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Senate Advisory Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Paul Fischer
Alaska State Senate

ATN: Jack Sanderson

FROM: Lee Ann Lucas *lal*
Senate Advisory Council

DATE: January 14, 1987

RE: Ak. Women's Commission

In response to your request, I offer the following.

The Alaska Women's Commission was established by the Legislature in 1978 (Ch. 120, SLA 78). The Commission was reaffirmed and renewed in 1983 (Ch. 52, SLA 83) by the Legislature and the Governor. Copies of these Acts are attached for your information.



LAWS OF ALASKA

1978

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Chapter No.

120

AN ACT

Creating the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

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

* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 44.19.956. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

Sec. 44.19.957. COMPOSITION. The commission consists of nine members and an ex officio member representing the office of the attorney general who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Sec. 44.19.958. APPOINTMENT. (a) The members shall be appointed on a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory basis by the governor within 60 days of the effective date of this Act. The members shall be residents of the state. At least one member shall be a homemaker who is not otherwise employed. In making the appointments, due consideration shall be given to

(1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, women's organizations, educational and vocational groups, employer groups, labor unions, church groups, homemakers clubs and organizations, and other groups having an interest in the status of women;

(2) statewide geographical representation of the commission; and

(3) minority and low-income representation.

Chapter 120

(b) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson and may select other commission officers as it considers necessary.

Sec. 44.19.959. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the first meeting of the commission. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, at the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by a majority of the members.

Sec. 44.19.961. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office of each member is five years. Terms shall be staggered. Initial terms shall be three members serving for one year, three members serving for three years, and three members serving for five years. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

Sec. 44.19.962. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission receive no compensation for their services but are entitled to per diem and travel allowances authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

Sec. 44.19.963. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to implement the recommendations contained in the preliminary study on the status of women in Alaska which was mandated by the Ninth Legislature, Second Session, under ch. 99 SLA 1976, and improve the status of women in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and implementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Alaska including, but not limited to,

- (1) education,
- (2) homemaking,
- (3) civil and legal rights,
- (4) labor and employment.

Sec. 44.19.964. POWERS AND DUTIES. To accomplish its purpose, the commission may

- (1) hire an executive director and additional administrative staff as may be necessary to the commission's function;
- (2) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental information relating to the status of women;
- (3) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women in Alaska;
- (4) accumulate and compile information concerning discrimination against women;
- (5) disseminate the results of research and

compilation of data acquired under (4) of this section by publication and other methods such as public hearings, conferences, and seminars;

(6) study and analyze all facts relating to Alaska laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to equal protection for women under the state constitution;

(7) recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for women;

(8) select and retain the services of consultants whose advice is considered necessary to assist the commission in obtaining information;

(9) encourage women to utilize their capabilities and to assume leadership roles;

(10) establish standing committees among the members to investigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

(11) create task forces composed of commission members and other experts as needed;

(12) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal government or an agency of it, from any charitable foundation or professional association or from any other reputable source for implementation of any program necessary or desirable for carrying out the general purposes of the commission.

Sec. 44.19.966. ANNUAL REPORT. Each year the commission shall file a report with the governor and the legislature of its proceedings for the previous calendar year and shall submit recommendations for legislative and administrative action. Reports and recommendations required under this section shall be prepared no later than the convening of the legislature.

* Sec. 2. The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women created under AS 44.19.956 shall terminate on June 30, 1983.



LAWS OF ALASKA

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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women;
and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO
THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES
DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL
REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY
LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: July 11, 1983
Actual Effective Date: July 12, 1983

AN ACT

Relating to the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women;
and providing for an effective date.

- Section 1. AS 44.19.165 is amended to read:
Sec. 44.19.165. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Women's Commission [ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN].
- Sec. 2. AS 44.19.175 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(13) encourage the development of regional and municipal women's councils or commissions.
- Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(12) Alaska Women's Commission -- June 30, 1987.
- Sec. 4. The Alaska Women's Commission established in sec. 1 of this Act succeeds to all the powers, duties, and facilities of the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.
- Sec. 5. Section 2, ch. 120, SLA 1978 is repealed.
- Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-3.070(c).



American Association of University Women
ANCHORAGE BRANCH

9621 Spring Hill Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507

March 23, 1987

Women's Commission
(M)

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Abood,

Enclosed is a copy of the testimony I delivered to the Finance Committee at the Public Hearing held in Anchorage Saturday, March 21, 1987. My testimony related to the Alaska Women's Commission, the appropriation for which appears as line item 8 in the copy of the budget distributed at the hearing.

When the idea of the Commission was first proposed in the seventies, we were strong proponents. We continue to be advocates for the Commission, in fact, continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission is our number one legislative priority. We feel the Commission has fulfilled its mission in an exemplary fashion and should be continued until 1991 at its current level of funding and staff.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice L. Foster".

Janice L. Foster, Legislative Chairman

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TESTIMONY RE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION - BUDGET LINE ITEM 8
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 1987 ANCHORAGE

SENATOR UEHLING AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

MY NAME IS JAN FOSTER; I AM THE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ANCHORAGE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. IN ALASKA WE HAVE 500 COLLEGE EDUCATED WOMEN AS MEMBERS; IN ANCHORAGE WE HAVE 50. WE HOLD THE CONTINUATION OF THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION AS OUR NUMBER ONE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY.

WHEN THE IDEA OF THE COMMISSION WAS FIRST PROPOSED IN THE SEVENTIES, WE WERE STRONG PROPONENTS; WE CONTINUE TO BE ADVOCATES FOR THE COMMISSION. WE FEEL THE COMMISSION HAS FULFILLED ITS MISSION IN AN EXEMPLARY FASHION AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL 1991 AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING AND STAFF.

I HAVE ATTENDED HEARINGS ON HOUSE BILL 4 VIA TELECONFERENCE. I HAVE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO TESTIMONY FROM THE OPPOSITION AND AM DISMAYED AT SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS. I DISAGREE STRONGLY WITH THOSE WHO SAY THE COMMISSION REPRESSES CERTAIN POINTS OF VIEW. INSTEAD, I BELIEVE THE COMMISSION IS THE ONLY STATE AGENCY WHICH TRULY SPEAKS FOR ALL WOMEN OF ALASKA.

I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSITION TAKEN BY SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES THAT THE COMMISSION'S PORTION OF THE BUDGET MIGHT BETTER BE SPENT ON DIRECT AIDE PROGRAMS. I AM NOT A CONSUMER OF DIRECT AIDE - IN FACT MY FAMILY'S ECONOMICS ALLOW ME TO VOLUNTEER MORE THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK - BUT I DO BENEFIT FROM THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

FOR EXAMPLE. I USE THEIR PROFILE DATA BOOK, ALASKA'S WOMEN, IN MY POSITION WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. AS THE ONLY DEFINITIVE DATA BASE AVAILABLE, IT IS INVALUABLE AS A RESOURCE FOR PREPARING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO OUR FOUNDATION. IN MY ROLE AS A GIRL SCOUT TROOP LEADER, I REFER TO THE SERIES OF THIRTY PROFILES OF ALASKAN WOMEN IN HISTORY TO CITE WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY'S YOUNG WOMEN. I HAVE RELIED ON THEIR WORK ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN IN ALASKA TO RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OLDER WOMEN WHO ARE POTENTIAL DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS. I FULLY INTEND TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE NEXT CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS ON APRIL 25TH.

IN SUMMARY, I FEEL THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF. THE PROPOSED \$262.6 GF REPRESENTS ONLY 0.02% OF THE ENTIRE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET. IN LIGHT OF THE NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMISSION, WE IN AAUW FEEL THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SPEND THIS AMOUNT TO CONTINUE THE COMMISSION AT CURRENT STAFF AND FUNDING LEVELS.



American Association of University Women
Alaska Division

Box 33977
Juneau, AK 99803

April 15, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairman Abood:

The Alaska Division of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), with branches in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, is very supportive of HB 4 to extend the Alaska Women's Commission until 1991.

The mission statement of AAUW reads in part that a basic goal is "to promote positive societal change." While this is a broad statement, it is intended to be implemented in specific action. In Alaska, it is the Alaska Women's Commission which translates this type of unarguable, human goal into specific action plans. The Commission serves as a catalyst through its ability to define problems and recommend concrete remedies, be it through research and recommendations or working through the Executive Branch to promote needed changes to Alaska statutes.

It is my understanding that objections have been raised to the Commission such that it "discriminates" against those women with a more conservative point of view. The concept of conservatism is to conserve, or to preserve the status quo. The purpose of the Alaska Women's Commission is, like that of AAUW, to promote positive changes in our society. By definition then, an agency advocating change would clash with an agenda which seeks to prevent change or reverse those changes in society which have occurred.

