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April 8, 1987

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Davis:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding the RIP early retirement system and BIA teachers.

I am supportive of the changes that you suggested. The present system which discriminates against BIA teachers, is not only unfair, but may possibly be unconstitutional.

The so-called Kerttula Amendment recognizes that BIA teachers already receive retirement benefits from a federal source, and thus precludes them from "double-dipping" into the state retirement system.

However, this ignores the fact that these teachers have provided many years of service in Alaska and have already bought-in to the TRS program, and are not even receiving full TRS benefits.

As I understand the buy-in system, a BIA teacher still receives the retirement benefits to which she/he is entitled under the federal Civil Service Retirement System, and is also eligible for any TRS benefits in excess of those received from the federal program.

I see no reason for BIA teachers to be excluded from participation in the RIP early retirement program. I am concerned about constitutional questions this practice raises regarding the state's equal protection clause. That clause requires that a classification that creates different treatment for persons be reasonable, not arbitrary, and be based on a difference that bears a fair and substantial relation to the object of the legislation, so that all persons similarly circumstanced are treated alike.

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Unless the state can show a reasonable justification for not crediting years of teaching service under the BIA, this policy would most likely fail a constitutional challenge. I cannot imagine what justification there might be for not recognizing the valuable work of teachers in the Alaska BIA program.

As you indicate, it appears that allowing BIA teachers to participate in the early retirement program would have great benefits for the state, in terms of money saved.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Although no legislation has been introduced, I would like to further consider it during the interim.

Sincerely,



Jan Faiks  
Senator

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P.S. I enjoy working with Senator Willie Hensley. He is a hard-working advocate for your district.

SB

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NEXT COMMITTEE: FINANCE

BILL: SB 56

CURRENT VERSION: 2nd HCS CS SB 56 (SA)

SCHEDULED: MARCH 7, 1988

SPONSOR: KERTTULA

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BILL SUBJECT: AMENDING AND MAKING EFFECTIVE AN ANNUITY PROGRAM & AMENDMENTS TO LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM

SPONSOR BACKUP: IN FILE

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/PHONE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
ADMIN	PUSHPENDER/2200	

FISCAL NOTES

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>FY 90 AMT</u>	<u>FY 91 AMT</u>
ADMIN		1/25/88	(3,708.2)	(8,282.3)

ACTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
1/25/88	TELECONFERENCE HEARING ON 1/20/88 WORK DRAFT
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October 13, 1987

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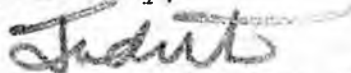
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# Alaska State Legislature

## House

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### COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

### MEMORANDUM

December 1, 1987

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Fran Ulmer, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: Longevity Bonus program

On November 16 and 17, 1987, the House State Affairs Committee held work sessions on the Longevity Bonus program in Fairbanks and Anchorage. The purpose of these sessions was to receive testimony from individuals interested in the future of the Bonus program, and to review/analyze proposals to change the current program--CSSB 56(Jud) and HCS CSSB 56(SA).

The work sessions were well attended. Sixteen legislators representing both the House and Senate observed or presented their views. The public was also well represented with a total of 112 observing and of these, 37 testified on the merits of the current program and pending legislation.

As you would expect, the comments and testimony were diverse, representing a broad range of differing viewpoints. For example, some seniors view the Longevity Bonus program as a "pension" owed seniors living in Alaska. Others believe the Longevity Bonus is paid simply to maintain a senior population in Alaska. Interestingly, these viewpoints are far from the original purpose of the program which was designed to reward only those seniors who had resided in Alaska before Statehood.

There were many comments and concerns expressed regarding Senate and House versions of SB 56--the "annuity" proposal. A significant number favored the Senate version which would grandfather in those currently receiving the \$250 Bonus as of 1/1/88. Those turning 65 after that date could receive \$250 provided they continued to deposit their Permanent Fund Dividend check in an annuity account controlled by the State. However, some seniors commented that a "cut off" date would be unfair to those seniors who had lived in the state for many years but who

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would not turn 65 by 1/1/88. Others commented that seniors recently moving to the state who were 65 would qualify after only one year of residency.

Several legislators and individuals expressed other concerns as well. For example, it is not clear whether Alaskans with low incomes would contribute their Permanent Fund Dividend to an annuity account simply because that money was needed for basic necessities, such as food, shelter and clothing. Similarly, younger Alaskans might opt to spend their dividend rather than save it for future retirement. Some argued that a private annuity account would bring a similar return on an investment of dividends and would allow greater flexibility in controlling their assets. On the other hand, some suggested that it would be easier to save the dividend if it was automatically transferred to an annuity account rather than relying on one's own self-control.

One legislator commented that, unlike the Permanent Fund Dividend, there was no residency requirement for those participating in the annuity. Consequently, seniors would not necessarily have to remain in the state to receive the Longevity Bonus. Although it could be argued that the Permanent Fund Dividend residency requirement controls for this possibility, it was pointed out that seniors can place a comparable amount of money into the annuity each year independent of the Dividend program.

If CSSB 56 were passed into law and the annuity was not successful, the problem of continued costs would have to be addressed for each budget cycle. It should be remembered that CSSB 56 does not become self-supporting for at least 15 years and, in effect, is really a 15-year phase-out of the State's financial commitment to the Longevity Bonus.

One basic difference between CSSB 56(Jud) and HCS CSSB 56(SA) is that the proposed substitute locks in the amount of the State's contribution regardless of how many people participate in the annuity or how well the annuity does. Another difference is that it reduces the monthly bonus payment by \$25.

Currently, seniors comprise four percent of the total population. As the overall Alaska population grows older, and as new people come to Alaska to take advantage of this program, the elderly will comprise an increasing proportion of the population--that means increased costs for all senior programs which help maintain independent living and a quality life in Alaska. As of November 23, there is estimated to be more than a four percent increase in the costs of the Longevity Bonus in FY 89. That amounts to a \$2,371,000 increase over FY 88 appropriations. As one legislator stated, "we have to make decisions and balance priorities". Do we continue to fund the Longevity Bonus program at its current and future levels or do we

make difficult choices based on the overall needs of not only current seniors, but future seniors as well?

Attached you will find a memorandum summarizing the work of the House State Affairs Committee to date. I have also attached the committee minutes with a list of participants in the work session. I hope you will find this information helpful, and if you have further questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Please consider that:

- Since the court's decision to open the Longevity Bonus program to all 65 year-old seniors who have resided in the state one year, the program has grown from a cost of \$30.2 million in 1983 to an estimated \$53 million in FY 89; and
- Alaska's senior population is the fastest growing population in the U.S. In FY 85 there were 18,133 known seniors 65 years or older. By FY 90, seniors 65 and older will exceed 24,000.

Attachment

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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senior Letters

Longevity Bonus Work Session

November 16 and 17, 1987

Date NOV 1987

Senior Voice

Client No. 0615

# Help the House answer Longevity questions

Dear Seniors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the seniors of Alaska for your cooperation and participation during the last legislative session and request your continued assistance in resolving important issues facing the State of Alaska. You can assist by providing your input to the questions below and sending your comments which I will share with the House State Affairs Committee.

As you already know, we are at a crossroad in the State's delivery of programs to all Alaska residents. Revenues, which for a period of time exceeded expenditures, have declined below the current level of State spending. As a senior resident of Alaska, you have closely followed those programs that affect you directly, and have provided valuable insights and suggestions on how these programs could be improved.

The above programs include: the Longevity Bonus program, Pioneers' Homes, Older Alaskans Commission, Homeowner's Property Tax Exemption, Renter's Equivalency Rebate, Water and Sewer Assessment (currently not funded), Motor Vehicle Exemption (currently not funded), Adult Public Assistance Payments to the Aged, Old Age Assistance, Personal

## Summary Longevity Bonus Program

The Longevity Bonus (ALB) program, initiated in 1972, gave \$100 a month to residents 65 and older who had lived in Alaska since before statehood in 1959. Only those senior Alaskans with 25 years of continuous residency were eligible to receive the bonus.

