4. LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE ULMER TO CAROL BEERY DAVIS, DATED 1/26/87 (SAME LETTER ALSO SENT TO CONNIE MUNRO)
5. ALASKA'S FLAG WRITTEN BY CAROL B. DAVIS

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**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ,  
FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version : HB 117  
Publish Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected : N/A

Title : An Act relating to the state  
song

BRU : \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor : Ulmer

Components : \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor : \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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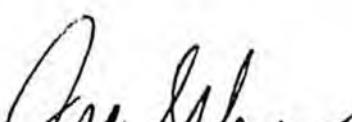
**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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



Prepared by : Fran Ulmer, Chair Phone : 465-4963  
Division : House State Affairs Committee Date : February 16, 1987

Approved by Commissioner : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency : \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution (by preparer) :

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- Office of Management and Budget
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- Senate Secretary

January 26, 1987

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Dear Representative Ulmer,

The Alaska Flag song was originally written as a jingle for school children to sing during the Alaska Flag ceremony. Written by Marie Drake, secretary to the Commissioner of Education and a neighbor and friend of Carol Berry Davis and Trevor who were very involved in the flag contest and ceremony. (see inclosed booklet titled The Alaska Flag by Carol Berry Davis)

Over the years I have had many discussions with Alaska Native leaders and legislator's about the song and the reference to sourdough's and the land but not any mention of the First Alaskan's-the Alaska Native. Former Legislator Alvin Osterback and his wife Marie especially were interested in the possibility of an added verse, however monies to run a statewide contest did not materialize and the matter was put aside but not forgotten. Additionally, a statewide contest to single out a group of people may have been embarrassing and I had hoped someone would just offer to submit one.

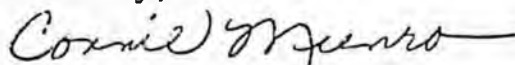
At a meeting with Carol Berry Davis in April of 1986 I once again asked Carol, then 95 years young if she would be interested in writing a verse or find someone who would. I was concerned that she was about the last of the many people who were on the flag and ceremony committee. Carol's background in music in Alaska dates back to the 1930's and her leadership in establishing music in education, Alaska Association's in Music and her experience as a teacher of music to native student's deemed her as an outstanding candidate for such an honor, in my opinion. I must admit that it was my own personal pursuit to start the process moving, after 15 years of talking about it.

I called the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and talked to Karen Cedzo in the Office of University Relations who gave me information on submitting a new verse. Carol stayed up all night working on the attached verse. Representative Frank Ferguson looked at the new verse and said he would be interested in introducing it to the house if the University accepts it.

I feel it is appropriate for Carol to write the verse and I hope that I will be able to sing the verse officially in 1987.

Thank you very much for your interest and possible sponsorship.

Sincerely,



Connie Munro



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## House

4, K.  
Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

January 26, 1987

Carol Beery Davis  
114 Sixth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Carol:

I have spoken with people in the Governor's Office, in the Legislature, and in the University system about the Alaska Flag Song. I am attempting to determine who has the authority to accept your beautiful and appropriate poem as the second verse of the Flag Song.

I believe that it would be best if we do three things:

- 1) introduce a resolution in which the Alaska Legislature would formally adopt the second verse of the Flag Song;
- 2) ask the Board of Regents if they will accept it; and
- 3) ask Governor Cowper to approve the verse and indicate his approval to the Board of Regents and the Alaska Legislature.

If you have no objections to this approach, I shall pursue it and seek the assistance of Representative Hudson and Senator Duncan.

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to this community and to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fran Ulmer".

Fran Ulmer  
Representative District 4B

FU/jc  
cc: Senator Jim Duncan  
Representative Bill Hudson

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May, 1988

Copies of minutes listed below were originally included in this file. The minutes are available on the STAIRS database CMPR. In order to save space copies of minutes have not been left in the files.

Mary Van Nimwegen

*House State Affairs:*

*March 16, 1988*

*March 25, 1988*

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/13/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: HESS  
Finance

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The State Affairs Committee has considered HB 128

"An Act relating to an Alaska educational trust fund and providing for voluntary contributions to the fund from permanent fund dividends and payments from the fund for education and for randomly selected beneficiaries; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDS:**

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title
- attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**ADOPTS:**  \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

**ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

- fiscal impact  same as previous fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal note  same as previous zero fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
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Chairman's signature



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## House

P.O. BOX V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

HOUSE BILL 128

FILE CONTENTS

1. AN ACT RELATING TO AN ALASKA EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND FROM PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND FOR EDUCATION AND FOR RANDOMLY SELECTED BENEFICIARIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
2. ALASKA EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND PREPARED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHULTZ

### FISCAL NOTES

- A. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ENFORCEMENT: -0-
- B. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: \$37,000
- C. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, PUBLIC SERVICES: \$150,000

## THE EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND BILL

### A CONCEPT RIGHT FOR ALASKA

The Educational Trust Fund is one that is patterned after our own permanent fund. In fact, the permanent fund board would manage the principle of the trust fund. Unlike taxes, the Trust Fund is a form of collecting revenues based on two important premises.