A period of societal change is never easy, and the last ten years have witnessed new attitudes which are now widely accepted. As our Alaskan economy experiences difficulties, the stress of this situation would allow for patterns of discrimination to re-emerge which would be reflected in both economic and non-economic environments. The continued existence of the the Alaska Women's Commission is vital to the continued quality of life in Alaska which allows for human progress, not just women's progress.

We urge your support of HB 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcia Lynn McKenzie', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Marcia Lynn McKenzie
President

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5896 Lund Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801
April 13, 1987

Senator Mitch Abood
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Abood,

I am writing in opposition to HB 4, An act relating to the termination date of the Alaska Women's Commission. I am substitute teaching and will be unable to attend the hearing.

Attached is a copy of the testimony I presented before the House Finance Committee on this legislation and also a statement I have written about what happened to me as a result of testifying before that committee. Please consider this information when you are trying to give fair evaluation to this bill.

Sincerely,

Alice Bergdoll

Alice Bergdoll

House Finance Hearing - 2/19/87

My name is Alice Bergdoll. I am a 43 year resident of Alaska. Although I am a member of the Juneau Women's Council, I am not testifying as a representative of the Council, but as a private citizen.

I appreciate the visibility the Women's Commission has given to women's issues in Alaska and but I think they have fulfilled the state's role in providing the momentum this issue needs in Alaska. I have a list of over 50 women's organizations that have existed or have been created addressing women's issues in Juneau from all perspectives. According to correspondence I have from the Alaska Women's Commission on May 28, 1986 from Kathy Marshall, the former Executive Director of the WC, I quote, " If it had not been for you and all that you did to educate the legislature and to let law makers know the Commission is a vital and important voice - in fact the only voice in State government - for women and children." The Alaska Women's Commission is not the only voice in state government for women and children, in fact, you elected officials in this committee and your colleagues have all been a voice in state government for the women and children you represent and for all Alaska. Other voices in state government or receiving funding from state government for women and children include: Aid to Families with dependent children, Alaska Legal Services, Child Support Enforcement, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Day Care Assistance, Early Childhood Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Headstart Program and the Human Rights Commission and there may be some I have missed. Other voices for women and children which don't use state funding are those in the private sector - privately funded programs and religious organizations. These voices many times provide an alternative way of addressing women's issues allowing for greater diversity. When tax payers are required to pay more into state funded programs by increased taxes as has been suggested for our financial difficulties, it allows less money to be channeled into private programs and consequently decreasing the variety of choices for women and children's needs.

Do we indeed need another layer of bureaucracy for this concern thus creating the additional financial burden to the state, drawing money away from programs that more directly meet the needs and further burdening the tax payer, including women tax payers? We need places to cut the budget and yet keep intact those programs that do benefit not only women and children but Alaskans.

I think much evidence can show the Women's Commission is not the only voice for women and children in Alaska. I oppose HB 4.

Statement regarding The ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Alice Bergdoll, Member of the Juneau Women's Council
March 27, 1987

House Hearing on HB 4 - 2/19/87

At the January 28 meeting of the Juneau Women's Council a motion was made and passed to have the Chair of the Council testify before the House State Affairs Committee supporting the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

We do not have advance agendas so I did not know that this would be an item up for discussion. I did not speak against it as I should have at that point; I just abstained from voting. An accurate record of the vote is not available because the Council does not have strict voting procedures. However, my abstaining from voting on this motion prevented it from being a unanimous decision.

The day of the hearing I was asked to testify before the House Finance Committee in opposition to HB 4, Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Women's Commission. I did so as a private citizen. I prefaced my comments by saying that even though I was a member of the Council, I was not representing them.

After my testimony, Carla Timpone, a relatively new member of the Juneau Women's Council, interjected a contradictory comment to the affect that the Council had voted unanimously to support HB 4. As I said above, even though the minutes to not support this statement, I was made to look like I was testifying contrary to a previous position. My credibility as a witness was challenged unfairly as well as my right to testify as a private citizen.

After the hearing she personally confronted me stating that I shouldn't have said I was on the Council if I was testifying as a private citizen. I reminded her that I had made the disclaimer to clarify my position in the hope that this confusion would not occur.

I called Karen Rich, the Chair of the Juneau Women's Council, in an effort to resolve this conflict. During our conversation she explained to me that I had a responsibility to those women whose viewpoint I represent on the Council. She indicated that this representation could take the form of a written report to be included in any records.

"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created
these things. . . ."

-Isaiah 40:26



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Rep. Robin Taylor Sen. Mitch Abernethy

Rep. John Seard Sen. Lloyd Jones

Rep. Mike Davis Sen. Jim Falck

Gov. Steve Cooper

Gentlemen:

I am strongly opposed to the funding of the Alaska Women's Commission. In reviewing their reports over the past few years, I don't feel that they represent the majority of Alaskan women, nor do they represent the Conservative Alaskan women at all.

Thank you

Jay Stephens

Rep to Potomac, Va.

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March 5, 1987

Sen. Mitchell Abroad

P.O. Box 1

Juneau, Ak. 99811

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Dear Sen. Abroad,

I am writing to ask you to vote against funding the Alaska Women's Commission. I feel it is a misuse of our tax dollars in this time of declining revenue. There are much more practical ways to help women + children such as funding adult basic ed, daycare assistance and various social services. I believe it is time to cut the fiddle out of state government and use our tax dollars in the most efficient way. The Women's Commission spends for only a small group of women + does not represent or benefit the majority of women.

316 WORTMAN LOOP
SITKA, AK 99835

Sincerely,
Shirley Tennant
Sitter

Sitka Stitches

Gail Sohornak
Box 2171
Sitka, Alaska 99835
(907) 747-5122

Women's Commission
Bill

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March 7, 1987

Dear Senator Mitch Abood,

I am a twenty five year resident of Alaska, a business woman and a member of the Sitka Women Council. I am strongly against the funding for HB-4 - funding for the Alaska Women Commission.

The money could be used for more education - care assistance centers - social services etc.

Thank you
Gail Sohornak

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ALASKA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
Box 1571
Anchorage, AK. 99510

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April 6, 1987

Senator Mitch Abood, Chair
State Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, AK. 99811

Re: HB 4, Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Women's Commission

Dear Senator Abood:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Women's Political Caucus in support of HB 4.

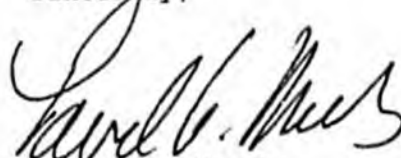
I understand this bill was referred to your committee on March 3 and that no hearing is scheduled. If there is anything our organization can do to help move this bill, please contact me at 337-7450.

The Alaska Women's Political Caucus is composed of 225 politically active women and men. Our purpose is to work toward the full equality of women through the local, state and federal political processes.

The Alaska Women's Commission is vital to our mission. We rely on the Commission for information and education about women's (and men's and children's) issues in Alaska. If women are to achieve true political and economic equality in this state, we must have an agency in the state bureaucracy which advocates on our behalf.

Thank you for your help on this important bill.

Sincerely,



Laurel A. Murphy
Chair

cc: Senator Rick Uehling
Senator Jan Faiks
Senator Willie Hensley
Senator Joe Josephson
Representative Davis

Sen. State Affairs
4/15/87
Testimony of Kris Chatfield
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Senator Abood, and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee:
Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 4 to extend the Alaska Women's Commission. My name is Kris Chatfield and I serve as Chair of the Commission.

Power is an important factor that determines the shape of our lives. Many people seek power, some people fear it. You, as Senators have the power to make decisions that impact hundreds of lives and change the course of history for this state. There are groups of people who will go to great lengths to influence the decisions you make.

I understand that there is a group of women known as, 'Concerned Women for America', who are making a tremendous effort to encourage you to eliminate the Alaska Women's Commission. The Commission finds itself fighting labels and vague generalities based on misinformation that we cannot respond to. Although, the Commission provides for public testimony, this organization and its individual members have not availed themselves of this opportunity. They have remained strangely silent to the Commission, other than one instance of a copy of concerns being forwarded thru a Commissioner. Those concerns were reviewed and a reply was sent explaining the position of the Commission.

This organization represents one point of view. Looking at the public testimony we receive and the data from our research, it appears that this point of view comes from a small but very vocal group. Their beliefs and positions are important, but are not necessarily shared by other thousands of women, and organizations representing them.