In 1984, the 25-year residency requirement was found unconstitutional and the legislature reduced the requirement to one year. As a result, the ALB became available to more Alaska seniors, and the cost of providing the bonus greatly increased.

As noted above, the ALB was originally \$100; however, increases over the years raised the amount to \$250. Almost 17,000 senior Alaskans are currently eligible to receive the ALB at an annual cost of over \$50 million.

FY	Total Appropriated	ALB	Average No. of Recipients
88	\$50,889,000	\$250	*16,930
80	\$13,607,600	**\$150/\$200	8,243
73	\$ 4,000,000	\$100	3,641

\* Number of seniors eligible to receive the ALB in FY 88.

\*\* Six months at \$150, then ALB was increased to \$200.

Care Attendants, Home Health, Public Health Nursing, Adult Homemaker Services, and Senior Centers.

Question: Which of the above senior programs do you believe are the most important for the State to continue to support and at what financial level? What programs do you believe should be expanded if additional funds are available, and which could be reduced if we have fewer dollars to spend?

Whatever the price of oil, the State will have to reduce total expenditures because of the decline in production of Prudhoe Bay oil in the 1990s. The Legislature spent considerable time last session analyzing the State's financial situation and all program expenditures. Of particular concern are programs that are rapidly expanding in cost, like the Longevity Bonus. (Please see the enclosed summary.) For example, many alternative proposals were offered regarding the Longevity Bonus program, not only by legislators, but by seniors and senior organizations, yet no one could agree on what approach would be best.

Question: If the current Longevity Bonus program must be changed to reduce the cost of the program,

how could it be structured to best meet the needs of Alaska's seniors?

As noted above, the Longevity Bonus issue was not resolved during the last legislative session. The Governor's "needs based" approach, the Senate's annuity option, and various other alternatives have been returned to the House State Affairs Committee for additional work.

The House State Affairs Committee will be holding a work session in Fairbanks on November 16 and Anchorage on November 17 to discuss these proposals. Public testimony will be received at these hearings. Your written comments and suggestions would be appreciated and may be sent to House State Affairs, P.O. Box V, Juneau, AK 99811.

The contribution of seniors to our state is very important — not just for what you have contributed in the past, but for what you can help with now.

It cannot be stressed enough that seniors who live in Alaska contribute greatly to the Alaska economy and provide a wealth of knowledge and experience. Please share some of this knowledge and experience by writing to me with your thoughts and suggestions.

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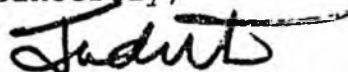
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ELEANOR BEUSON

Juneau, Ak 99801  
9209 James Blvd, #103  
Oct. 4, 1987.

Fran Ulmer  
House State Affairs Committee  
Juneau, Ak

Dear Fran:

It is comforting to know that there is someone interested in the welfare of the Senior Citizens in Alaska. I realize there are others as well as you. My thanks and appreciation to all of you. However, I feel the Governor does not fit in the above category. I called his office to register my complaint regarding setting the amount of the longevity bonus. Of course he was not available so I voiced my opinion to his secretary. I received a letter from him and signed by him stating the h.s. had been set at \$200 per month. I thought it was strange there was nothing in the paper or TV.

2. Confirming this.

If the longevity bonus is cut  
even \$500 per month, you  
are going to be taking \$500 in  
food, medication, heat or  
something away from some  
needy senior citizen - please  
see attached article on back  
of this page. Do you realize  
how many of us are below  
the income poverty level?  
If it must be cut, then I  
would suggest cutting from  
those who have sufficient  
retirement income and won't  
suffer because of the loss.  
I don't know what will take  
one less trip to Hawaii or  
elsewhere. I am not  
criticizing them. I probably  
would do the same thing  
if I were in the  
financial position to do so.  
But, you wouldn't be  
taking the necessities of life  
from them.

\* They forgot to  
mention worn  
out dentures. It  
has been so long  
since I have been  
able to eat a steak  
or lettuce, I have  
forgotten what they  
taste like. Did  
you know that  
the cost of new  
dentures is  
\$1,600? Who can  
afford them?  
Again, I am  
not complaining  
this is just a  
fact.

3. I have been retired approximately  
over year, consequently I am  
not familiar with most of  
the programs you have  
listed in paragraph 3 of your  
letter. However, I would  
wonder about 4, 5, 6 & 7. The  
rest I feel are necessary.  
Thank God for the Care-a-  
Jan. Many of us wouldn't  
be able to get to the  
doctor or grocery shopping  
with out it.

Why was there such a  
drastic cut in the  
money appropriated for  
the longevity bonus program?  
How does the h. S. compare  
(decided) percentage wise to all  
countries I am going to  
mention on the following  
pages.

## CRIME

### **Programs now pay victims—but enough?**

*This is a good example*

Robbie, 22, a typical mugger, has certain rights afforded him by law: He can get a speedy trial, can have a free attorney, can receive free medical attention, can get pretrial counseling, can remain silent, can confront victims and witnesses, can appeal, can have emotional and financial problems considered before sentencing, can receive education and job development after sentencing, can earn early parole, and can get rehabilitation services.

Mabel, 83, a typical victim—who sustained a broken hip in the assault, suffered psychological trauma that lasted for a year afterward, and who had \$100 taken from her (that resulted in her living in darkness for the next month because she could not pay her electric bill)—also has certain rights: She can get an award from her state victim compensation program (if she qualifies and if there is any money left), can attend all hearings (often with no provisions made for transportation, comfort or meals to compensate for her age, diet or medication requirements), and can be subjected to unlimited trial indignities (“Why were you walking after dark?” “Why were you alone?” “Why weren’t you more careful?”).

Some justice. But things are changing. In 1965 California created the first victim compensation program; in 1975 the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) was founded; in 1980 Wisconsin enacted the first state Bill of Rights for victims; and in 1984 Congress passed the Victims of Crime Act with a fund of up to \$110 million per year to support state compensation programs. Today all 50 states provide some form of victim assistance, 43 have enacted some type of Bill of Rights for victims, and 44, plus the District of Columbia, have compensation programs. But many programs are backlogged, others are running out of money, and none can help all victims (you may not qualify if your income or insurance is deemed adequate).

uphill fight. When, in 1954, she first testified in Congress against the practice, she was opposed by both big labor and big business. Final victory in Congress didn't come until last year—33 years after her testimony and 19 years after her death.

AARP prevailed for a number of reasons. First, we kept pushing. We also had merit on our side. And then, of course, we had grown. From just a handful of members in the early 1960s, AARP burgeoned into an organization of more than 26 million individuals.

But more than just raw numbers, we offered leadership. Drawing on our national network of volunteer leaders, we stepped up advocacy efforts in Congress to contain healthcare costs and to safeguard and improve programs for the elderly, including Social Security.

F. Moreover, we expanded the concept that was  
d Dr. Andrus's starting point: promoting self-help.  
e She believed the elderly should help the elderly—  
"to serve, not to be served"—and not rely unnecessarily on government programs. Thus many of the needs of our members are being met through our private-sector initiatives such as supplemental health and auto insurance.

Now, challenges loom. For one thing, people are living longer; there will be more of them in the older age groups. And soon the baby-boom generation will turn 50.

One thrust will be to broaden pensions to cover more employees. Another priority will be to secure the health benefits corporations provide retirees and, at the same time, establish protection for the growing number of people under age 65 (particularly children) who are uninsured.

Even more than it is today, long-term health care will be a burning issue. So will the matter of caregivers—mainly women who work 40 hours a week and then put in another 15, 20 or more hours at night and on weekends caring for an elderly parent or relative. Already we are moving to play a leadership role. We are working to sensitize industry to the needs of caregivers.

With these and other assets, AARP clearly has the potential to increase its role as a major force in American life. I'm confident that the new generation of AARP leaders will succeed. In their

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How the  
money  
appropriated  
for jails  
and inmates  
out or  
increased?