The first and foremost aspect of the fund is the importance of education in Alaska. Surveys will show that Alaskans consistently support education of our young people.

Secondly, Alaskans are more willing to shell out their dollars if there is some opportunity for a return on their investment.

In both instances the Trust Fund concept scores 100%. Not only will Alaskans be able to support education, in so doing they become eligible for various cash benefits as a result of their generosity. The incentive is not unlike the tax break given to charitable organizations.

In addition to the above mentioned advantages, here are a few more to think about. Alaskans donating to the Educational Trust Fund will not be using dollars from their pockets. Instead, adults applicants will merely check off a box on their permanent fund application if they wish to donate one half of their dividend to the Trust. A one time yearly donation, makes them eligible for any cash benefits paid out under the plan.

Unlike expensive lotteries that use fancy systems with tickets and gimmicks to encourage gambling, the Educational Trust Fund is a one time, limited donation which rewards, (not pays off) those who are willing to support education. Positive promotion of the Trust Fund will be a key ingredient to its' ultimate long term success.

In closing, this program is not unlike Governor Cowper's Educational Endowment Concept. His idea is a good one, but it lacks one critical element - incentive. In short, there are many Alaskans who would not support the Governor's plan, but would be more than willing to invest part of their dividend check if, and I repeat if, there was a possibility of a healthy return for their investment dollars.

I encourage the members of the Legislature along with the Administration to work together in determining specifically what the Trust Fund will be used for. It could go to special education for instance and play a vital role in keeping up with the advances being made in that field. Other ideas of course should be explored.

By demonstrating our willingness to try what has been proven in state after state, Alaskans will realize that combining positive incentives, with faith in the publics attitude toward education, makes everyone a winner.

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEXT COMMITTEE: HESS

BILL: HB 128

CURRENT VERSION:

SCHEDULED: MARCH <sup>25</sup> 1988

SPONSOR: SHULTZ

PHONE NO: 4940

CONTACT FILE: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL SUBJECT: ALASKA EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

SPONSOR BACKUP: IN FOLDERS

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/PHONE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
REVENUE	ROYCE WELLER/2300	Notified 3/13/88

FISCAL NOTES

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>FY 88 AMT</u>	<u>FY 89 AMT</u>
REVENUE	3/11/88	3/16	Ø	28,600

ACTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
3/16/88	Hearing held
3/25/88	Shultz out of town

HB 127

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\*\*\*\*\* ALASKA EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND \*\*\*\*\*

THE BASICS

EACH YEAR SOME 525,000 ALASKANS WILL RECEIVE DIVIDEND CHECKS. THOSE CHECKS WILL AVERAGE AROUND \$600.00 WHICH MEANS THAT ALASKANS WILL HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL SOME 315 MILLION DOLLARS.

MY IDEA WITH THIS LEGISLATION IS TO ALLOW ALASKANS OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHO RECEIVE DIVIDENDS TO DONATE ONE HALF THE AMOUNT OF THEIR CHECK TO A STATE MANAGED EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND. THEY WOULD DO THIS BY CHECKING A BOX AND SIGNING AND DATING A SPECIAL AGREEMENT PRINTED ON THE DIVIDEND APPLICATION FORM THEY NOW RECEIVE.

THE OBVIOUS QUESTION IS WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO DO THAT ??

THE ANSWER IS THEY WOULDN'T WITHOUT SOME FORM OF INCENTIVE AND THEREIN LIES THE CRUX OF MY PROPOSAL.

I PROPOSE THAT BY CONTRIBUTING ONE HALF OF THEIR PERMANENT FUND CHECK INTO THE EDUCATIONAL TRUST A PERSON WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FROM THE FUND.