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Testimony of Kris Chatfield

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The decisions of the Commission are based on input from many different sources and reflect the mandate in the statute creating the Commission: "...improve the status of women in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and implementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Alaska including, but not limited to:

- (1) education
- (2) homemaking
- (3) civil and legal rights
- (4) labor and employment

The status of women in Alaska has improved in some areas since the Commission was created. However, there is an uncertain future for Alaska's women during these times of economic stress. Many of the problems experienced by women are magnified by the pressures brought about by unemployment and decreased support for vital human services as state government looks for ways to reduce its expenses.

The legislative audit of the Commission suggests that the various women's organizations around the state would be able to step in and fill the gaps if the AWC were allowed to lapse. These other organizations however, are diverse in their activities and many times severely limited in their scope by affiliate charters. They cover a broad range of social, educational, and service related functions aimed at their particular membership.

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Testimony of Kris Chatfield

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Women's organizations have in fact, increasingly turned to the AWC for information and assistance. The Alaska Women's Commission has earned respect for its work as an advocate for change to improve the status of women in Alaska. The commission's research has provided the necessary data to show areas of weakness in public policy and pointed the way to bring about statutory, or policy changes to end discriminatory practices against women. The Commission is a conduit for women, and organizations representing their needs, and has brought to the forefront the problems faced by women in employment, education, legal rights, domestic violence, and special needs of rural, older, native and other minority women.

The current staffing level reflects a 25% cut of full-time staff since last year, and a 33% cut in professional staff since FY86. It would be impossible to produce the quality research, and publications that the Commission is currently providing if this minimum level of staff support were not available. It is certainly through the dedication and commitment of the current staff that quality and effectiveness have been maintained in spite of already substantial cutbacks. The Commission has certainly considered ways of maintaining effectiveness while limiting its funding resources and would be ready to discuss those possibilities.

It has been suggested by some that the Alaska Women's Commission could be merged with CEO or the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights. This action would essentially eliminate the most effective means of insuring equality for Alaskan women.

While ASCHR is authorized to "study the problems of discrimination" (AS 18.80.060) it has had to focus almost entirely on resolution of individual legal complaints and to the protection of the individual's

right to redress. This is the result of eliminating its Systemic Unit due to budget reductions.

The conclusions stated in A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska, compiled in 1977 for the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, are as crucial today as they were then. "However, because women's problems are so numerous and complex, and because they have been disregarded for so long, the Human Rights Commission probably cannot be expected to respond to them all, even with increased funding."

Functionally the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the AWC do not share common responsibilities or statutory authority. EEO administers the state's EEO program, an effort which affects state employees only. The Alaska Women's Commission's directive encompasses the entire female population and mandates further research and recommendations to improve the status of women in areas of education, homemaking, civil and legal rights as well as labor and employment.

The role of the Commission is vital to the economic well being of women in Alaska. In turn, their economic viability and therefore decreased dependence on State dollars has a significant impact on the state budget in the future. Alaska is only slightly behind national statistics which indicate that sixteen years from now, if the current trend continues, nearly 100% of the poverty population will be women and children.

The goal of improving the status of women is so important that to eliminate the AWC or reduce its effectiveness by removing funding, jeopardizes the precarious status of women and as a result, the overall economy.

*Senator Abood, I was not able to present this
verbally but wanted you to have it for your file.
Thelma Langdon*

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STATEMENT PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION AT TELECONFERENCE ON
APRIL 23, 1987 -- HB4, EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION ON

I am in support of the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission. I know that their past work and activities have benefited many vulnerable women and children. In our current society, this population is encountering ever increasing problems in their day to day living situation, and their numbers are increasing. This is especially so in Alaska with our high divorce rate and harsh, stressful living conditions. The advocacy role of the Commission will continue to be needed for this group.

I bring to your attention another group whose numbers are increasing day by day. The elderly population of women - many of whom find themselves in poverty, without family or friends and not knowing where to turn for any kind of help. It is often when a CRISIS, emergency situation arises that some of these individuals get any attention. It is on behalf of these unfortunate, needy individuals that I speak at this time.

We know that the over 65 population is increasing at a growth rate greater than any other age group. Indeed, it has been said by well recognized gerontologists that "Aging is a women's problem". There are an increasing number of elder women caring for elder women - daughters caring for mothers, or siblings caring for siblings. These living situations create many very serious problems.

A very large percentage of those in nursing homes are frail women. One only needs to visit any nursing home in or out of Alaska for a real learning experience!! This population will continue to increase through the coming years at a rate of 3 women for every man, and 1 out of 4 will be in poverty. Some official body needs to be concerned about their needs, in a position to research the many facets of their problems and able to advocate on their behalf. I believe the Alaska Women's Commission could very well be this official body. I ask that you seriously consider the continuation of this needed Commission.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Thelma P. Langdon
2363 Captain Cook Drive
Anchorage, Ak. 99517

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Sir and Madam:

A press conference pertaining to the stalled news clipping. The women's commission is nothing more than an activist lobbying group headed by women on some kind of mission supported by public funds. I object to the misdeeds of the commission by actively promoting their own vision of my experience. I thought they be terminated. If unaccountably extended, they should be merged with say, the Human Rights Commission, which in Italy should be renamed the Human Rights and Representative Commission. In particular do I object to the continuation of the 5th Commission. Since the funding provided the women's commission, there is no reason to object to any other commission including women's (i.e. guess in the unbroken string of more honest days).

Sincerely,

NS Hayes



"Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action"

Concerned Women for America

OF ALASKA

Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, President
Mrs. Sharon Rhoades, Area Representative
1545 South Hoyt, No. 19
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
907-337-7397

April 16, 1987

State Affairs Committee
Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99911

Dear State Affairs Committee,

As an individual and as Area Representative for Concerned Women for America of Alaska, I would encourage you not to support the funding for the Alaska Women's Commission, HB 4.

Listed below are a few reasons for my convictions:

1. Financial: it is not practical use of declining tax dollars when there are over 40 privately funded women's organizations who can and do provide the same services
2. It is discriminatory against the conservative woman and does not represent all women

Please vote against funding for the Alaska Women's Commission.

Sincerely,

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA OF ALASKA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Rhoades".

Mrs. Sharon Rhoades
Area Representative

you are concerned about...

Protecting human life from the moment of conception

Religious freedom and prayer in the public schools

Equal protection under the law for men and women

The dangers of militant homosexuality

Pornography (including child pornography and cableporn) and the sexual exploitation of children, women, and men

A strong national defense

The preservation of our free enterprise system

I'll be glad to learn about...

Concerned Women for America

the national women's movement that is protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action.

Come Help Save America!



A positive alternative to the militant feminism that threatens American society.



*Concerned
Women for
America*

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Concerned Women for America

Concerned Women for America



was founded in 1979 by Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, well-known author and lecturer on child-raising, marriage and family life. CWA began with only nine members and now numbers more than 500,000.

Concerned Women for America represents traditional American values and gives a national voice to women who are not in agreement with the liberal feminist viewpoint.

CWA members include homemakers, single parents, married women, college students, professional women, and retired women. "The feminists do not represent all the women of America," says Mrs. LaHaye. "The women of this country are every bit as pluralistic as the men. This fact is obvious in looking at how women voted in the 1984 Presidential election. Fifty-five percent of the women who voted chose to cast their ballot for a conservative president — and clearly rejected liberalism and feminism."

In 1984, CWA held its first annual convention in Washington, D.C., where over 2,000 men and women were challenged by the theme of "taking a stand for righteousness" in America. The second annual convention drew over 2,200 who were confronted with their responsibility "for such a time as this." In accord with CWA's "Basic Concerns for Public Policy," information and training were given to deal with such issues as abortion, pornography, religious freedom, parental rights, national defense, free choice in education, and the free enterprise system.

Ongoing educational materials provided by CWA include a monthly newsletter, special issues brochures, and "Issues At a Glance" — a monthly review of news items of interest to CWA members.

Mrs. LaHaye and her husband, Tim, have defended family values for many years. For five consecutive years, 1980-1984, Mrs. LaHaye was named one of the "Ten Most Admired Conservative Women" (not in Congress) in the *Conservative Digest's* annual poll. In 1985 Mrs. LaHaye was awarded "Christian Woman of the Year - 1985."

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Concerned Women for America



believes, as you do, that God created the family as the foundation of national life... and established definite guidelines for developing it and keeping it strong.

CWA was formed to alert concerned women like you to the forces that are trying to weaken and destroy this divine order. We are working to preserve and strengthen the American family and combat the tide of immorality that threatens American society.

You can help protect American family life by joining the hundreds of thousands of women who are already involved in CWA's vital work. Read this brochure carefully to learn more about CWA and its activities. Then complete the attached membership information form and return it with your donation of \$15 or more.

With your help we can turn America around!

Concerned Women for America works to...