Percentage?

③ What is  
the cost per  
year per  
inmate?

\$20,000 -

\$30,000?

④ Seems  
like \$3,000  
per year  
for senior  
citizens is  
a drop in  
the bucket  
compared  
to the cost  
of supporting  
a criminal.

5. What about housing for pregnant  
and unwed mothers. Where  
the funds cut for this  
program? I'll bet they  
were increased if anything.  
(Again, I am not speaking  
of the truly needy.) I am  
speaking of the type that has  
set off the living room  
floor with a baby crawling  
around watching and the  
drapes open so anyone  
can see in. Gross?  
Yes - but still a fact! Or  
a drunken parent with  
a child running around  
outside and a bunch of  
drunks throwing beer cans  
at him. Or drug busters  
one after another cases  
of babies being carried into  
departments - if they can afford  
this they don't need help.  
Apartments being broken into.  
A woman getting an apartment  
and then the baby friend  
moving in rent free and  
don't feel these programs were  
funded for this type of people.  
I think it is a crime the  
state or taxpayers dollars are  
used for this. If there are

6. The fathers of these children  
and why aren't they paying  
for this? If the girl is  
under age why aren't the  
parents paying? If a couple  
can prove (and do they actually  
have to prove?) that they have  
been living together for six  
months they are eligible  
for subsidized housing. If  
this isn't encouraging  
irresponsibility among a lot  
of other things I would like  
to know what is. I am  
very surprised the state has  
not been sued by parents  
of minors for making this  
available and encouraging  
this type of thing. (Perhaps  
that knowledge but never-  
theless being done.) This  
in my opinion is some-  
thing that is in over-  
hauled mess and  
certainly needs to be  
investigated and guidelines  
enforced. Plus medical  
bills, food, etc. being  
paid. The cost for these is  
\$3000 per year, per case.

I raised my daughter from  
the time she was three  
years old - I had to work  
two jobs sometimes but  
we made it. Let these  
able bodied mothers get  
out and go to work. No  
wonder there are so  
many parasites everything  
is handed to them full of  
charge and for the asking.  
I could go on and on  
but enough for now.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Johnson

10-1-87

Dear Fran;

I appreciate your letter concerning some of the issues coming up on our next legislative session.

Some of these programs certainly effect us seniors in different ways, depending on our income and our health. What may not effect me now, could someday if my health should fail.

The two items that would effect me the most at the present, or I should say the near future (I'll be 63 in the spring) is the longevity bonus and the home owners property tax exemption. All my retirement planning has been with these two programs in mind. The two seniors programs listed above would be the most important to me, I would say at my present status anyway.

To answer the second question, about expanding if funding was available, I would suggest, Home Health and Public Health Nursing.

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The third question, to reduce if we have fewer dollars to spend, I would suggest Water and Sewer Assessments, Motor Vehicle Exemptions, Personal Care Attendants, Adult Homemaker Service, and Senior Centers.

This last item (Senior Center), I think should be kept alive, because there are many elderly people that really depend on it for lunches and activities. On the other hand there are many people that attend, that it would be no hardship if they did not participate, this is a tough one. I have been participating and enjoying it, but it would not be a hardship at my age and my health status as of now.

On the Longevity Bonus issue, I think the Senates annuity option is the way to go, if it can be set up to more or less pay its way.

These are tough questions facing our next legislative session. I hope my humble opinion will help in some way.

I have been a strong supporter of the dividend program. I don't think there

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has ever been a broader program that effects every citizen more equal. I feel that most all of that money is pumped right back into our economy. Last year I used mine to pay a portion of my property tax. Almost everyone I talked to had their dividend check ear-marked to pay bills or buy something special they had been saving for. I think most of us have to admit, there has been many programs that have failed. Many loans given out that have never been paid back, and many other things that have failed too numerous to mention. If there wasn't so much money gone down the tube, I would say use our dividend money for something useful. Up to this time there hasn't been a fairer way to use a part of "our" money, this should be held on to the last.

Thank-you proudly for giving me a chance to give my opinion. I think our legislature is improving year by year  
(over)

Dennis

Ruth M. & C. L. Jack Popejoy  
620 Seatter Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

September 19, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mrs. Ulmer:

Thank you for your recent letter informing Alaskan Senior Citizens of the financial condition of the State of Alaska and the serious conditions concerning the distribution of State Funds to its Senior Citizens.

My wife, Mrs. Ruth M. Popejoy and myself both know that the Longevity Bonus program has been a great boost to both of us and have been exceptionally thankful that it has been in existence the past 15 years. In considering State reductions it is our firm belief that it should be put on a REDUCTION BASIS just like it was increased after first being put into law. Namely: Reduce the \$250.00 per month to \$200.00. Soon afterwards reduce the monthly payments to \$150.00, then later to \$100.00 This method would not leave our senior citizens completely without financial assistance during this reduction period, and can enable them to make adjustments accordingly. We are well aware that several older Alaskans have returned to Alaska in order to qualify for this lucrative monthly income. They can all manage nicely when it is so reduced.

OUR OTHER PRIORITIES:

2nd. - ALASKAN PIONEER HOMES must be maintained. Oil or no oil money.

3rd. - Home Owners Property Tax Exemption is a major factor to us who still live in our homes in Alaska and should be continued.

4th. - Senior exemption of paying for motor vehicle licenses is an important assistance.

5th. - SeniorCenters support is another vital item to us oldsters.

BEYOND THESE PRIORITIES: It appears to us that the remaining ten (10) programs could be combined with reduced allowable amounts as needed.

Sincerely,

*C. L. Jack Popejoy*  
Ruth M. & C. L. Jack Popejoy

October 2, 1987  
P.O. Box 263  
Douglas, Alaska 99824

Honorable Fran Ulmer  
Representative, State of Alaska  
P.O. Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer:

The critical concerns that face the State of Alaska are top priority of every PIONEER Senior Citizen.

**ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS:** In the past fifteen years the number of recipients has increased approximately FOUR TIMES. Why? The influx of Senior Citizens from other States, who can become an Alaskan Pioneer in ONE year! How much can a Senior Citizen contribute with one year residency? The intent of the bill was that the program would gradually phase out, instead of increasing. The residency requirement should be changed by LITIGATION.

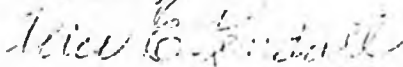
**ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS based on NEED:** The original program was designed as an incentive for LONG TIME Alaskans to continue to maintain their homes in Alaska. It was never intended to be a 'duplicated welfare program' for the influx of older people. "Johnny come latelys"

The ADMINISTRATION of all special state programs relating to the Senior Citizen should be kept under State Control and not transferred to any program that operates under Federal Regulations. The Constitution does not stipulate that the States can not spend their money as they wish.

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXEMPTION:** If the Senior Citizen can own and maintain a motor vehicle, he certainly should be financially capable of purchasing his own license plates. By the same token, HUNTING & FISHING licenses should not be free. Hunting and fishing is rugged duty and not for the physically weak and impaired.

**WATER AND SEWER ASSESSMENT:** A State tax exempt Lien on the property until the real estate is either sold or transferred to a beneficiary would allow the Sr. Citizen the privilege of proper sewage disposal and good water. Sewage disposal and good water are prime factors for good health, and protection of the environment.

Sincerely,



Alice S. Kendall  
23 year Pioneer Alaska Resident

Juneau, AL, 99801  
895 W. 12<sup>th</sup> #305  
Oct. 8, 1987

Dear Fran:

To me the most important program needing funding are:

#1 Longevity Bonus: Cancel - Replace with an entirely new structure - Name - Age basis, beginning at age 70 yrs. which should save quite a lot and still do pretty much as it was originally intended.

#2 Pioneers Bonus: Probably should be restricted pretty much to where it is available only to those (age limit or medical certificate) who are in need of medical supervision - but not necessarily continuous nursing care. State funding, plus the "Pioneers Community" as of #1 - and or a small percent of Soc. Sec. leaving the Elders with their dignity.