HERE IS HOW IT WOULD WORK. AS AN EXAMPLE ASSUME THAT 20 MILLION DOLLARS IS DONATED TO THE TRUST FUND IN 1988. AFTER A YEAR OF BEING MANAGED AS THE PERMANENT FUND, ASSUME A TEN PERCENT GROWTH. THE FUND WOULD CONTAIN 22 MILLION DOLLARS. THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES WOULD BE .2% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS DONATING AND WOULD BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO RECIEVE BENEFITS TOTTALLING 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS THE FIRST YEAR. AFTER DEDUCTING THE AMOUNT AWARDED TO THE SELECTED BENEFICIARIES, 20.2 MILLION DOLLARS REMAIN IN THE FUND. FROM THE AMOUNT DONATED EACH YEAR THE STATE MAY USE AS NEEDED UP TO 5% FOR ADMINISTRATION CCSTS AND 5% FOR PROMOTION. THAT LEAVES AS PRINCIPLE APPROX. 18.18 MILLION TO CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST.

WHY THIS SYSTEM IS NOT COMPARABLE TO A LOTTERY

LOTTERIES DO NOT LIMIT THE AMOUNT A PERSON CAN SPEND.

LOTTERIES TAKE IN MONEY THAT PERSONS ALREADY HAVE IN THEIR POCKETS.

LOTTERIES ARE EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE AND EXPENSIVE TO SET UP.

LOTTERIES DEAL WITH TICKETS AND RETAIL OUTLETS.

THE ALASKA EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND WILL USE AN EXISTING MECHANISM UNLIKE ANY OTHER TO COLLECT DONATIONS AND DISPERSE BENEFITS. WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF EXPENSE A SYSTEM OF CASH BASED FORWARD FUNDING CAN BE PROVIDED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WHILE MAKING POSSIBLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALASKANS WHO ARE SELECTED AS BENEFICIARIES OF THIS TRUST.

HOW MANY PERSONS WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE ??

AS WITH ANY NEW IDEA IT WILL DEPEND ON HOW IT IS PROMOTED AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS THAT DONARS MIGHT RECIEVE UNDER THE PROGRAM.

BASED ON THE BENEFICIARY SCHEDULE IN THE PRESENT BILL THERE WOULD BE A LARGE NUMBER OF BENFICIARIES WHO RECIEVE A MODEST RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT AND A SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVE A SUBSTANTIAL RETURN. THE BALANCE OF BENEFICIARIES WOULD RECIEVE AMOUNTS SCALED IN BETWEEN ON A FAIRLY BALANCED AWARD SCHEDULE.

IF FOR INSTANCE 50,000 DONARS CONTRIBUTE \$ 250 THERE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO 100 RANDOMLY SELECTED BENEFICIARIES APPROX. 1.25 MILLION DOLLARS THE FIRST YEAR TO BE PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS.

5 BENEFICIARIES RECIEVE \$ 62,500.00 (EACH YEAR FOR  
TEN YEARS.)

10 BENEFICIARIES RECIEVE \$ 62,500.00 (ONE LUMP SUM)

15 BENEFICIARIES RECIEVE \$ 12,500.00 (ONE LUMP SUM)

20 BENEFICIARIES RECIEVE \$ 3,125.00 (ONE LUMP SUM)

50 BENEFICIARIES RECIEVE \$ 1,250.00 (ONE LUMP SUM)

IF WE ASSUME NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES (POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE) OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS, THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INTEREST REVENUE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EACH YEAR ON THE PRINCIPLE IS AS FOLLOWS;

(IN MILLIONS)

1990 - 2.12  
1991 - 3.19  
1992 - 4.36  
1993 - 5.43  
1994 - 6.80  
1995 - 8.37  
1996 - 10.04  
1997 - 11.81  
1998 - 13.68  
1999 - 15.65  
2000 - 18.72

\* INTEREST CALCULATIONS BASED ON NO TRUST FUND GROWTH. IF ON THE OTHER HAND THE POPULARITY OF THE FUND AND THE POPULATION INCREASES THESE NUMBERS MAY PROVE TO BE VERY CONSERVATIVE.

\*\*\* BENEFIT SCHEDULE

CATEGORY ONE \*\* 5% of the beneficiaries shall receive 25% of the amount available in the fund in ten even payments over ten years.

CATEGORY TWO \*\* 10% of the beneficiaries shall receive 50% of the fund in one payment

CATEGORY THREE \*\*15% of the beneficiaries shall receive 15% of the fund in one payment

CATEGORY FOUR \*\* 20% of the beneficiaries shall receive 5% of the fund in one payment

CATEGORY FIVE \*\* 50% of the beneficiaries shall receive 5% of the fund in one payment

HOW ARE THE BENEFICIARIES SELECTED ??