- ★ ...inform American women about the steady erosion of our nation's historic Judeo-Christian values and moral standards.
- ★ ...expose movements that are attempting to weaken the American family.
- ★ ...educate women in the principles of living according to the Word of God.
- ★ ...organize the concerned women of America into united, effective prayer chapters to pray for the nation and its leaders.
- ★ ...train volunteer lobbyists in our "535" Program to make our views known in the Senate and House of Representatives as well as the 50 state legislatures.
- ★ ...provide representation in Washington, D.C., for the concerned majority of American women.
- ★ ...provide legal defense to preserve our religious freedoms, moral integrity, and the rights of the family.



CWA at work...

Concerned Women for America is a leader in the legal battle to defend America's moral traditions.

As the tension between humanism and Christianity becomes greater, CWA will become more and more involved in legal defense. Our lawyers are dedicated to defending Americans whose religious freedoms have been denied or challenged. Here are several examples of CWA's active role in the courts.

Mendez v. Seminole County Public Schools —

An eight-year-old girl, Olivia Myers, was denied the freedom to give stickers to her classmates at Christmas because they had Jesus' picture on them. A thirteen-year-old girl, Becky Reichert, in the same school system, was required to rip down her entry in a PTA-school Christmas art contest because it depicted a nativity scene. CWA is representing these two girls for the violation of their religious freedom and freedom of speech.

Vicki Frost — In Church Hill, Tenn., Mrs. Frost was jailed on false charges after protesting the humanistic, occultic textbooks being used by her children in public school. Frost and other concerned parents petitioned the school board for alternate reading books, but these requests were rebuffed. CWA came to her defense, secured her release, and filed a lawsuit against the school district for violating religious liberty. CWA won a victory on Vicki's criminal charges resulting in their dismissal. The textbook suit was dismissed by the federal district judge, but CWA won a stunning victory in the federal appeals court sending the matter back for a full trial to investigate these textbooks.

Betty Batey — In San Diego, CWA defended Betty Batey, a Christian mother who is fighting to secure custody of her son from her ex-husband, Frank Batey, an avowed homosexual. CWA's lawyers succeeded in having custody removed from Frank Batey. Further proceedings remain before custody can be returned to Betty. Our lawyers also secured the dismissal of the criminal charges on constitutional grounds, but the state is appealing.

The Nebraska Seven — On Thanksgiving Day, 1983, seven fathers were sent to jail in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, because they sent their children to an "unaccredited" Christian school. For standing for their religious convictions, they spent the next 93 days in jail. CWA's legal defense lawyers worked for — and eventually secured — their release. CWA has recently filed a multi-million dollar suit against the judge for his intentional violation of these families' constitutional rights.

Witters v. Department of Services for the Blind — In CWA's first full hearing before the United States Supreme Court, we argued that it was unconstitutional to deny a blind man vocational rehabilitation simply because he wanted to become a pastor. The ACLU and other liberal groups argued that separation of church and state should be carried one step further — separation of the religious individual from the state. The case awaits decision by the Supreme Court.



Dear Friend:

I trust you will choose to become a member of CWA and help us stand up for what's right for America. For a gift of \$15 or more, I will send you our beautiful membership pin and our monthly newsletter which will keep you up to date with information on issues that concern the family.

Beverly LaHaye

Detach the envelope, fold flap over, moisten and seal.

Please fill out the membership form on the back of this page and send it in the detachable envelope.

PLEASE SUBMIT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES OF:

- 1) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
- 2) FINANCE
- 3) JUDICIARY

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April 23, 1987

RE: TO SUPPORT HB4- TO CONTINUE THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Dear Sir/Madam:

In 1978, the Legislature established the Alaska Women's Commission to provide women in need of health care, education, protection from unfair discrimination, child support enforcement, better pension protection and the list is endless.

The result of a 1980 census found 2,669 female-headed families in 1980 fell below the poverty line in Alaska. Something is terribly wrong! Because of this startling fact, the Alaska Women's Commission needs funds appropriated. One of several areas that will be researched by the Commission is the "Economic Impact of Divorce on Women and Children" for 1987.

We support the Alaska Women's Commission because it is a vital necessity for the Alaskan Community in aiding Women in need and we hope you will also.

Sincerely,

<u>Shirley Hargel</u>	<u>Robert H. Chis</u>
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<u>Carol Thompson</u>	<u>Renate L. J. Jire</u>

As a 17 year resident, full-time homemaker, part-time property manager, and former business manager, I urge you to vote against HB 4.

Fiscally, Alaska's current financial demise demands responsible legislative spending. I would rather see the money appropriated to fund public safety needs which would benefit Alaskan men, women, and children.

Representationally, the Alaska Women's Commission does not represent Alaskan women. The Commission does not have one member representing a conservative, pro-family, pro-life perspective. Statistically, well over 10% of the women's population of our state maintain a vastly different view on most issues supported by the Commission.

I urge you to vote "No" on the

continuation of the Alaska
Women's Commission.

Shirley Deal
Anchorage
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I am a biologist and an educator
so I do promote equal opportunity
for women. As an opponent of HB 4, I
have listened to all the testimony
this afternoon and heartily concur
with all testimony against its
ratification.

However, I feel an issue was
not addressed which should be
given careful consideration. When
reading the statute on the commission,
one notices that 9 of the 10 board
members are appointed by the
governor. There are absolutely no
guidelines as to the political and
social orientation of the members.
When we have a Democratic governor,
we have a Democratic board. If the
governor believes in an issue, he will
appoint members of a similar
persuasion. This is arbitrary and
unfair to the women of Alaska to be
represented in such a manner.

The history of the commission for

the last eight years has shown an almost total representation of a philosophy that is ^{the} opposite of a "traditional," conservative element. This means that my tax dollars, at a time of recession, are being used to promote ideas to which I am adamantly opposed.

For the above reasons, I urge a no vote on House Bill 4

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Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission promotes the status of women statewide; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission promotes economic equity, advocacy and education; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission develops research and provides information in the areas of homemaking, education, civil and legal rights, labor and employment; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission supports legislation protecting women and children from domestic violence and child sexual assault; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission supports legislation that fosters protection of children, child support enforcement and parental leave;

Be it resolved that Soroptimist of Cook Inlet promotes the economic equity of women and urges the 15th Alaska State Legislature to support HB 4; and

Further be it resolved the Alaska State Legislature approve the operating budget for the Alaska Women's Commission at the level requested by the Governor.

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I am the Associate Dean of Community Development and Continuing Education at Anchorage Community College and directly responsible for the activities in the Center for Women & Men.

The Alaska Women's Commission has achieved a list of accomplishments by developing and promoting research, education, and advocacy for women in this state. I have used the resources of the Alaska Women's Commission in several ways:

1. I served on the Advisory Task Force for past Statewide Conferences like "Alaska Women Determining Our Future," held in 1982, where 300 women statewide attended.
2. Co-sponsor for the present conference being held this Saturday on "Legal Rights for Women" - free to women. I see many women in my office, usually in crisis, who need this kind of information.
3. I distributed the "Legal Rights Handbook," developed by the Commission, to many women on campus and I am currently getting requests for this publication.
4. I use the information in the resources book - "Profiles in Change: Names, Notes and Quotes for Alaska Women" in presentations for Alaska Women's History in the classroom, with Federal Women's programs and with women's church groups to name a few.

5. I access the office continually for statistics, research and information on Alaskan women by age, race, work categories, legislation, young women's concerns etc.

6. I served on the Sex Equity Task Force, as a representative of the Governor's Council on Vocational and Career Education. The report released June 1986, called "Commitment or Complacency: Assessment of Sex Equity in Alaska's Educational Institutions.

Much more work needs to be accomplished in many areas, but one in particular is encouraging young women into trades and technical professions where better paying jobs are available.

Anchorage Community College's Educational Equity Committee and Curriculum Integration Project was used as an example to other university units as a way of addressing equity issues on their campuses and coming into compliance. Recently I talked with University of Alaska, Fairbanks and they have established an Educational Equity Committee because they hadn't fared too well in the Women's Commission report and plan to set up a committee like ours on their campus pertinent to their needs.

I feel very strongly that our state needs the resources of the Alaska Women's Commission. This office has provided realms of information with a very small staff and budget. I urge you to support HB4 and move it to the Senate floor for full discussion

on the Commission's merits. I further urge the 15th Alaska State
Legislature to support the continuation of the Alaska Women's
Commission and support the funding at the level requested by the
Governor.

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Senator Mitch Abood
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Senator Abood,

This letter is to urge you to keep the Alaska Women's Commission alive and well. Half of the population of this state are women. We need the Commission to keep us on track in our efforts to achieve equality with the other half of the population.

I am writing to ask you to support full funding as proposed by Governor Cowper, and to keep the AMC independent. If combined with the Human Rights Commission or EEO office, it will not be able to fully focus on the tasks at hand.