#3 Sr. Centers must be funded in order to continue The National Nutrition Program.

#4 Low Income Housing must be

maintained, whether by Federal or State.

I personally, carry suppressed Insurance, which I pay from my Longevity Bonus. If this is taken away - I will of necessity have to apply for all those things from the Health Dept, for which I am eligible now, but prefer my independence & dignity.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts, and pray the Committee will find an answer. As I do believe the Welfare officers will be overworked & underfunded if the \$250.00 Bonus is destroyed, unless immediately replaced with a more equitable & legal consideration.

Sincerely,

Bernice Kaeft

P.S. As President of A.A.R.P. I urge my Committee and membership to also express themselves to you.

Fran Allmer  
Chair House State  
Affairs Committee

11/6/87

RE Senior Programs

Dear Fran:

In the November issue of the Senior Voice you requested comments in reference to the senior programs and particularly about longevity.

First I would like to say we are 30 year classmates as well as our children and our grand children were born here and all are still here, we are retired of course,

I have been very vocal in reference to these programs and nursing homes and did write a letter that was published in part in the Senior Voice in Oct. in reference to nursing home prices.

Dale Kirk partially answered some of the questions but even the ones he answered were unsatisfactory in my mind as to the cost of the care per person of \$6,000 or \$144,000 per year for a couple to stay in a nursing home at two per small room.

I will not go in to that further at this moment only to say if some one would pay me another \$144,000 per year we could stay in our own home and pay for care as well as our home.

This is the third time I have written this letter in an attempt to be objective and to keep our personal situation out of it but it seems impossible to do this as these programs are very personal and very important.

So about the best I can do is to tell you

how the cutting of the programs will effect us. my wife is an invalid and requires constant care, and has for some years now.

I am the housekeeper nurse and chief bottle washer. I am in poor health and as a matter fact will be going to the doctor the day this letter is mailed to set up a heart by pass.

The Longevity, dividend, and tax exemption has enabled us to stay in our home since I was forced to retire early due to health and to care for my wife.

Our total life style depends on these programs. If they are cut off or cut drastically we will lose the house back to the state and be forced to seek aid from the state in some other manner either a senior home or the Pioneer home.

I can not see where the state would gain especially in our case and I suspect many others are in the same condition, as a matter fact I do know some. The 1984 change to the one year residency created a big problem for the long time alaskans.

Children begin transporting their parents and older relatives to AK, for the benefits and to get them off their back. Some of the children have left but the seniors are still here and have filled the senior homes to a point that the true alaskans cannot obtain an apt.

You can not blame these people but I do not feel it is fair to the older alaskans.

Some that are getting the longevity and dividends are not living in the state any more.

The checks are not transferable but are sent to a relative or friend that signs them

and makes the deposit in aK and returns the stub for the next month.

I know this is next to impossible to police but it is happening, including the dividends.

There could be 10 cards with photos but then you would run into problems of house bound and invalids that could not get to the bank. It is a problem.

This is not answering your request for suggestions.

First I would like make you aware that I am a retired investigator of over 25 years as well as retired again from the largest mechanical designing and consulting engineering firm in aK. I worked for them for over 5 years in the contract administration department and also as an inspector and a major part of it was state projects.

I have observed the waste, mismanagement, corruption, and down right stupidity of some of the persons in charge of these projects wasting millions of dollars. I could name you many but will only name a few.

I was the mechanical inspector on the Pioneer home addition as an example. It was poorly planned, poorly constructed and to my knowledge had 6 million dollars in extras due to mistakes.

I inspected almost every jail in aK new ones and additions, as well as schools including the bush and Villog schools. It is very sad. The improper handling of funds and, laws was sickening. Now the state claims the economy is in bad condition so they give the judges large raises.

So how do they figure on funding this?

By taking away senior benefits?

The state is not in trouble it is management that has the problem with bureaucracy, special

Interest groups and mismanagement and corruption  
 The \$50,800.00 you speak of is a mere drop in  
 the bucket compared with state waste.

So now that you know I am biased my suggestions  
 maybe of no value or interest because I do not  
 think anything should be cut and all things  
 should be expanded.

Why are the old and disabled the first to bear  
 the brunt of cut backs?

There would be no state if it were not for us.

I will offer a suggestion or two which has  
 probably been thought of or unconstitutioned

- # 1 We know the price of longevity will keep growing  
 and something will be done due to the influx  
 of seniors.

One suggestion would be to leave the present  
 recipients as is and phase it out in 2 to 5 years

This would give whom ever is looking forward  
 to a time to make plans and stop most of the  
 influx of seniors from other states.

This may not sound or be fair for Alaskans  
 that have been here for many years but I see  
 no choice.

- # 2 This may not fly.

To one year residents give them a percentage  
 as an example 20% for the first year and  
 30% thereafter increase until the maximum  
 was reached making it 5 years before fully  
 qualified

- # 3 Cooper wants a needs basis.

In reality this could work if the high cost of  
 living and medical is considered. It is well

Known Anchorage is the highest place in the nation to live.

If a couple with a home is below the \$35,000 level it becomes a poverty level. We are not in the 35,000 bracket Medicare helps but not nearly enough so medical is a major problem.

My wife and I are both vets and thank God we are. But they only pay for short term nursing home care.

#### # 4 Property Tax exemption

This is badly needed it could be the straw that breaks the camels back, ~~we depend on the~~ and lose your home

#### # 5 Water and Sewer assessments.

I did not know it was ever funded.

We depend on the dividend check to pay ours.

#### The Pioneer homes and nursing facilities

It is a well known fact there is not near enough especially nursing facilities.

There must be more built. 90% of the seniors will need nursing home care before death.

This will include us.

With all the money the state has had to use there should be at least twice as many and the best not the mediocre building we have.

Maybe I should not have said that but I expected them.

#### # 7 Older Action Commission

They need more funding. They are doing the best job they can with what they get.

## #8 Renters rebate

I am not too well versed on this but it indicates to me it would be mostly new comers I could be wrong. I feel it should be closely scrutinized.

## #9 Auto exemptions

This helps and is nice but not as important as other issues.

## #10 Senior Centers

I assume this includes homes.

Apparently the supply cannot keep up with the demand due to the influx.

There are waiting lists at the ones I have checked. We have applied to 3 of them and was turned down as our income at that time was a few dollars over. (a catch 22 basis)

The qualifications should be more flexible.

Each applicant has different problems.

I also know that some transfer funds and assets and lie to qualify. So we need more especially if the longevity is ~~not~~ not paid out. They will keep coming.

## #11 Personal Care attendants, Home Health and Public Nursing

We are receiving Home Health care and a nurse about once a month we do pay a little but it has been a blessing and due to my wife's condition as well as mine it is really needed and should be well funded.

## #12 adult Homemakers Service

Apparently they are not properly funded. We were promised help months ago and have never received any help, and I could certainly use some help as in my condition I cannot keep up the house properly and attend to my wife as well.

## #13 adult Public assistance + old age assistance

I am not sure what this consist of. But any assistance the seniors can obtain I feel is needed and justified. Every one will get there some day.

## #14 the annuity plan

I am not well acquainted with this but if it has to do with the younger generation they will object as they will feel they will never get it back unless deposited in their name.

By this time I am sure you tired of this but hear with me.

I do not think I have to remind you that all of this money goes back into the economy of AK, also the 17000 recipients have family in most cases in AK.

They will influence their families votes so it is not just 17000 votes we are talking about it could be 3 or 4 times that many.

All helped build this state and we are going to stay even if it means welfare or poorer home. Cooper broke every promise and even tried to get into the permanent fund.

He has tried and has succeeded in some cases  
to cut all social services and senior programs.  
And still trying.

I voted for him and I am sorry I did.

He will never make a second term at the  
rate he is going.

I am sorry this grew so long and I am  
sure being.

