

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 1991-1992 8672
7594 SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE

1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Development
 Title: An Act relating to the Board of Medicine; BRU: Occupational Licensing
persons licensed by the Board of Medicine;... Component: Administration
 Sponsor: Reps. B. Davis, Bruckman
 Requestor: Senate Labor & Commerce COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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REVENUE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OTHER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The bill make amendments to the medical licensing statutes regarding limited liability coverage and duties of the board to establish an impaired professionals program that will include mentally ill or cognitively impaired medical professionals. New funds are not required to implement the changes made in the bill.

Prepared By: Jennifer Strickler Phone: 465-2144
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 05/05/92

Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds
 Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development Date: 5-6-92

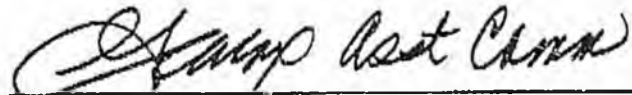
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CSHB 514: "Impaired Medical Practitioner Program"

This bill extends protection from a lawsuit being brought against a contractor or their agent for reporting or participating in administrative or judicial proceedings.

It also adds mentally ill or cognitively impaired practitioners to the list of practitioners who may be identified, confronted, evaluated, and treated under the impaired medical practitioner program.

The department does not object to these changes and, thus, does not oppose this bill.



Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner

Date: 5.6.91

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Representative Mark Hanley
Alaska State Legislature

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Drue Pearce, Chair
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Rep. Mark Hanley *MH*

RE: Request to schedule for hearing CS House Bill 532
(Judiciary) "An Act relating to the labeling of
reproductions of art and handicrafts made by state
residents."

DATE: April 21, 1992

This memo is to respectfully request that HB 532 be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee at your earliest possible convenience. The bill passed the House unanimously on April 14th. HB 532 received unanimous "Do Pass" recommendations in both the House Labor and Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

CS HB 532 (Judiciary) is intended to protect the integrity of Alaska made arts and crafts. HB 532 makes it an unfair trade practice to knowingly sell a reproduction of a piece of art or handicraft that was made by a resident of the state unless the reproduction is clearly labeled as a reproduction.

Currently reproductions of Alaskan arts and crafts are often produced outside the state by non-Alaskans and sold as original Alaska art. The reproductions compete unfairly with true original Alaskan arts and crafts and are sold at lower prices.

I would appreciate your consideration on scheduling this bill for a hearing as promptly as possible.

Thank you

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 532

Revision Date: 3/3/92

Department Affected: Commerce & Econ. Dev.

Title: An Act relating to the labeling of reproduc-
tions of arts and handicrafts made by state residents

BRU: Economic Development

Component: _____

Sponsor: Representative Hanley

Requestor: Representative Hanley

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE FUND RESOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE:						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year Impact: _____

ANALYSIS (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Tina L. D. Long, Rural Development Coordinator

Phone: 465-2017

Division: Economic Development

Date: 3/3/92

Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds

Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development

Date: 3/3/92

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Fin., Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB/DBR, Gov. Legis. Ofc., and Impacted Agency(ies).

CSHB 532: "An Act relating to the labeling and reproductions of arts and handicrafts made by state residents."

An article dated June 24, 1991, in the Tundra Times entitled "Native Artists Want Fair Dealings" expressed the views of artists and carvers as believing "the counterfeit market is a sizable one." The article's subheading stated: "Native artists want counterfeiting stopped." There have been other informal reports of authentic pieces of arts and handicrafts being reproduced without the artist's permission.

CSHB 532 addresses the problem by requiring reproductions to be clearly labeled by the manufacturers, wholesalers, and/or retailers.

The intent of this legislation is to reduce unauthorized reproductions of pieces of art or handicrafts made by Alaska residents and to ensure consumers know when they are purchasing reproductions rather than authentic originals.

All reproductions, other than those reproduced by the original artist, will have to be clearly labeled prior to trade. Because CSHB 532 makes it an unfair trade practice to knowingly sell a reproduction unless it is clearly labeled as such, the attorney general may bring a restraining action in the name of the state against the person and private and class actions may result in actual damages and/or penalties not more than \$25,000. The legislation is passive in that no active monitoring of compliance is provided. The bill provides a basis for legal action by the original artists or those who believe they have been harmed by the unauthorized duplication of the commercially traded art or handicraft object. Costs of labeling will be borne by the industry.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Development supports CSHB 532.



Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner

Date: _____

4-9-91

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE BILL NO. 532

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

1992
2/18 Read first time and referred to:
LEC, JUD.

3/6 L&C RPT CS(L&C) New Title
6 DP DNP NR AM
FN 1 OFN Previous FN

4/8 JUD RPT CS(JUD) New Title
5 DP DNP NR AM
FN OFN 1 Previous FN

4/10 Read second time
4/10 CS(Jud) Adopted

Amended

4/10 Advanced

4/10 Read third time

Return to second for specific amendment

4/10 PASSED EFD Same
Yes 39 Yes
Nays 0 Nays
Excused 1 Excused
Absent 0 Absent

Intent adopted

4/10 Reconsideration by Choquette, Held 4/11
4/14 Reconsideration not taken up, Held 4/13

PASSED ON REMON. EFD Same ___ or
Yes Yes
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Intent adopted

4/14 Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker, to the Senate
Justin Gray
Clerk of the House

1992
4/15 Read first time and referred to:
LEC, Jud

RPT() CS DP NR DNP AM
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN To

RPT() CS DP NR DNP AM
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN To

RPT() CS DP NR DNP AM
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN To

Rules Calendar() CS AM Other
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN

Read second time

CS Adopted () New Title
Amended Advanced

Read third time

Letter of Intent adopted
Return to second for specific amendment

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yes Yes
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reconsideration
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yes Yes
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by President, to the House
Secretary of the Senate

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REPRESENTATIVE BETTYE DAVIS
DISTRICT 14 SEAT B • EAST ANCHORAGE • MULDOON

S P O N S O R S T A T E M E N T

I appreciate the committee members hearing CSSSHB 536 (Finance).

CSSSHB 536 (Finance) is an important step in implementing a new approach to promoting economic development by helping to create a more comprehensive and effective private business financing infrastructures. The bill would make possible the creation in Alaska of a new type of licensed and regulated private financial institutions, called Bidcos. The bill is modeled after a program in Michigan which has already resulted in the creation of an industry of 9 Bidcos in that state, with others in the process of being formed.

Bidcos provide financing assistance and management assistance to businesses, especially small and medium-sized businesses. They are organized to address a gap for companies with financing needs that are too risky for bank lending, but do not provide the potential for super high rates of return sought by traditional venture funds.

Banks finance businesses by providing straight loans, normally with interest rates not exceeding several percentage points above prime. Venture capital funds typically make equity investment in companies with explosive growth potential and the ability to go public or be acquired within 5 years. This gives the venture capital fund the opportunity to share, expeditiously and to a high degree, in the upside success of its portfolio companies. By contrast, Bidcos typically invest in companies in the form of subordinated debt, receiving current interest income, and they compensate for the risk they take by sharing, to a modest degree, in the upside success of a company through a revenue participation or warrants.

The Polaris Fund, which has one of its offices in Alaska, is a good example of a traditional venture capital fund. The Polaris Fund's brochure indicates that its purpose is to provide equity capital to young companies, and states that when the fund invests in a company, the fund seeks, as a minimum objective, 10 times its money back within 5 years. The Polaris Fund provides an important potential source of capital for high risk equity

investments in companies with explosive growth potential. Nevertheless, this type of company is a very small part of the market.

Bidcos are designed to address a different part of the market. Bidcos invest in family-owned or closely held companies with good growth potential and the ability to provide a good return to their investor, but which are not likely to grow so rapidly as to go public or be acquired and provide the kinds of returns sought by traditional venture capital funds.

The first part of CSSSHB 536 (Finance) provides a system for the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to license and regulate one or more Bidcos. This is modeled after Michigan's licensing and regulation statute for Bidcos. The licensing and regulation system is designed to encourage capital sources to invest in and lend money to Bidcos because they can take comfort in the fact that they are investing in or lending to a licensed and regulated, private financial institution. The system of licensing, regulation and enforcement is designed to prevent fraud, conflict of interest, and mismanagement, and to promote competent management, accurate record keeping, and appropriate communication with shareholders.