THE ANSWER IS QUITE SIMPLE. EACH DIVIDEND CHECK PRESENTLY GETS A DIFFERENT NUMBER AS A MATTER OF ACCOUNTING AND RECORD. THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO SELECT RANDOM NUMBERS AND BY PROGRAMMING SUCH EQUIPMENT TO DEAL WITH THE FULL RANGE OF DIVIDEND CHECK NUMBERS FOR A GIVEN YEAR, BENEFICIARIES WILL BE GUARANTEED A RANDOM PROCESS.

THERE WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO BE A CUTOFF DATE FOR DONATING INTO THE TRUST AND IF PEOPLE MISS THE DEADLINE THEIR MONEY WOULD NOT GO INTO THE TRUST AND THEY WOULD RECEIVE A FULL DIVIDEND CHECK.

I MENTIONED THE WORD DONATING, BECAUSE AS A FURTHER INCENTIVE TO POTENTIAL DONORS THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS FUND SHOULD BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM ANY FUTURE STATE INCOME TAX.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS ???

WELL, IF THERE ARE 100 BENEFICIARIES SELECTED AND THERE ARE 50,000 DONORS THE ODDS ARE 1 IN 500, THAT A BENEFICIARY WILL PLACE IN ONE OF THE FIVE CATEGORIES. THESE ODDS COMPARED TO OTHER STATES INCENTIVE SYSTEMS TO RAISE REVENUES ARE EXTREAMLY ATTRACTIVE.

THE FACT THAT ONLY ADULTS CAN DONATE, AND ONLY ONE HALF OF ONE'S CHECK CAN BE EAR MARKED, ALONG WITH MAJOR BENEFITS THAT ARE SPREAD OVER TEN YEARS, MAKES THIS SYSTEM UNIQUE AND MUCH MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN OTHER FUND RAISING TECHNIQUES BEING USED OUTSIDE ALASKA.

## ECONOMIC EFFECTS

THE BENEFITS TO LOCAL ECONOMIES FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CAPITAL ENOUGH TO CREATE BUSINESSES, BUILD HOMES OR FUEL OTHER ENTREPRENEURIAL IDEAS, WILL FILL A VOID EXISTING UNDER OUR CURRENT DIVIDEND PROGRAM.

THE IDEA, OF COURSE, IS NOT TO DISRUPT THE ROLE THAT THE DIVIDEND CHECKS CURRENTLY PLAY IN PERSONAL AND LOCAL ECONOMIES. RATHER IT IS TO CREATE NEW POSSIBILITIES AND A LARGER DIMENSIONED ECONOMY, WHILE PRODUCING A SUBSTANTIAL SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR EDUCATION.

IN MY MIND, ALASKANS WOULD MUCH RATHER VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP HALF THEIR DIVIDEND UNDER THIS INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAN TO HAVE THEM REMOVED OR CAPPED BY THE LEGISLATURE. IN THE LONG TERM ALL INTERESTS ARE BETTER SERVED AND IN RURAL ALASKA WHERE DIVIDEND CHECKS ARE MORE THAN A LUXURY IT SEEMS TO BE AN ESPECIALLY GOOD COMPROMISE.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST

Revision Date: 3-16-88  
Title: An act relating to an Alaska educational trust fund.  
Sponsor: Schultz  
Requestor: House State Affairs

Agency Affected: Revenue  
BRU: Permanent Fund Dividend Division  
Components: Permanent Fund Dividend Division

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
<b>OPERATING</b>						
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	17.4	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
SUPPLIES	-0-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LANDS & STRUCTURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	28.6	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
<b>CAPITAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>REVENUE</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	28.6	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
TOTAL	-0-	28.6	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	3	2	2	2	2
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS: See attached.

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Assumptions:

1. The bill will take effect for the 1989 permanent fund dividend year and application. The 1988 dividend application has already been printed.
2. There are 18 other bills which if signed into law, would result in some form of "check-off" on the 1989 dividend application, in addition to the existing Olympic Fund checkoff. The Department of Revenue has no insight as to which, and how many, of these bills will become law. This fiscal note, and all related fiscal notes, is prepared on the assumption that the subject bill is the only bill of this nature which will become law. The passage of multiple bills with varying formulas (\$5, half of dividend, all or part of dividend, etc.) will inevitably have a compounding effect. Whereas there may be savings in some areas, there will be increased costs in others.
- 3) Income from the account will not be available until FY90, and a general fund appropriation will be required in FY89. The costs of administering this law will be borne by the Education Trust Fund in FY90 and subsequent years.
- 4) The incremental cost of computer resources will result in a chargeback by the Department of Administration.
- 5) Whereas the cost of programming changes will be a one-time cost, the cost of document review, data capture, data processing chargeback, and the extra page in the dividend booklet will be continuing.
- 6) Elections will only be honored to the extent of available funds. Garnishments and assignments will take precedence in the order established by statute. Contributions and elections will then be honored in the order listed on the form schedule, which will be in the order they become law.
- 7) The election will only be available on the adult application.
- 8) An election decision can only be made at the time of initial filing of the application.
- 9) An election decision, once the application is filed, is irrevocable for that dividend year.
- 10) Absent direction to do so, the Department of Revenue will not promote this check-off more than any other. It would appear to be bad public policy for the Department to do so.
- 11) The Administrative Services Division will be responsible for the determination and payment of beneficiaries and will:
  - a) draft necessary regulations
  - b) hold public hearings
  - c) provide a random selection each year, starting in 1989.
  - d) maintain accounts for each of the beneficiaries under the proposed AS 43.23.230(a)(1).

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- e) make all payments under AS 43.20.230.
- f) provide for the general accounting required by the fund, including posting earnings determined by the Permanent Fund Corporation, and making payments to the public school foundation account as required by AS 43.23.240, and such payments as might be required under AS 43.23.220.

12) Revenue Assumptions:

- Dividend value constant at \$700
- Adult applicant pool is 370,000
- 2/3 adults favor some form of lottery
- Because of high price of entry, 10% of those interested will participate

Revenue \$8,633,450

a) Program Summary:

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Administrative Services Division will be felt in two ways and in two BRU's.

- 1) Permanent Fund Dividend BRU - modification of PFD processing program; and
- 2) Administrative Services administering the determination of beneficiaries and accounting for payments from the fund.

A more detailed summary of costs follows:

- 1) The provision of a new contribution decision on the dividend application will cause additional administrative cost in several areas:
  - a) An additional page added to each booklet and a schedule of contribution election decisions on each application.
  - b) The computer system will need to be changed to account for the change in the program, to establish new accounting controls and to provide for the transfer of funds to the Alaska Educational Trust Fund (see Attachment A).
  - c) Each of approximately 370,000 PFD applications will need to be visually reviewed and coded as to decision on the election decision. Each application will be data captured with additional attention and keystrokes expended on each positive decision.

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1. Positions

1 PPT Analyst/Programmer IV, R19  
@ \$4,302.28/Mo including salary  
and benefits for 2 months = \$8.6

PCN 04-1125 would be funded for an additional two months, in accordance with Attachment A. Ongoing maintenance of new programs would be accomplished by existing staff.

1 PPT Document Processor I, R7  
@ \$2,212.37/Mo, including salary and  
benefits for 2 months = \$4.2

This position would assist in the manual review and coding of 370,000 applications for the new contribution decision. This position represents the equivalent of the additional time and effort.

1 PPT Data Processing Clerk I, R8,  
@ \$2,317.72/Mo, including salary and  
benefits for 1-1/2 months = \$4.6

This position would assist in the data capture of the additional contribution decision. The position represents the equivalent value of the additional time and effort.

TOTAL Personal Services \$17.4

2. Other Expenditures:

a) Travel: \$0.0

b) Contractual:  
Data Processing Chargeback \$5.0  
Add a page to the PFD Booklet \$6.0

c) Supplies: \$0.2

d) Equipment: Use existing equipment 0.0

TOTAL COST \$28.6

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3. Funding: General Fund in FY90, thereafter from the Alaska Educational Trust Fund.

4. Section Cost Analysis: N/A.

Computations: N/A.

Economic Impact: N/A.

Impact on Local Government: N/A.

Suggested Amendments: None.

Attachments: Attachment A: "Summary of DP Needs"

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Wang data entry processing	75.0 hours
Includes:	Data entry Batch lists Corrections Wang to IBM transfer
IBM Update jobs	30.0 hours
Includes:	Edits Batch listings Log sheets
DMS Online programs for lookup and changes	37.5 hours
Nightly Update of Changes	22.5 hours
Warrant Jobs	90.0 hours
Includes:	Printing warrants with different amounts. Include check stub messages. Modify warrant registers as needed for balancing. Create new program(s) for transferring accumulated decisions to the Alaska Education Trust Fund, and to account for the reserve necessary due to returned and cancelled PFD warrants.
Miscellaneous	45.0 hours
Includes:	Setting up test files on IBM Systems testing Administrative functions, i.e. paper work required by Admin. DP to add files and programs to tables.
TOTAL HOURS	300.0 hours