I must apologize for my poor writing I  
have arthritis and no secretary.

If you have read this I thank you for  
your time and the opportunity to express my opinion.

I know it is based on personal opinion and  
my experience and may not be of any value  
to you.

Thanks again

Sincerely

B. W. Arnold

19837 Eagle River Rd

Eagle River AK 99577

694-9628

Nov. 2, 1987  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Fran,

In regards to opinion on questions regarding all state programs, I believe the "Longevity" program is the most important & should expand if funds are available. If some dollars are spent on the "Elder Alaska Commission" program.

Getting on to my personal information, I am an Alaska resident since Feb. 1948-1949. I have been here, tax payer of forty yrs, I am 64 yrs old & will be 65 April 26, 1988. My question at this time is will Longevity <sup>benefit</sup> program

come to a <sup>"2"</sup> close June 1, 1988  
to all Alaska residents not  
65 yrs of age?

I am a widow & disabled  
for life have both hips  
total hip replacement.

My only income is  
Soc. Sec. & with cost  
of living this one check  
barely covers all my  
expenses per month to receive  
Longevity Bonus check would  
sure help.

I would very much  
& appreciate at your convenience  
to reply my letter

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leanne Brown  
P.O. Box 100594  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99510

1901 Spenser Rd.  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
Sept. 23, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
P.O. Box 1 State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Ulmer,

In answer to your questions on senior programs  
I will list programs as to priority.

1. Longevity bonus funded as is \$250.00 per month.  
Many seniors are dependent on it to enable them  
to stay in Alaska when relatives and friends reside.  
Cost should not be raised - cut other programs.
2. Pioneer home is very important. Needs and approach should not be  
considered.
3. Property tax exemption is needed so that we may maintain  
our homes here in Alaska.

The above three should get 1st priority.  
As a resident since 1946 the above programs help me  
to stay in Alaska and be a productive citizen.

Sincerely  
Margaret Green

R. W. PAVITT AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
PLANNING CONSULTANTS

*Denner*

September 24, 1987

REPRESENTATIVE FRAN ULMER  
Chair, State Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Post Office Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Fran:

Since your September 14 letter was addressed to me personally (rather than in my capacity as Vice-Chair of the AARP State Legislative Committee), I will respond with personal views on the issues you have raised.

As we know, the original "longevity bonus" program was designed to reward the real pioneers who had resided in the Territory and had contributed to the development of Alaska for a period of 25 years; and who remained in the state beyond the age of 65. While I have not researched the demographics or actuarial history of the recipients of this well-intentioned show of respect for pioneer seniors, it is clear that even at \$250 a month, the drain of this program on the budget would not have been too significant over the years had the original requirements been permitted to remain intact.

When, however, the courts struck down the durational residency requirement in 1984 (an election year), the legislature panicked and proceeded to award the largesse to all 65-year old one-year residents. "After all" they reasoned, "we're in the chips, and what's \$50 million more or less to this affluent society!"

Decisions based solely on the current availability of money rather than on a philosophical principle are inevitably poor decisions. Witness on the one hand, the decision to repeal (rather than suspend) the state income tax statute; and, on the other, Governor Cowper's abortive attempt to repeal the Alaska Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program.

The problem with bad governmental decisions is the fact that they are so very hard to change!

With regard to the longevity bonus, it is obvious to me that the law must change. No way can the state continue to shell out more than \$50 million each year without seriously endangering programs that accomplish substantially more good for more Alaskans. By the same token, however, I don't believe that the legislature can, will, or should (politically or morally) cut off those present recipients that have come to count on that \$250 per month as part of their annual income--whether for their very survival, or for a bit of luxury in their "golden years."



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10/8/87

Representative Fran Ulmer, Chair  
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Dear Representative Ulmer:

In reply to your letter of 9/28/87, I offer these views from the AARP State Legislative committee, the group which speaks for Alaska's 26,000 AARP members on legislative matters. As a group which represents many years of fiscal concern, which recalls the lean territorial days and the days when Alaskans paid many direct taxes, we are deeply concerned with the overall fiscal picture in the state, as well as with the programs which affect older Alaskans.

As you are aware, we strongly support those programs which keep older Alaskans in their home state and in a position to live independently in their own homes. We are deeply aware that such programs cost the state less in the long run than programs which might provide only long-term care or which would rely heavily upon state Medicaid contributions. We would also point out that funding which supports the older Alaskan residing in the state is funding that stays and circulates within the state.

Because Alaska has one of the fastest-growing senior populations in the nation--at a time when the national senior population is also increasing rapidly percentagewise--we are concerned that Alaska plan for the needs of this population in the years ahead.

Longevity Bonus: Because court decisions have obliterated the original purpose of the Longevity Program and its eventual phase-out and because the revenue demands of the present situation are heavy and show every sign of increasing, we feel: 1) people presently under the Longevity Bonus must be protected to continue receiving the bonus at the present level; and 2) the Annuity Concept presently before the legislature appears to be the best solution to the situation and should be enacted in 1988. Further delay will cost more in the long run. We know that reducing the present bonus even \$25 a month would work great hardship on many who have been receiving the bonus and living in Alaska because of it. We know many who plan to retire within the next ten years have counted on the bonus in their financial planning to remain in Alaska, so we feel that the annuity will provide a satisfactory solution for their needs, as well as a long-term solution for younger Alaskans.

American Association of Retired Persons 1409 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004 (202) 872-4700

John I. Denning, President     Cynthia Beckstead, Executive Director

The senior programs which are vital to the older Alaskans are those which allow them to remain in Alaska, living independently. The Homeowner's Property Tax Exemption/Renter Rebate is vital to this, should be fully funded as soon as possible under the present \$150,000 cap, and some sort of uniformity in the definition of "hardship" should be provided to municipalities. Funding for the administration of this appropriation should be included in the operating budget.

On our survey of over 1100 of our 26,000 Alaska members this past summer, we found that the two key items to those participating in the survey were continuation of the longevity bonus and of the homeowners tax exemption/renter rebate. Programs such as those operated on a community basis by the Older Alaskans commission--homemaker services, home health care, personal care attendants, some form of transportation assistance in some areas, senior centers--are crucial. Additional funding is needed for case-management activities on the local level.

And for those who are frail or cannot manage independent living any longer, there is the need for long-term care facilities--and insurance for that. Legislation to remediate the spousal impoverishment problem is something that will be receiving greater attention. Because most care-givers are family members, often entering the "senior years" themselves, the need for various types of daycare and respite care programs is great.

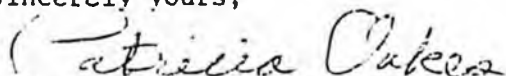
There is a need for more adequate Medicaid funding, including prescription drug coverage for those in the Medicaid-income level.

Frankly, after the cuts of the past two years, there is little left to cut in senior programs. If more funding becomes available, full funding of the Homeowners Property Tax Exemption/Renter Rebate is important to the municipalities who are bearing the burden of the shortfall in this program. Expansion of the OAC programs which foster independent living is highly desirable--not only to the expansion of existing programs, but toward providing such programs in areas not currently covered. These OAC programs are especially good because they are based upon community-determined needs and operated on a local level.

Thank you for asking our views on legislation for older Alaskans. I look forward to meeting with you in Juneau on these issues--and urge you to feel free to call at any time that the State Legislative Committee can provide information for you or your committee.

You will be interested to know that our concern over the revenue picture, immediate and long-term, is great. At our September meeting, we started the first phases of a long-term project on state revenue sources/program funding/tax reform in the hopes of being able to make some positive suggestions to the legislators in the years to come, for we are not only interested in the concerns of older Alaskans, but of Alaskans in general.

Sincerely yours,



Patricia Oakes, Chair  
Alaska AARP State Legislative Committee



## *Pioneers of Alaska*

IGLOO NO. 4

*Fairbanks, Alaska 99707*

October 20, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
P.O. Box V, State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Ms. Ulmer:


This letter is in response to your letter dated Sept. 14, 1987 from the Committee on State Affairs to Igloo #4 concerning Senior programs.