To obtain a license, a Bidco must satisfy various standards relating to the competency and good character of its officers and directors, the adequacy of its business plan, and the sufficiency of its capitalization. Once licensed, a Bidco is subject to annual examinations by the Department, with the Department having a enforcement mechanisms such as cease and desist orders to correct violations or stop unsafe or unsound acts.

The second part of the bill provides for a program whereby the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation would provide financial assistance to help catalyze the formation of one or more Bidcos in Alaska. This program is similar to a program implemented in Michigan by a state agency called the Michigan Strategic Fund.

The financial assistance provided by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation would help capitalize the Bidco and would assist the Bidco in raising substantial private investment. The Foundation's assistance would be in the form of a loan to the Bidco, and would use a formula whereby the principal and interest owed by the Bidco to the Foundation could be reduced, in accordance with the performance of the Bidco in financing business in Alaska which actually create jobs and increase their sales. The Foundation is instructed by the bill to implement the program in a manner designed to encourage the provision of financing by Bidcos to businesses throughout the state, and to provide special incentives to encourage the inclusion of financings for businesses located in distressed areas, including distressed rural areas, and the financing of minority-owned businesses.

FISCAL NOTE

No. 2

STATE OF ALASKA
92 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: CS SSHB 536 (FIN)
(H) Publish Date: 5/6/92

Effective Date: May 5, 1992

Department Affected: Revenue

Title: Business and industrial development corp...

BRU: Science & Technology

Component: Science & Technology

Sponsor: Rep. B. Davis

Requestor: Hs Finance Comm

Component Serial No.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES		\$ 48.0	\$ 48.0	\$ 48.0	\$ 48.0	\$ 48.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	\$ 20.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	\$ 20.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE - ASTF Unappropriated earnings	\$ 20.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0
TOTAL	\$ 20.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0	\$ 113.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME		1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: The fiscal note assumes design costs in the first year and operating costs in future years. Capitalization of the BIDCO will require a \$5 million appropriation. ASTF estimates the sum will be available from ASTF unappropriated earnings for FY 93 but not future years.

Prepared by: John Stoert

Phone: 212-4333

Division: ASTF

Date: MAY 5, 1992

Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]*

Agency: Revenue

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

**STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

FISCAL NOTE:

No. 1
Bill Version: CSHB 536 (L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 4-21-92

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to the business and
industrial development corporations
Sponsor: Rep. B. Davis
Requestor: House Labor & Commerce

Department Affected: Commerce & Econ. Dev.
BRU: AIDEA
Component: _____

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING:	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE FUND RESOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE:						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This bill will require no appropriation from the Legislature. Any increase in loan volume and increase in travel cost and staff time will be funded by revolving loan funds within the Authority and by assets of the Authority.

Prepared By: Katelyn Carrigan, Development Specialist Phone: (907) 561-8050
Division: AIDEA Date: 3/13/92
Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds *Glenn A. Olds*
Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development Date: 3-17-92

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Fin., Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB/DBR, Gov. Legis. Ofc., and Impacted Agency(ies).

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE BILL NO. 536

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

1992
Read first time and referred to:
L&C, FIN.

2/18

3/18 Sponsor substitute introduced
L&C RPT CS(L&C) New Title

4/21
1 DP DNP 3 NR AM
FN 1 OFN Previous FN

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FIN RPT CS(FIN) New Title
2 DP DNP 7 NR AM
1 FN 1 OFN Previous FN

RPT CS() New Title
DP DNP NR AM
FN OFN Previous FN

5/8 Read second time
5/8 CS(FIN) Adopted

Amended

5/8 Advanced

5/18 Read third time

Return to second for specific amendment

5/18 PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas 35 Yeas
Nays 3 Nays
Excused 2 Excused
Absent Absent

Intent adopted

Reconsideration
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED ON RECON. EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Intent adopted

5/18 Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker, to the Senate

Kristin Gray Lamb
Chief Clerk of the House

1992
5/9 Read first time and referred to:
L&C, FIN

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New Title Same Title Previous FN
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Rules Calendar() CS AM Other
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN

Read second time

CS Adopted () New Title
Amended Advanced

Read third time

Letter of Intent adopted
Return to second for specific amendment

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reconsideration
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by President, to the House

Secretary of the Senate

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SHELBY L. NUENKE-DAVISON
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April 17, 1992

Senator Dr. Pearce
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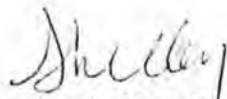
Re: House Bill 538

Dear Senator Pearce:

As your constituent and particularly since you are the chair of the Senate Labor Committee, I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 538. It inappropriately broadens the exposure for employers of firefighters who contract heart disease, respiratory disease, and/or cancer which are the leading causes of death in America today. With this provision, every firefighter will be able to collect workers' compensation benefits or death benefits even though these conditions were pre-existing and notwithstanding whether the employment caused or aggravated these conditions.

Sincerely,

DAVISON & DAVISON, INC.



Shelby L. Nuenke-Davison
Attorney At Law

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ALASKA STATE

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME

ASSOCIATION

Saturday
May 9, 1992

MEMO TO: Members, State Senate
Alaska State Legislature

FROM: Harlan R. Knudson, President/CEO
Alaska State Hospital & Nursing
Home Association

SUBJECT: SUPPORT - HB 563 DISABILITY
(Health Insurance) Rate Approval

Community hospitals and nursing homes ask your support for HB 563, authorizing the Division of Insurance to "approve" increases in health insurance premium rates by health insurance companies.

In most states, an Insurance Commissioner has both the authority and the responsibility to make sure health insurance premiums are reasonable and necessary.

Not so in Alaska.

The insurance industry files information (and is cooperative) with the State Division of Insurance, but it sets the rates regardless if the state feels the increase is justified or not.

There will be no increase in cost to the state in administering HR 563, as the only change is the state is able to say to insurance carrier, if you do not justify the need for an increase, the state will not authorize that increase.

Hospitals particularly have been concerned that insurance premiums have increased as much as 20% per year in the past few years while hospital inflation has been only 5-7%.

Any questions, please call myself or Garrey Peska at 586-1790, here in Juneau. Many thanks.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE BILL NO. 5123

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

1992
3/18 Read first time and referred to:
HES, L&C, FIN

4/8 HES RPT() CS() New Title
2 DP DNP 1 NR AM
FN 1 OFN Previous FN

4/24 L&C RPT() CS() New Title
3 DP DNP 1 NR AM
FN OFN Previous FN

5/4 FIN RPT() CS() New Title
5 DP DNP 4 NR AM
FN OFN 1 Previous FN

5/5 Read second time
CS() Adopted

Amended
5/5 Failed to advance 26-12
5/6 Advanced

5/6 Read third time

Return to second for specific amendment

5/6 PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas 30 Yeas
Nays 4 Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Intent adopted

5/6 Reconsideration by Zawacki
5/7 Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED ON RECON. EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Intent adopted

Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker, to the Senate
Justin Gray
Chief Clerk of the House

1992
5/8 Read first time and referred to:
L&C

RPT() CS DP NR DNP AM
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN To

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New Title Same Title Previous FN
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RPT() CS DP NR DNP AM
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN To

Rules Calendar() CS AM Other
New Title Same Title Previous FN
FN OFN

Read second time

CS Adopted () New Title
Amended Advanced

Read third time

Letter of Intent adopted
Return to second for specific amendment

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reconsideration
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

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Signed by President, to the House
Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: HB 563
(H) Publish Date: 4-8-92

Revision Date: 3/18/92 Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
Title: Approval of Disability BRU: Insurance
Insurance Rates Component: Operations

Sponsor: Rules Committee

Requestor: Health Resources & Access Task Force

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0 3 5 4

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE:						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Joan Brown, Administrative Officer Phone: 465-2597

Division: Insurance Date: 4/6/92

Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Oids

Agency: Commerce & Economic Development Date: 4.6.92

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Fin., Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB/DBR, Gov. Legis. Ofc., & Impacted Agency(ies).

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Proposed Amendment by Senator Pearce to Work Draft SCS CSHB 574 (L&C)

Page 7, line 21

Add the following sentence immediately after "...operations in the state."

No regulatory cost charge may be assessed to pipeline carrier operations which are not jurisdictional to the commission.