Thank you for your support in the past. We (myself, my two year old daughter, and the other women of our fair state) are counting on your continued help.

Cheryl Keepers
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Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am a twenty year Alaska resident and registered voter, and appreciated the opportunity to attend the teleconference yesterday concerning the extension and funding of the Alaska Women's Commission. Due to time constraints I was unable to give verbal testimony on this issue, so I am offering my views in this letter.

After speaking to a friend who was referred to the Alaska Women's Commission for child care assistance following a divorce, and seeing some short advertisements sponsored by the AWC, I decided to look into this group to know what they are about, and what they stand for. After reading several of the reports published by the AWC I find they openly endorse activities that I do not want our state money funding, specifically abortion and homosexuality. I believe these practices can be very detrimental to women and to families. As a homemaker and mother, I cannot support a group whose activities include those I feel are negatively impacting the traditional nuclear family and right to life of unborn Alaskans.

These people have every right to meet and present their views, however I think it should not be funded by state dollars, or should be the source of input when decisions are being made that affect Alaskan women, as they don't represent the values of the more conservative female population.

I know that you have a very difficult task at hand as you carefully consider each item to budget this year. Please give a higher priority to funding schools, health care, and capitol improvements rather extending funds to a political, lobbying commission. Please do not extend the Alaska Women's Commission.

Thank you,

Mary G. Leonard

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Mitch Abood, Chairman
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Senator:

Thank you for encouraging testimony on SB 89. I found the majority of the testimony to be extremely positive and would encourage you to pass this bill out of committee. I would also urge you to vote for passage when the bill reaches the floor of the Senate.

The goal of improving the status of women is extremely important! Please don't allow the Alaska Women's Commission to sunset.

Sincerely,

Ruth McKenzie
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TESTIMONY
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SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 1987

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Christine Callahan and I am the Executive Director of the Alaska Women's Commission. I have worked for the Commission since 1980 and have served with most of the women and men who have been appointed to the Commission since its establishment by the legislature in 1978.

I believe that you have received a copy of the latest Commission newsletter which includes an overview of the Commission's activities, projects and accomplishments over the past 9 years. In order to be brief and since you have that written information available to you I will not repeat most of it. I think it would be more fruitful for me to summarize and highlight four or five relevant points.

First, I think it might be helpful for you and other people around the state who are participating in the teleconference to know something about the Commissioners themselves. As you know, there are 10 of them, 9 appointed by the Governor and one appointed by the Attorney General. They serve voluntarily, without pay, for terms of five years. By statute, at least one must be a full time homemaker at the time of appointment. At the time she was appointed in 1983 our current chairperson, Kris Chatfield, the mother of four children, was a full time homemaker and had been so for approximately 17 years. Of course time and circumstances change and Kris, having sent their oldest off to college, is now working outside the home on a part-time basis while continuing to function as a fulltime homemaker. The personal experiences of each of the Commissioners enables them to understand and appreciate the diverse and varied circumstances that women throughout the state face. In the years since 1978 the women and men who have served as Commissioners have included Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians; there have been single parents, foster parents, full-time homemakers, moms who work outside the home as well as in it; there have been students, or people who decide to go back to school and pursue new careers and directions. There have been lawyers, psychologists, business women, anthropologists and health planners as well as women whose primary work has been of a community, civic and volunteer nature. Urban and rural, Native and Black women, seniors and disabled women, and people with religious vocations have served on the Commission and have contributed to its efforts to take a broad perspective and to work to achieve fair laws, just policies and full equity for all of the women of the state. The Commission has not agreed at all times on each and every item they considered. In fact, they have debated and differed and consider such debate to be healthy and vital. For this reason their meetings are held in different areas of the state, are well publicized, always encourage and include public testimony as well as panels and workshops for the public to attend so that information can be shared and discussed. For people who may have the mistaken impression that there is a single stereotype person who serves on the Commission, I hope that this brief description gives them some idea of the healthy diversity that the Commission members embody.

My second point has to do with some of last week's testimony. You know from the materials you have received and some of the testimony that you have heard in the past that the Commission has three main functions: research, advocacy and education. They are closely intertwined and I think just one example of how they work together will help clarify things. One of the first research projects the Commission conducted in 1979 was on the status of homemakers. In future projects, there were consistent efforts to improve the status of homemakers. For example each of the Commission's statewide conferences offered workshops on the subject; wherever appropriate its publications and media projects have included profiles of the essential role that homemakers fulfill not only for individual families but for the community at large. Commission legislative efforts include the successful passage of pension reform and a change in the regulations regarding health insurance... both actions which have a profound impact on the economic security of homemakers. The Commission has supported national efforts to reform the Social Security System, an area in which traditional homemakers are regularly and blatantly discriminated against and left in economic jeopardy. The Commission has also supported efforts to revise the national tax policies regarding IRA's (Individual Retirement Accounts) so that homemakers can qualify for this pension plan to the same extent that people who work outside the home can. All of these efforts are essential if we are going to help reverse the trend of poverty among elderly women.

My third point relates to the compelling and complex issue regarding the impact of efforts to improve the status of women on the employment opportunities available to Native or other minority men. First, of course, it is important to clarify that the Commission's mandate relates to improving the status of women and it is not within our purview to research and advocate for the entire spectrum of groups who are struggling for equality. However, having stated that I can assure the committee and others that the Women's Commission has made serious efforts to strengthen EEO and affirmative action policies. These efforts have supported ALL minorities, not only minority women. In our study on the economic status of Alaska Native Women, we found that Native women were obtaining education at a rapid and increasing rate, one that outstrips the same rate for almost every other population group in the country. That research indicated that Native women who wanted to stay in their villages and home communities were frustrated at the lack of adequate job opportunity and often had to leave home in order to find adequate and suitable work. I believe it is safe to say that they share Native men's frustration but are not actually competing for the same jobs. As the principal researcher on that project, Rosita Worl, said at the time, "Native women do not want to be whaling captains." The recommendations in that report included support for cottage industries that would enable both men and women to pursue traditional crafts in their home villages but with enough state investment and support to ensure economic viability. I think this important issue might be discussed productively around the broader issue of local hire and local preference and I know from previous discussions that the Commissioners would want to be a part of that discussion if possible.

Finally, I would like to say one brief word about the Commission budget. It is currently at about the same level that it was prior to the jump in oil revenues. I think it is important to point out that while other projects and programs were ballooning the Commission did not, and never asked to. The Commission has always sought and secured additional sources of funding from private and federal groups. It has also received at least \$20-30,000 worth of in-kind volunteer service, each year, one of the main reasons why it has been so unusually productive. The current budget request is \$251.5 SGF and represents the expenditure of about \$1.00 for every female in the state. The return to the state in increased equity, fairness and opportunity for half of its citizens makes it a sound investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

550 W. 7TH AVE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-0608

May 1, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

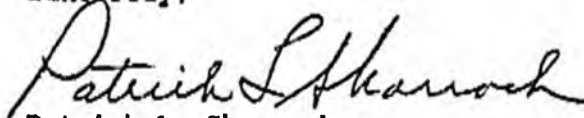
Dear Senator Abood:

Your office called to let me know that your committee will consider SB 276 concerning brewery licenses on Monday, May 4.

Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board have informally discussed micro breweries and their increasing popularity. The board believes the innovation would contribute to a new dimension of operation for licensees and, therefore, has no objection to the proposed amendments.

Thank you for notifying the board. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Patrick L. Sharrock
Director
(907) 277-8638

PLS:cr

cc: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp

87-91

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sen. Hensley
FROM: Terry Berman
DATE: April 15, 1987
SUBJECT: Alaska Women's Commission

Impacts of Women's Commission on Rural Areas and Alaska Natives:

1. Female Minority Leadership Conference
2. Commissioners from Nome and Barrow
3. Educational projects on Alaska women's history
4. Regional conferences in Barrow, Kotzebue, and Bethel
5. Work with Dept. of Administration to increase hiring of Native women
6. Provide travel stipends to bring rural women to state conferences
7. Working on women's health issues, including rural issues
8. Has given support to Alaska Native Women's Organization
9. Task force on violence to Alaska Native women
10. Produced Women's Legal Rights Handbook which is used largely by rural organizations

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LOCAL MODERATOR: BRENDA _____

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4. SYLVIA FINK-FOR	6359 COLGATE DR.	279-2409
5. JOYCE RIVERS-FOR	2741 W 42ND	248-2809
6. ILENE SACKETT-FOR	2533 PROVIDENCE DR.	786-1060
7. JAN FOSTER-FOR	9621 SPRING HILL DR	276-0700
8. GLENNENNE RALLS-AGAINST	70031 VIBURNIUM	349-5746
9. SHARON ROADES-AGAINST	1545 S HOGT	337-7397
10. CARRIE LONGORIA-FOR	8601 E. 17TH	276-7279
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3. SHIRLEY DEAL-AGAINST	3727 RICHMOND #5	278-1955
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1. KAREN KIRBY, BOX 672, BETHEL 99559 543-3440
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2. WANDA JANSEN, 515 FRONT ST., KETCHIKAN, AK. 99901 (225-6569) - For
3. HILES KATTE, BOX 5002, KETCHIKAN, AK. 99901 (225-5581) - Against
4. JANET JOHN, BOX 4 962, KETCHIKAN, AK. 99901 (225-3872) - For
5. PAMELA VAN WECHEL, BOX 3327, KETCHIKAN, AK. 99901 - for

TO OBSERVE:

1. SHANNON LEAL, 515 FRONT, KETCHIKAN, AK. 99901 (225-6569)
2. PAM HJORVASET, BOX 3024, KETCHIKAN, AK. 99901 (225-6794)
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DATE: MARCH 27, 1987

OFFICE: KODIAK L.I.C.