In answer to your first question, our response is that, when you list 14 programs that affect Senior Alaskans, it is difficult for us to suggest changes in those programs without knowing more about their current funding and effectiveness, especially when we know that this input will be used to reduce funding to those programs. We urge the Committee to proceed cautiously when recommending changes.

Your second question is much easier for us to answer. At our Grand Igloo convention in Palmer last month, the message came through loud and clear that the Pioneers favor an annuity program as contained in S.B. 56.

Thank you for requesting our written comments. All Pioneers will be carefully watching the upcoming legislative session as you work on these difficult problems.

Yours truly,

  
Gerald Borms  
President



## GORTON INVESTMENTS

KEN GORTON, SR.  
PRESIDENT

November 1, 1987

FRAN ULMER, Chairman  
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Dear Representative Ulmer:

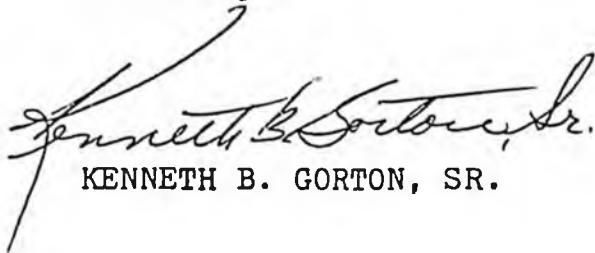
This is in response to your letter, "Dear Seniors" appearing in "Senior Voice" newspaper for November 1987.

It is not clear to me why your committee, or the House of Representatives, is at all in doubt about the answer to your question: "If the current Longevity Bonus Program must be changed to reduce the cost of the program, how could it be structured to best meet the needs of Alaska's seniors?"

The answer is very plain. The people of this State in an official election voted heavily in favor of the annuity program. The Alaska Senate complied with the voters wishes and passed annuity Senate Bill 56.

Please tell me why you refuse to pass the annuity bill in defiance of the voters of this State???

Sincerely,



KENNETH B. GORTON, SR.



CASES.

STEP TWO. INSTA STATE APPROPRIATIONS LIKE FEDERAL  
1445 FOR IS SENIOR CITIZENS. AT THE US WITH  
TWO YEARS IN THE STATE (ONE FOR FEDERAL) A MINIMUM  
OF \$1000 IS PAID THIS YEAR IS INCURRED WITH  
RESIDENCE IN THE STATE FOR EACH OF TWO YEARS  
(FOR FEDERAL) IN THREE YEARS OF RESIDENCE. THIS  
WOULD PRESS THE RESTRICTIONS OF RESIDENCE AND BE  
A BENEFIT ON LEAVING THE STATE TIME UP FOR THE  
BONUS.

THE FEDERAL COSTS WOULD BE PAID BY  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT - EMPLOYER TO BE  
AND STATE THAT ALL IN FEDERAL GOVT  
LOSS OF INCOME.

STEP THREE. THE PRESENT SET OF PROGRAMS  
BE DISCONTINUED, BUT WITH THE NEW INSTA STATE  
ADULT PROGRAMS WOULD BE INTENTED TO BE PAID  
POSSIBLY SUBJECT TO LIMIT HEAVY. SO INCREASE THE  
MONTHLY PAYMENT TO \$400 AND LET THE PRESENT  
RECIPIENTS QUALIFY. IF ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL  
BONUS - OK. IF NOT - THEN ALL IN FEDERAL GOVT  
INCREASED THIS YEAR PROGRAMS WOULD BE  
OK!

THANKS FOR INTERESTING AND I WOULD BE  
PRESENTED A MORE DETAILED REPORT TO YOU.

SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY

The Sr. Voice Nov. article  
Gross -

Reduce - If necessary  
Motor Vehicle Exemp

Lower Cap on Prop Tax Exemp  
To 100,000 or even 75,000

Al Bonus - reduce to 200. -

would save 10 million

as if needs based make  
it a 50,000 Gross Income

or less. That is a fair

amount for a couple

retired in Alaska to

live a fairly good life

If costs go up it should

go up accordingly.

I don't have any idea

how much that would

save. Maybe not even

the 10 m. ? More than

likely no where near

4 admin would be, exactly.

Keep - at whatever level needed  
Pioneer Homes operated by  
STATE - but redefine  
their purpose -  
OAC - but review its  
function  
All State Public Assistance  
programs  
Senior Centers - not to be  
funded by HUD.

Look into state funded  
senior housing options  
Keep the Feds out of it  
so it takes care of  
Alaskans in need.

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now.

The House State Office  
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Dear Friend:

read the serious voice, but I don't  
feel I can write my feelings, as no one  
can understand conditions like they were  
41 years ago. we came to Alaska for a better  
place for our 3 children, and we had it  
at that time, we built our home at Kasiluk  
no house decent to live in, so we fixed up  
2 bfr building our own. we went to Seward  
for our materials, we had to go so far any  
thing. the 2nd year we were feeling, so the  
community brought up groc. gas etc, we had to  
organize our school, it was very rugged, but  
the children were in school, didn't have the  
road into percherage yet, but our community  
was in harmony, we had a teacher who lived  
there and she was real good. Mrs. Enid McLean

I am sorry to feel as I do  
towards the new comers, they  
know nothing about what made  
to our state what it is now, we  
have built 3 houses since we  
came to Saldetna, repaired 2  
some different. I hope who comes



and live in their children's back  
yard. drawing our goodness they  
never gave our state very much in  
pleasant life. but are glad to take  
and not share.

I do so want to live and die in  
my own home. I have pd my  
way all I can. my price for  
movement in front of my property  
is pd. thanks to the Alaska Check  
I took it right to City Hall and  
pd it off. now in facing my house  
needing a new roof and foundation

I have neighbors and friends who  
keep me clear of snow. Please  
don't cut me off my income or less  
than 700.00 mos. and I will be so  
next Bk. but I have faith and if  
all well be well. remember the old

Pioneers. who really helped to make  
Alaska and who feel we can't  
compete any more. My Trust.

Verla Haworth.

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Seldovia, Alaska

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Harold F. Bergmann  
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Petersburg, Alaska 99833

11/13/87

House State Affairs Committee;

- After reading Fran Ufner's  
letter in November's Senior Voice.

First - Cut the <sup>loyalty</sup> bonus to \$200

Second - Drop the real-estate tax  
exemption for elders.

Third - Adopt <sup>part of</sup> Jay Kestubek's  
annuity program suggestion.

but  
change the permanent  
dividend contribution to  
the program to 50% of  
the dividend. That would  
give the younger people  
something in their pocket  
& something to look forward  
to at least, of course it would be less  
than \$200.

Why not run that through your  
computers and see how it comes  
out?

Sincerely  
Harold Bergmann  
age 70 - retired teacher.

# CARTA

## Central Alaska Retired Teachers Association

Advocate for Retired and Pre-Retired Educators

October 7, 1987

Fran Ulmer, Chair  
State House Affairs Committee  
P.O.Box 5  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Ulmer,

CARTA is appreciative of your continued efforts to seek input for resolving important issues facing the State of Alaska.

We are concerned that you do receive a response to your queries in your letter of September 14, 1987.

It is important that the maintenance of senior programs for independent living be continued. The greying of America is not really in the future. It is here. There is no doubt that many of the present retirement contingent in Alaska will be living longer. It simply makes more dollar sense to emphasize broad programs that support independent living. We would encourage the legislature to take this long range view in evaluation of senior programs.

We have done surveys as have other groups to ascertain senior preferences for present programs. We feel there is a need for complete demographics studies across the State before any group speaks with final authority.