SPONSOR: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: 113-4 JENEN'S COMMISSION

LOCAL OPERATOR: EDSON STEELMAN

TESTER:

NAME OF RECEIVING AGENCY:

~~BARBARA HALL, BOX 1712, KODIAK, ALASKA, 99515, 907-510-1100~~
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LOCAL MODERATOR: _____ JUDY _____

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- 1. KATIE HURLEY PO BOX 870157 WASSILLA 99687 376-5736 IN FAVOR
- 2. LESLIE D. SOMMA 742 S. ALASKA ST PALMER 99645 746-4080 IN FAVOR

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SUBJECT: HB 4, EXTENSION OF LADY LORNE'S COMMISSION

MEMBER: BOB

MEMBER LIST

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JAMES BOGUE	MEMBER RADIO BOX 358	NOME	443-1001	T-FOR
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APRIL 23, 1987
 SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
 HB 4: WOMEN'S COMMISSION
 SITKA
 MODERATOR: ELAINE SUNDE/KATHY KYLE

FINAL STATS

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE #	T	O
1. ALICE JOHNSTONE,	213 SHOTGUN ALLEY,	747-3931	T	(FOR)
2. BERTHA KARRAS,	230 KOGWANTON		UNABLE TO	T (AGAINST)
3. MARCIA JOHNSON,	WOMEN'S COMMISSION,	111 CEDAR BEACH	T	(FOR)
4. JODY MARCELLO,	801 LINCOLN ST.,	747-3623	T	(FOR)
5. PEGGY ROGERS,	BOX 716		T	(FOR)
6. CAROL TWITTY,	BOX 1160		T	(AGAINST)
7. ANN JANZEN,	801 LINCOLN		T	(FOR)
8. SHIRLEY DENMERT,	316 WORTHAN LOOP,	747-3196	T	(AGAINST)
9. FRANCES HALLGREN,	BOX 1203		T	(AGAINST)
10. RUTH E. MCKENZIE,	BOX 1922		T	(FOR)
11. CYNTHIA R. FENWICK,	BOX 2583		O	(FOR)
12. KATHLEEN MCGRAW,	BOX 896		O	(FOR)
13. MARY JO MCNALLY,	608 SMC		T	(AGAINST)
14. LOUISE LLOYD,	3882 HPR		O	(FOR)

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SPONSOR: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
SUBJECT: HB4 WOMENS COMMISSION
MODERATOR: SHANNA

TO TESTIFY:

1. JOAN BENNETT SCHRADER P.O. BOX 41264 KENAI 283-4359

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ANCHORAGE PARTICIPANT LIST

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THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE STANDING BY TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S 1054
- WOMENS COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE -

TO TESTIFY:

ILENE SACKETT

- 1. ✓ CHRIS CALLAHAN - HERE - FOR
- 2. ✓ ROBERTA BULLARD - HERE - FOR
- 3. ✓ KRIS CHATFIELD ON BEHALF OF PAULA EASLEY - HERE-FOR
- 4. ✓ VICTORIA EUBANK - HERE - FOR
- 5. ✓ SYLVIA FINK - HERE - FOR
- 6. ✓ JOYCE RIVERS - HERE - FOR
- 7. ✓ BARBARA BAKER - FOR
- 8. ✓ JAN FOSTER - FOR
- 9. ✓ WENDELL BALLE - AGAINST
- 10. ✓ SHARRON ROADES - AGAINST
- 11. ✓ CARRIE LONGORIA - FOR
- 12. ✓ CHARO WONSITILIN - FOR

PAULA EASLEY

PROGRAMS + POLICES

- 1) ANCHORAGE
- 2) PETERS BUDG
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Commission
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ILENE SACKETT JUST SHOWED UP AND SHOULD GO WITH AFTER
VICTORIA EURANK.

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WOMEN'S COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE:

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- TO TESTIFY:
1.) SONYA LAMARR
2.) JAN MCCRIMMON
3.) FRED JENKINS
4.) ILENE SACKETT

TO OBSERVE:

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THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE STANDING BY TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S WOMENS COMMISSION _____ TELECONFERENCE:

TO TESTIFY

- ✓ 1.) KRIS CHATFIELD
- ✓ 2.) CHRISTINE CALLAHAN
- ✓ 3.) CAROLE WATERS
- ✓ 4.) GLEN RAY
- ✓ 5.) JAN ERICKSON
- ✓ 6.) CHRISTINA LORIS
- ✓ 7.) VICKY BEEMAN
- 8.) JEANNE PERRINE
- 9.) KAY LAHDENPERA
- 10.) HEATHER FLYNN
- 11.)

TO OBSERVE:

- 1.) KATIE HURLEY
- 2.) PAM TESCHE
- 3.)

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- Signature: Dan Fisher

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 SUBJECT: _____HB4-WOMENS COMMISSION_____
 LOCAL MODERATOR: _____BRENDA_____

TESTIFIED:

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2. CHRISTINE CALLAHAN-AWC	1421 N. ST.	561-4227
3. CAROL WATERS-ANC-WC	10300 HILLSIDE	346-3148
4. GLEN RAY-FAMILY COM	2221 E.N.LGTS.	279-6575
5. JAN ERICKSON	200 W. 34TH #844	279-5097
6. CHRISTINA LORIS	2412 HALEAK DR	277-9752
7. VICKY BEEMAN	6861 VIBURNUM	344-7100
8. JEANNE PERRINE	6961 VIBURNUM	349-2650

OBSERVED:

NAME\REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE #
1. KAY LAHDENPERA	10028 MARNAT CT	343-4623
2. HEATHER FLYN	111 W 9TH AVE	276-0528
3. KATIE HURLEY	BOX 870157	376-5736
4. PAM TESCHE		
5. SONYA LAMARR	1524 HIDDEN	277-1930
6. JAN MCCRIMMON	7241 MONTAGUE	694-3831
7. FRED JENKINS	518 W 8TH	278-2621
8. ILENE SACKETT	6604 CIMARRON CIR.	333-7246
9. VICTORIA EUBANK	3150 E 84TH	349-8978
10. MARYJANE LANDSTROM	813 W 3RD.	277-2773
11. SHARON RHOADES	1545 S HAYT #19	337-2773
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EMAIL #1 FROM BETHEL

TO TESTIFY

TIME CONSTRAINT, KAREN KIRBY, ATTORNEY IN BETHEL

MARY PETE AK WOMENS COMMISSIONER

BETHEL

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DATE: APRIL 23, 1987
SITE: FAIRBANKS
SPONSOR: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
SUBJECT: HB 4 - EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
MODERATOR: MELBA

TESTIFY

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| 1. VALERIE THERRIEN - FOR THE BILL | | |
| 2. ANN MATTHEW-JOHANSEN - FOR THE BILL | | |
| 3. DONNA TRONTVET - AGAINST THE BILL | | |
| 4. DRENA MCINTYRE - FOR THE BILL | | |
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ADONE

EMAIL #3

HERE TO TESTIFY:

#5. PAMELA VAN WECHEL--FDR
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EMAIL #2

HERE TO TESTIFY

- 3. MILES KASTE--AGAINST
- 4. JANET GEORGE--FOR

- P.S. PREVIOUS MESSAGE SENT --
- #1 PAULA ZIEGLER--FOR
- #2 WANDA JANSEN --FOR

EDM/JUNE

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BARBARA L HUNT
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KODIAK PARTICIPANT LIST
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
HB 4 / WOMEN'S COMMISSION

HERE TO JERTIFY

1. MARGARET HALL
AND WE ARE EXPECTING MORE PEOPLE TO ARRIVE.

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TO LYNN IN JUNEAU

FROM JUDY IN MATSU

TO TESTIFY
KATIE HURLEY, IN FAVOR OF BILL

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THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE IN ATTENDANCE OF THE SSTA-HQ
TELECONFERENCE.

FATHER JAMES POOLE, SJ TO TESTIFY---FOR

WILL LET YOU KNOW OF ANY CHANGES.

BECKA-NOME

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JUST TO SUMMARIZE. . . PETERSBURG HAS

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PARTICIPANT LIST 43

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MARILYN SCHWARTZ - AGAINST

TO TESTIFY

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SITKA

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APRIL 23, 1987
 SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
 US A WOMEN'S COMMISSION

SITKA
 MODERATOR ELAINE SUNDE/KATHY KYLE

PARTICIPANT LIST

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1. ALICE JOHNSTONE (PLEASE NOTE, TIME OF INTERVIEW FOR)			TESTIFY	
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5. PEGGY ROGERS (FOR)			TESTIFY	
6. CAROL TWITTY (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
7. ANN JANZEN (FOR)			TESTIFY	
8. SHIRLEY DEMMERT (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
9. FRANCES HALLGREN (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
10. RUTH E. MCKENZIE (FOR)			TESTIFY	
11. ANTHONIA R. FERWICH (FOR)			TESTIFY	
12. KATHLEEN MCCRAW (FOR)			TESTIFY	
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2. LILA TRASK - AGAINST
3. MARILYN GEORGE - FOR
4. LAWLEE TULLOCH - AGAINST

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5. EVIE WHITE - AGAINST
6. MARY LEONARD - AGAINST
7. ALICE YOUNG - AGAINST

TO OBSERVE

1. JHANNA HUBBARD - AGAINST
2. KATHY EMMENEGGER - AGAINST
3. MARILYN MENISH-MEUCCI UNDECIDED
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- op 2. SUSAN BOWELL, BOX 2086, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2128)
- 3. SANDY ARNSTRONG, BOX 2131, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2431)

TO OBSERVE:

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- 2. SHARON A MELINE, BOX 169, WRANGELL, AK. 99901 (874-3753)
- 3. MARY HALING, (874-3 341)
- 4. MARLENE BARNES, BOX 701, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3930)
- 5. MARGE SMITH, (874-3628)
- 6. JUDITH MURDAH, BOX 1221, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2115)
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- 8. JUDI MURDAH, BOX 1 221, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2115)
- 9. DEVERIL SOETEDER, BOX 365, WRAN GELL, AK. 99929 (874-2190)
- 10. CHARMAINE FLANGHER, BOX 615, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3579)
- 11. BETTY GOODWIN, BOX 497, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3821)
- 12. PATRICIA BARTON, BOX 2102, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-219 2)
- 13. SANDRA CRISWOLD, BOX 1975, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2464)
- 14. SANDY CHURCHILL, BOX 45, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2247)
- 15. MARY LOU JIMENEZ, BOX 1571, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2159)

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Testimony regarding THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
Alice Bergdoll, Member of the Juneau Women's Council,
March 27, 1987

As a member of the Juneau Women's Council I am concerned that the testimony regarding the effectiveness of the Alaska Women's Commission does not fairly reflect the turmoil which is resulting for those seeking balanced representation in defining and addressing women's issues.

The following are three recent examples which I personally experienced. In presenting them I hope to underline why I found it necessary to resist the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

House Hearing on HB 4 - 2/19/87

At the January 28 meeting of the Juneau Women's Council a motion was made and passed to have the Chair of the Council testify before the House State Affairs Committee supporting the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

We do not have advance agendas so I did not know that this would be an item up for discussion. I did not speak against it as I should have at that point; I just remained silent. An accurate record of the vote is not available because the Council does not have strict voting procedures. However, my abstaining from voting on this motion prevented it from being a unanimous decision.

The day of the hearing I was asked to testify before the House Finance Committee in opposition to HB 4, Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Women's Commission. I did so as a private citizen. I prefaced my comments by saying that even though I was a member of the Council, I was not representing them.

After my testimony, Carla Timpone, a relatively new member of the Juneau Women's Council, interjected a contradictory comment to the affect that the Council had voted unanimously to support HB 4. As I said above, even though the minutes to not support this statement, I was made to look like I was testifying contrary to a previous position. My credibility as a witness was challenged unfairly as well as my right to testify as a private citizen.

After the hearing she personally confronted me stating that I shouldn't have said I was on the Council if I was testifying as a private citizen. I reminded her that I had made the disclaimer to clarify my position in the hope that this confusion would not occur.

I called Karen Rich, the Chair of the Juneau Women's Council, in an effort to resolve this conflict. During our conversation she explained to me that I had a responsibility to those women whose viewpoint I represent on the Council. She indicated that this representation could take the form of a written report to be included in any records.

Alaska Women's Commission Meeting - 3/24/87

In view of these instructions I was more than a little concerned to discover that she (Karen Rich) testified for the Council before the Alaska Women's Commission at the March 24 meeting in Juneau. Because there was no prior discussion at any of our meeting nor did we receive any correspondence relative to this subject, I was not only unaware of her intent but I was consequently also denied the opportunity to represent my constituents.

This experience seems doubly important in view of the fact our minutes reflect my requests to review correspondence or action taken in the name of the Council.

Unofficial Juneau Women's Council Action - 3/24/87

I understand that at her testimony before the Alaska Women's Commission on March 24 she presented, as one of the worthwhile projects our Council did this last year, the review of the City and Borough of Juneau statutory language for sexism. This project represents an example of a failure on the part of the Council to address issues which are relative to the needs of all women. In addition, it is an example of involvement in a project which is unnecessary. There is a statement in the charter that "the masculine gender extends to and includes the feminine gender and the neuter" (whatever that means)! The minutes will reflect that I opposed this project not only as unnecessary but unjustifiably expensive since any changes to the charter requires each page with a change be published in the paper at the city's expense.

notes on Alaska Womens' Commission meeting
3-24-87

9:30 a.m. Report from Commissioners. Only one heard was Paula Ziegler's report.

Concerned Women of America group from Sitka had some complaints against the Womens' Commission. To fight them, talk about their complaints on economic terms.

when they talk about our supporting abortion, counter by saying we support a legal operation, and that women are discriminated against if it is not funded.

CWA's complaint about our advocacy for lesbians. Only talk about discrimination on the job is unconstitutional. Do not discuss morality of.

CWA's complaint that our commission does not represent all women, counter by saying "these women are left out by their own choice. This commission works in all areas, Republicanism, democrats etc. If they don't avail themselves of work of the commission it is their own fault. Talk about these complaints in these terms.

Counter by turning to the purpose of the commission: that of research, education and advocacy.

If legislators discuss feasibility of funding cuts, agree, and state "of course, we're willing to take cuts."

If legislators suggest we get under the arm of EEO and Human Rights Commission, say that these latter are state agencies which can't devote time to just womens' issues which are so complex, they can't adequately give time to them or children's issues.

If legislator says, if we fund you then have to take money from crisis center (Kay Wallis's baby), day care or such, counter by saying "Funding doesn't have to mean taking from one woman's agency to another. Remove funding from some other unrelated program.

All of you have been assigned Senators to lobby. Curt Menard and Paul Fischer are very strong but since Fischer is very concerned about senior citizen issues we will send Dove Kull to him and let her join these issues with senior womens' issues.

Those for us are Eliason, Sturgulewski, Farenkamp, Rick Halford, but the problem is, they have no power. So we will have to get to Faiks, Bennett. Joe Josephson, our friend, told us that Abood and Hensley are swayable. Donley is a key vote. (they stated why, but couldn't catch it.)

Kay Wallis is soft. But if money is taken from crisis center, would lose her vote. It is going to be tough in the Senate.

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update on PSA's statewide on t.v. for womens' history month

Barb Bakers report on 2000 court records gone through for divorce and dissolution research using 121 volunteer hours time. wanted to interview 200. letters of inquiry sent out, 5,000 pieces of mail. 78 people agreed to be interviewed re child support, custody, domestic violence.

Question: are we on target for legislation?

Barb: Now at training of interviewers stage. working with Church Klins--ld, social work class with UAJ. June is a reasonable date for completion.

Betty Ramage: is self-selection for interviewing going to be a problem in statistical results with those who agree to be interviewed?

Barb: not looking for a problem per se. Man with dissolution said I probably didn't want to talk with him. They think dissolution and divorce are the same thing.

Chris: is it true that all interviews are in Anchorage so far?

Barb: yes

ques: HB 189, how will this relate to this?

Barb: Paula feels it would be helpful for committee to understand.