We would urge the Legislature to look upon the retirement community as an important resource both for its financial contributions and the thousands of hours of volunteer services. The 1975 Longevity Bill encouraged the present retention of this age group which was almost non-existent in earlier years. Other top notch senior programs have been created. We encourage you to view the continued growth of this age group as a positive economic asset to the state and not as a drain on the state budget. Business communities throughout this nation have

# CARTA

## Central Alaska Retired Teachers Association

Advocate for Retired and Pre-Retired Educators

learned the value of targeting senior citizens as important consumers. Alaska needs residents who choose to remain here permanently.

CARTA members have spent their working years serving young people. We continue our investment in this young state both in our returning of retirement dollars to the economy and in service to other Alaskans of all ages.

We intend to remain active in the problem solving that lies ahead. We appreciate your continued communications. Thank you again for your efforts.

Sincerely,

*Terrell Bazaway*  
CARTA President

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Longevity Bonus Briefing Memorandum

Work Session

November 16 and 17, 1987



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### M E M O R A N D U M

November 9, 1987

TO: State Affairs Committee Members

FROM: Representative *Evan Ulmer*, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: Longevity Bonus

The attached summarizes testimony, research and information relating to the current Longevity Bonus (ALB) program. Specifically, you will find a summary of:

- the current ALB program;
- CSSB 56 (Jud) and HCS CSSB 56(SA);
- legislative proposals last session, and
- public proposals

The above information should provide a helpful review prior to our meeting in Fairbanks and Anchorage on November 16 and 17 respectively. Please note too that Dave Rose of the Permanent Fund Corporation will present an analysis of the impact of the stock market's instability on Permanent Fund assets after the morning work session in Anchorage. Mr. Rose will also comment on proposed changes in inflation proofing, management and use of the earnings.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed material, please contact Dennis J. Burns at 465-4963.



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I. CURRENT LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM

The Longevity Bonus (ALB) program, initiated in 1972, gave \$100 a month to all residents 65 and older who had lived in Alaska since before statehood in 1959 - only those senior Alaskans with 25 years of continuous residency were eligible receive the bonus.

In 1984, the 25-year residency requirement was found unconstitutional and the legislature reduced the requirement to one year. As a result, the ALB became available to more Alaska seniors and the cost of providing the bonus greatly increased. As noted above, the ALB was originally \$100; however, increases over the years raised the amount to \$250. Almost 17,000 senior Alaskans are currently eligible to receive the ALB at an annual cost of over \$50 million dollars.

ALB Costs and Elderly Population Growth

Tables 1 and 2 summarize present and projected costs of the present ALB. Table 3 compares the ALB with other senior programs. Table 4 and Figure 1 provide an overview of elderly population growth in Alaska.

Table 1

Selected fiscal year appropriations, bonus amounts and recipients.

<u>FY</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>ABL</u>	<u>AVERAGE QUALIFIED RECIPIENTS</u>
88	\$50,889,000	\$250	16,930 <sup>1</sup>
80	\$13,607,600	\$150/\$200 <sup>2</sup>	8,243
73	\$ 4,000,000	\$100	3,641

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 1 number of seniors eligible to receive the ALB in FY 88

2 the increase to \$200 effective FY81

Table 2

Estimated annual and cumulative costs (millions)  
of the current ALB program to the year 2005.

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Annual Costs</u>
1989	52.7
1990	55.6
1991	58.2
1992	60.7
1993	63.4
1994	65.9
1995	68.8
1996	71.4
1997	73.6
1998	76.1
1999	78.5
2000	81.1
2001	83.6
2002	86.2
2003	88.9
2004	91.6
2005	94.9
Cumulative Total:	<u>\$1,301</u>

Table 3

A comparison of FY 88 appropriations for  
senior programs in Alaska (\$ Thousands).

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<u>Department</u>	<u>FY 88</u>
Administration	
Longevity Bonus	\$50,889.8
Pioneer Homes	18,400.6
OAC	3,695.1
Community and Regional Affairs	
Homeowner's Property Tax Exemption	2,866.3
Renter's Equivalency Rebate	221.3
Health & Social Services	
APA-Payments to the Aged	7,221.8
OAA-LB Hold Harmless	4,068.1
Personal Care Attendants	764.5
Home Health	793.5
Public Health Nursing	435.6
Adult Homemaker Services	893.2
Medicaid	11,756.9
Maniilaq Senior Center	868.3
Maniilaq Homemaker Service	99.7
Norton Sound Homemaker	149.2
Total:	<u>103,123.9</u>

Table 4 and Figure 1 were prepared by the House Research Agency.

Table 4: According to Karen Oakley (House Research), elderly Alaskans have historically comprised between two and three percent of the total population. The elderly now comprise almost 4 percent of the total population, and as the people who emigrated to Alaska over the last several decades grow older, the elderly will comprise an increasing proportion of the population.

Table 4

Population growth of seniors in Alaska

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Alaska Population</u>	<u>Age 65 +</u>	<u>Aged % Population</u>
1950	137,000	4,742	2.96
1960	230,400	5,386	2.28
1965	265,200	6,181	2.28
1970	308,500	6,887	2.15
1975	384,100	10,111	2.47
1980	419,800	11,547	2.66
1985	539,600	18,133	3.36
1986	545,158	19,417	3.56
1987	543,903	20,632	3.79
1988	548,497	21,923	4.00
1989	559,077	23,328	4.17
1990	572,346	24,615	4.30
1991	588,315	26,026	4.42

Figure 1 shows the age structure of Alaska's population. As the people that comprise the "bulge" in the population pyramid reach 65 years of age, the number of elderly Alaskans will increase as will the proportion of the population that is elderly.

### Need

On September 14, 1987 a letter (see V. attachment) was sent to 55 senior organizations and individuals requesting their comments regarding senior programs including the ALB. The following summarizes the results of that survey. Please note that a ranking of senior programs in terms of need was impossible due to the diverse responses obtained.

### Longevity Bonus

#### Senior Groups

Pioneers of Alaska (Fairbanks): support CSSB 56

CARTA (Anchorage): support CSSB 56

Seward Seniors, Inc.: ALB program no longer stands for original purpose and should be abolished

AARP (Central) supports CSSB 56

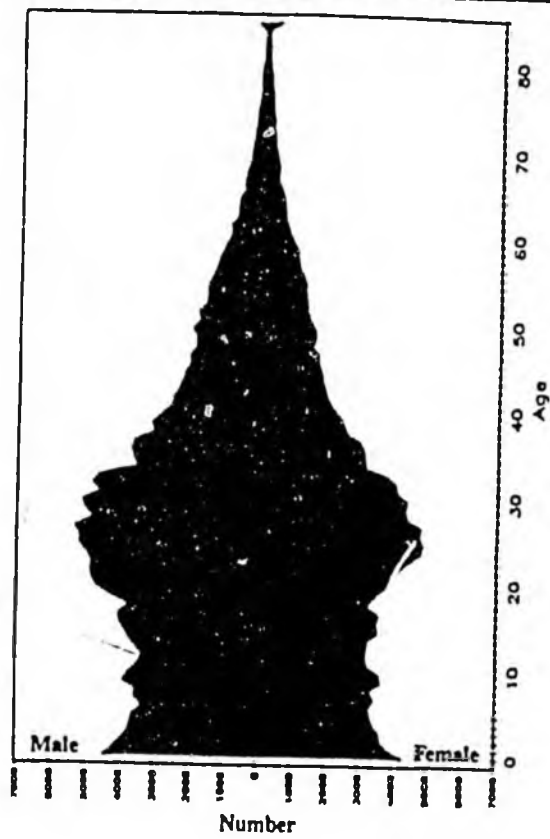
#### Individual Comments

Juneau: supports HCS CSSB 56; "...admittedly, it would be 12 - 14 years before the state could be completely out of ALB program, but each of those years would be progressively less painful...and if the annuity option was made mandatory for recipients...the resultant savings to the general fund would be more immediate".