Chris: The complaint is that this committee contracts out a lot of work, but there is also a lot of work that we do, oversight, design, monitoring and getting volunteers

Project Updates:

Report from Karen Cantillon, Juneau Womens' Council

3 functions: 1. Candidates night publicizing who we are- positive feedback. 2. Reviewing city charter. It is complete and we are turning it over to Caren Robinson. 3. Womens' History Month. We're advertising women not ordinarily outstanding, monitoring legislation and testifying, giving support to womens' gencies. spring projects include lobbying for womens' commission. Kathy Bixby is on committee and is "great with child" but she says that won't interfere with her work.

Rosalee Walker and Caren push what we want. Yes, we have a positive role now, last year I would have to say no. We get staff support. Alice Bergdoll act as our secretary and she does a tremendous job.

Funding is not difficult to get for our projects. We got funding for our museum, but not for our potluck as we asked too late. No resistance in the community. We were going to piggyback our survey on the community survey, but it never occurred.

Jody ? President of Sitka Womens' Council. Report.

3 vacancies were filled in January with Ruth McKenzie; Sara Jordan and Gilbeth resigned. Trying to get more diverse representation. Our focus is the family. Subject is the result of needs analysis polled from 87 Sitka organizations. Women of the year awards were unsung hero awards. We're working on bicentennial commission issues. One problem is no minority representation on council. We're called middle class. Asking Alaska native sisterhood for suggestions. We have negative public image which is a serious issue. Hope to have a retreat to get to know each other to help. Our attempt March 14th to support Ak. Womens' Commission failed. On march 19th we obtained a recognition that The Ak. Womens' Commission was instrumental in establishing the Sitka Womens' Council. That was all we could get. We are involved in internal issues. There is some effort to block minority participation. Assembly didn't appoint minority members. If do so now will be admitting making a mistake. I've been actively recruiting minority members.

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Fran Ulmer walked in 11:45 a.m.

I want to give you some feedback on the legislative future of the commission and wish you to receive it in the spirit offered. I chaired this in State Affairs during which time the overwhelming messages were for missions and actions except from Sitka - tight budget cut in advocacy and research.

After bill started to flow, received overwhelmingly positive response, followed by negative: mission 1-sided, narrow focus, heard from Juneau, Anchorage and Sitka. and Senate heard it was 1 sided and doesn't listen to most concerns. I never have attended a meeting.

I like your research. Don't know if we'll get it out of the senate. Some there with philosophical problem deeper than obvious remarks. It has a zero fiscal note. However, the Governor has budgeted for.

If you are not thinking of alternative strategies, should be. Think of worse case scenarios, way they can be continued to be worked on. " Women historically are superb at doing without resources" (Exact quote!)

Here are copies of letter for commission written to Coke Oiness. I have a copy. You'd shared with me through a letter that there was that concern. We don't focus our program on their concerns, although their concerns are important.

I don't have any problems with the commission. I say, "show me a politician who isn't controversial, and I'll show you one who isn't working."

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p.m. notes

Patty Kastelic, Executive Assistant to the Governor was being asked a question by Wendy Redman.

Wendy: Lobby the people in charge of the lobbying. We need to be put on that list. You're our only hope.

Patty:I'll continue to pressure here. be real specific with Governor tonight. State which committees are causing problems and who the people are in those committees who are causing problems.

quest: what have you heard in respect to resistance?

Patty: bottom line is money. Some concern that commission only represents one viewpoint.

Betty Ramage: there is overall support, just "little glitches" here and there.

Patty: I'll make sure they are included in our Friday meeting, which is on priority legislation, so timing is good. I'll see that Bob and George are at the house tonight (reception for commission at Gov's mansion). Everyone of you talk to everyone of them. Say, this committee is were the problems are and these are the people.

Karen Cantillion: we wrote letter to the assembly and outlined membership quotas and actively lobbied minorities.

Kris: what do councils look to Ak. Wm's cl for?

Karen: for a statewide perspective, parent organization, give guidance.

Jody: I promised one member to tell this group that they do not feel there is any representation on this commission of anyone from a "conservative" group.

Kris: Appointments to boards and commissions are open to all. There is no litmus test to get on as far as liberal or conservative..

Pat: we don't make recommendations. Is there something we can do as a commission to help you in Sitka, Jody?

Eliz. Kennedy: " No, it is too delicate."

Betty Ramage: Do all women on the council support the council?

Jody: No, just working within to destruct.

Kris: a board or commission has a mandate. If members don't support the mandate and it doesn't express their views, they shouldn't be on the board or commission. There are other ways to work against it. (Comment of typist: how does this statement jibe with her other statement that boards and commissions are open to all?)

Jody: The assembly has been asked to revise process by Business and professional women who will attack the by-laws. We also requested they appoint people in support of goals of council. (comment of typist: I thought the commission stated that they represented all women and thus they would all work together to a compromise position. Now they are saying there is only one way to think?)

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2:00 public comment

Peg Mantela. Representative Kay Brown is circulating a draft of a bill on parental leave and is asking the commission for a statement of support. It is a companion bill to Josephson: SB124 with eight differences. See attached.

Opposition to this bill is organized and strong, especially in the state and local chambers. You need to help us get medical and other groups with knowledge and who would support this bill.

2:45 public comment continued with statement to Allen Stein "you have only 5 minutes to testify" (comment of typist: as you could expect, Peg Mantela & Kay Brown had unlimited time)

Allen Stein said custody legislation is extremist and there is a movement to scuttle this bill as Av. Gross, Mary Alice MacKinnon, opposition from Sherrie Goll and others. Women can't bargain. If allegations of sex or physical abuse, remediation kicked out. Poor people can't afford court. Some of you here favor advocacy ad litem. This bill is held hostage by Sherrie Goll. Tragic if didn't support medical bill. Parties pay for mediator.

3:00 panel discussion: Myra Munson, Sen. Halford, Sherrie Goll, Johnny Ellis

Ellis: spend more on the growth of a tree than a child.

Halford: What's happened is a funding of human programs as: 35-40% ed.

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1985 #1 state for spending in non-standard things

elem ed. 48th in nation by % of budget.

higher ed. 48th

pub welfare Ak is 50th 8.1% in 1985 to 33.2% natl.

73% males are married, 27% of wm married. And 45% wm widowed, 60% of men have family near them, 20% of wm do.

Will use this info for Anchorage caucus and childrens's caucus. Need to reduce spending but increase allocation for human service.

Opposed. Cola out of AFDCd. Taking it out takes \$12.00 out of monthly check. 1/2 we save is out of Fed. funds. 100% women take a position against gov.

Munson. Fully funded for entitlement program. Grants program. General relief assistance program served single people. 1/3 are single 15% couples, all rest are family. Families needing housing assistance. People being significantly replaced. Unmet needs enormous.

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Ellis: Those of us who are advocates for childrens programs took charge. Alaska Childrens' Week. Caps have driven things. Coppers numbers as budget caps..gaps, concerned that childrens' commission mandate is so broad. 15 members of that commission. Halford forming childrens' caucus. Mark Boyer. Cola eliminated \$10.77 not looked at favorably by my committee. Early intervention grants. Rationale to guilt trippings. Fairbanks youth facility will be open. Domestic assault. Brown lobbying for training grant. Progress on foundations programs. Material prepared by Boyer can give you. Kindergarten bill passed oput. A lot of emotion, but passed out.

Great time to introduce 1st phase of classification. In Clocksin days to implement classification study would cost 23 million. Will try for 7 year phased in by 1/2 steps and then it won't be so threatening to DOT and Dept (?) Public Safety.

Sherrie: no, 2 years, 7 up and 2 down. better chance.

Ellis, I thought it was for 7 phased in.

Sherrie: no, 2

Miklos: Public Safety. violent crimes compensation board. 58,000 in general funds go in to grants. Counseling medical services.

Sherrie: 2.4 mil for child all in DCAF educ in training grants. 500,000 is the increase. Headstart receiving no increases. No general funds to help out. 18 legislation pieces to childrens' caucus, so many advocates. Have policy move budget put health nurses down to 1974 level. Infant learning cut 18%. Only more money will solve the problem.

Halford: Information base is more important than power base. Draw out of agencies what they won't tell us. We put 40 mil back in budget on (?medicare) the info was devastating PROVIDE THE INFO

Munson: that is correct. we were not asked to skew statistics or represent it in a more favorable light. Cuts next up will have devastating effects. How much concensus is there for womens' needs and childrens? We haven't done a good job of selling needs.

Betty: is there a change in mood towards womens' programs that it may have been too low?

Halford: I came in to legislature with conservative rhetoric. The rhetoric goes on and nothing changes. I say if things under pressure. fund things that breathe first. Out of phase to (?) winning battle over time.