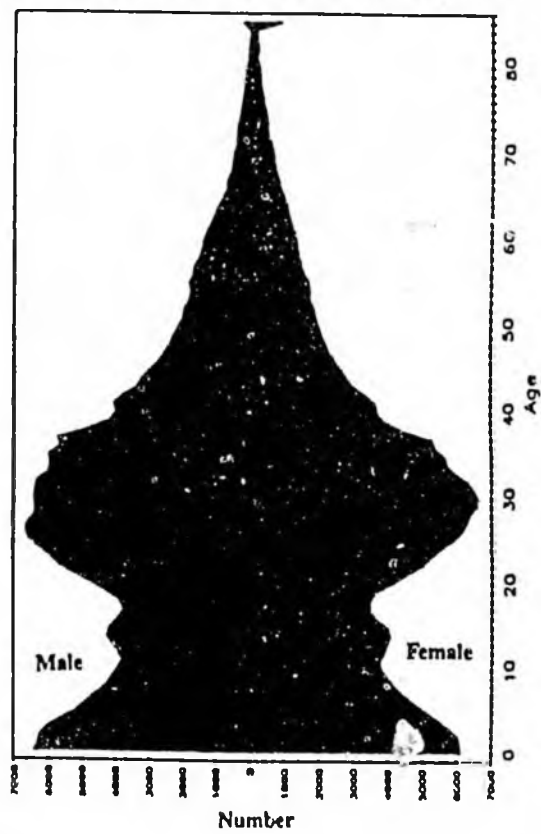
Juneau: "The intent of the bill (ALB program) was that the program would gradually phase out, instead of increasing".

Juneau: "Cancel - replace with an entirely new structure beginning at age 70 which should serve many and do ... what was originally intended".

Alaska Population by Age and Sex, 1980



Alaska Population by Age and Sex, 1985



Alaska Population by Age and Sex, 1991

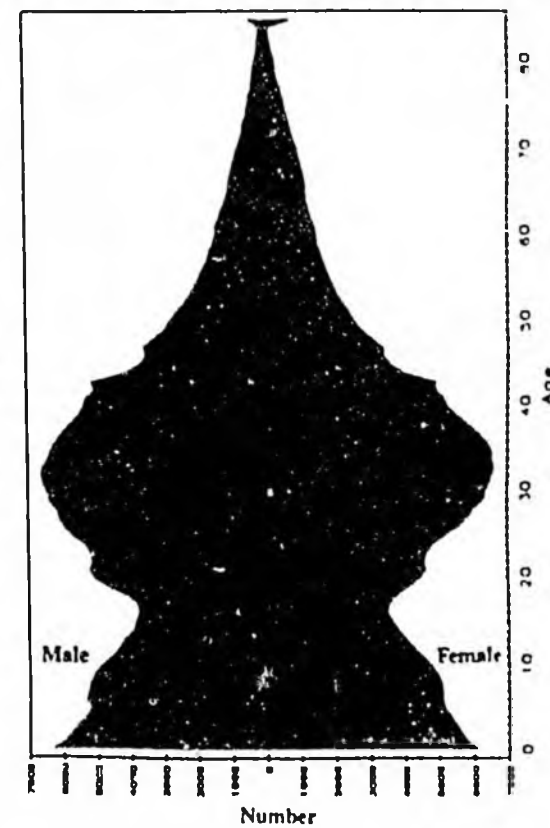


Figure 1. Age structure of Alaska's population.

Juneau: "...it (ALB) should be placed on a Reduction basis.. just like it was increased after first being put into law. Namely: reduce the \$250 per month to \$200. Reduce to \$150, then later to \$100. This method would not leave our senior citizens completely without financial assistance during this reduction period, and can enable them to make adjustments".

Anchorage: "The people of this State in an official election voted heavily in favor of the annuity program".

Anchorage: "The longevity bonus program is the most important and should expand".

Anchorage: "Longevity Bonus funded as is at \$250. Many seniors are dependent on this to enable them to stay in Alaska..cut other programs".

#### Senior Programs

##### Senior Groups

Seward Seniors, Inc.: "..it would be much more cost effective to have...already established senior centers be funded to do homemaker and home health services".

AARP (Central): "..our survey of 1100 of 26,000 members ...found two key items (were most important)...longevity bonus and homeowners tax exemption/renter rebate".

##### Individual Comments

Juneau: "If the senior can own and maintain a car..he should be financially capable of purchasing his own license plates. Hunting and fishing licenses should not be free".

Juneau: "Pioneer Homes should be restricted..to where it is available only to those who are in need of medical supervision".

Juneau: "Our priorities..Alaskan Pioneer Homes must be maintained, Home Owners Property Tax Exemption, senior exemption for motor vehicle licenses, senior centers. Beyond that the remaining senior programs could be combined with reduced allowable amounts as needed".

Fairbanks: "..expand Home Health and Public Health nursing..

Fairbanks: "All my retirement planning has been with these two programs in mind (ALB and home owners property tax exemption)". "...to reduce (senior programs) with fewer dollars to spend..I would suggest water and sewer assessments, motor vehicle exemptions, personal care attendants, adult homemaker services and senior centers.. senior centers should be kept alive because there are many elderly people who depend on it..."

#### Summary

The total amount appropriated to the ALB for FY 88 was over \$50 million dollars compared to FY 73 of \$4 million. The number of recipients of the bonus has increased by 13,289 since FY 73. Over this same time period, the bonus amount has increased from \$100 to \$250.

The cumulative cost of the ALB by FY 2005 will be over \$1 billion dollars. When compared to current senior programs (Table 3), the ALB amounts to 53% of all funding (ALB plus hold harmless).

Elderly Alaskans have historically comprised between two and three percent of the population (nationwide, the elderly comprise over ten percent of the total population). Currently the elderly comprise four percent of the total population, and as the people who emigrated to Alaska over the last several decades grow older, the elderly will comprise an increasing proportion of the population.

Seniors realize that the cost of the ALB must be contained and, for the most part, favor the Senate's annuity proposal. Those seniors (responding to the questionnaire) who ranked senior programs indicated the ALB and Homeowner's Property Tax Exemption/Renter's Equivalency Rebate as the most important for maintaining independent living. Generally, most seniors were unaware of the costs associated with senior programs.

II. LONGEVITY BONUS: SB 56

The Legislature spent considerable time last session analyzing both the state's financial situation and the structure of the ALB program. Almost everyone agreed that the program needed to be adjusted to make it more affordable. The House CS for CSSB 56 (SA) was designed to make the ALB program more affordable and predictable.

As you know, the House CS for CSSB 56 (State Affairs) was returned to the State Affairs Committee on 5/17/87 after a House floor debate on that same day. At issue were amendments to CSSB 56 (Judiciary) which: 1) reduced the bonus amount by \$25 (\$225) and 2) incorporated a schedule of bonus reductions referred to in a House Research memorandum - the intent of the schedule was to break the tie between the annuity and dividend programs.

During the floor debate, Representative Mike Miller moved for adoption of an amendment which would have increased the Bonus amount by \$25 (\$250). A similar amendment was introduced (but not acted upon) by Representative John Sund which not only increased the bonus amount by \$25, but placed in the bill the actual schedule of bonus reductions. Subsequently, HCS CSSB 56 (SA) and all pending amendments were moved to the bottom of the calendar and, as noted above, were returned to the House State Affairs Committee.

CSSB 56 (JUD) and HCS CSSB 56(SA)

CSSB 56 (Judiciary)

This proposal creates a voluntary annuity program which guarantees seniors \$250 per month. Two groups can be identified:

- Grandfather Group: individuals who turn 65 by January 1, 1988 would receive \$250 per month, without being required to give up their permanent fund dividend
- Reduced Bonus Group: individuals who turned 65 after January 1, 1988 would qualify for a combined growing annuity program and declining longevity bonus program. The mechanism for determining the annual amount of the declining longevity bonus is the provision that ties the annuity to the dividend program which is spelled out in in Sec. 6.

If an individual decides to participate in the voluntary annuity by paying cash or their permanent fund dividend, he/she will receive \$250 - part of which is paid from an annuity account and