This amendment confirms that only pipeline carrier operations which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission are subject to the regulatory cost charge established by AS 42.06.285.

Amend #2

Proposed Amendment to Workdraft SCS CSHB 574(L&C)

page 8, line 10:

[paid] borne by the pipeline carrier or shipper under AS 42.06.285.

This language would require the commission to take account of costs paid by shippers including refiners, under the regulatory cost charge program.

Proposed Amendment to Work Draft SCS CSHB 574 (L&C)

The legislature finds that fairness requires that the regulatory cost charge be paid only once on a given dollar of gross revenue. No utility or pipeline carrier may be required to pay the regulatory cost charge assessed to gross revenues which have already been assessed the regulatory cost charge under either AS 42.05.253(a) or AS 42.06.285(a).

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Proposed Amendment to Work Draft SCS CSHB 574 (L&C)

Page 5, line 24

delete "and under AS 42.06.285(a)"

Page 5, line 26

delete "and pipeline carriers"

These amendments prevent cross-subsidization in the use of regulatory cost charges. User fees paid by utilities may be used only for services to public utilities.

Page 7, line 24

delete "and under AS 42.05.253(a)"

delete "public utilities and"

These amendments accomplish the same purpose described above.

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Luckhaupt
5/8/92

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced:

Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 Suspending Uniform Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e) of the Alaska State Legislature
2 concerning House Bill No. 574, relating to the finances of state government.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 That under Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, the provisions of
5 Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e) of the Uniform Rules, regarding changes to the title of a bill, are
6 suspended in consideration of House Bill No. 574, relating to the finances of state government.

Proposed Amendment to Work Draft SCS CSHB 574 (L&C)

page 8, line 10

delete "By the pipeline carrier"

add ", directly or indirectly,"

This language broadens the category of regulatory cost charges which the commission must consider in making cost allocations.

The initial payer, plus any party to whom the regulatory cost charge is passed through, would be assured this consideration by the commission under this language.

HCR

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Executive Summary

University of Alaska Anchorage World Trade Center Alaska 1994 World Trade Centers Association General Assembly

World Trade Center Alaska is requesting the opportunity to host a World Trade Centers Association (WTCA) General Assembly and an international trade show in 1994. A successful bid would see Anchorage as the host city to approximately 1000 delegates, with benefits spreading far within the state. The event would place Alaska permanently on the map of world trade.

The Center began its lobbying efforts over a year ago and successfully hosted a "Taste Alaska!" reception at last year's General Assembly in St. Paul, Minnesota. The reception was a smash and people were talking about Alaska throughout the rest of the conference.

The response to Alaska's lobbying efforts have been excellent, and an active bid committee has been at work coordinating the effort. This Bid Committee has been working to develop a winning written proposal and video, lobby support within the state, form the delegation to travel to Hong Kong for the WTCA Spring Meeting in April to formally present the bid. We have made every attempt to learn from past hosts, to review successful bids, and to develop grassroots support. In April, Alaska will send a delegation to Hong Kong 20 - 30 strong, representing business, government and education throughout the state.

We are working closely with the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau to coordinate the bid effort, and have received their wholehearted endorsement. The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Office, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Department of Trade & Economic Development (formerly Commerce) and the Governor's Office are all behind our efforts. Representatives from Juneau, Fairbanks, Mat-Su, and Valdez have all contributed their support in the bid process. The World Trade Center Alaska is confident it will meet with success in Hong Kong.

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HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Drue Pearce
Labor and Commerce Chair

March 22, 1991

From: Representative Tom Moyer *TGM*
International Trade Chair

Re: HCR9, supporting a bid by the World Trade Center Alaska

With this memo, i would like to request the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to consider this resolution at your earliest possible convenience. The resolution is needed as soon as possible by the World Trade Center Alaska for its bid to host an international conference in Anchorage in 1994. A delegation from the Center will be traveling to Hong Kong in April to formally present its bid and would like final copies of the resolution to include in the bid packets.

The resolution was favorably considered by the full House and in the Senate by the Special Committee on International Trade and Tourism. Your committee should have received a file of back-up information about this important conference. Please contact me if I can answer questions or supply additional information. I am happy to testify at your convenience about the resolution.

SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE
BILL FILE

BILL NUMBER: HCR 7

BILL TITLE: WORLD TRADE CTR GRAN ASSM

SPONSOR: H ITT

RECEIVED: 3/21/91

WRITTEN REQUEST TO SCHEDULE: DATE _____ FROM _____
SECTIONAL ANALYSIS RECEIVED: DATE _____ FROM _____
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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/21/91

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: _____

L&C Committee considered HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Supporting a bid by the World Trade Center Alaska/Anchorage to host the 1994 World Trade Centers Association General Assembly and international trade show.

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS same title
- or adopt _____ CS _____ new title
- attached amendment(s) technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):
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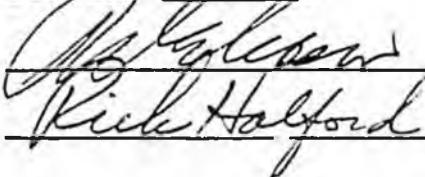
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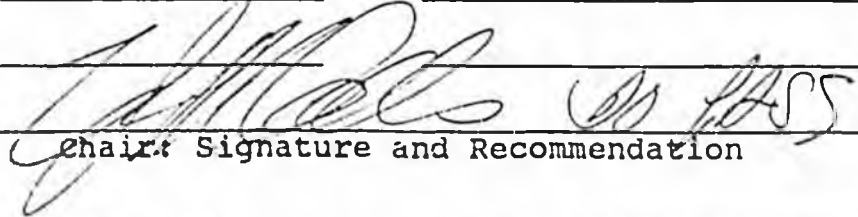
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Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS



OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:


Chair: Signature and Recommendation

April 6, 1991

Drue -

RE: HCR 9

We had received a request to hear this resolution on 3/22. I didn't realize, nor did anyone mention, that Bill Noll would like to have this resolution in hand when he makes his trip to Hong Kong this month.

Could we ask Virginia to offer a motion on the floor to have the publication notice waived and announce that the resolution will be heard at the Monday afternoon L&C meeting?

Red

P.S. Tom at ZhovAs office
said he can get it on the
calendar for Wednesday (per Red)

Need answer by Monday a.m.!

HJR

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BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

APR 29 1991

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April 25, 1991

Representative Bill Hudson
Chairman, House Oil & Gas Committee
P.O. Box V
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Dear Representative Hudson:

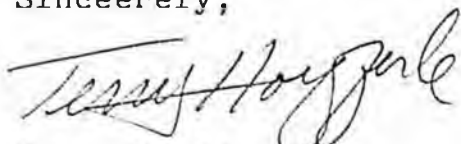
I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Bristol Bay Native Association in support of HJR 36 which is currently in your committee.

BBNA adamantly opposes offshore oil development. Recent and current developments in national oil policy make this a pressing issue, particularly in Alaska where our coastal weather conditions and recent experience with the Exxon Valdez clean up are vivid in our being. While certain differences exist between the Siberian/Bering Sea weather factory and conditions of the Japanese Current/North Pacific zone, and between the biosphere of Bristol Bay and that of the Chukchi Sea, the overriding fact of our total dependence on the sea remains the same.

Please pass HJR 36 out of the oil and gas committee as soon as possible - while its influence on national oil policy might be the greatest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Terry Hoeffler
Executive Director

cc: Representative George Jacko
Senator Fred Zharoff
Members, House & Senate Oil & Gas Committees
Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Frank Murkowski
Congressman Don Young

HJR

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 27, 1992

The Honorable Lynn Martin
Secretary of Labor
United States Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Madame Secretary:

This is to bring to your attention a matter within your department's jurisdiction concerning employment of longshore workers in Alaska.

As you are aware, section 203 of the Immigration Act of 1990 ("IMMACT 90"; PL 101-649) restricts alien crewmen from performing longshore work in the United States unless certain conditions are met. One of these is the "prevailing practice exception" described by section 258.2(1)(b)(ii) of the relevant interim regulations: "There is no collective bargaining agreement in effect in the local port covering at least 30 percent of the persons performing longshore work at the port, and the employer of the crewmen has filed an attestation with the Secretary of Labor that the Secretary of Labor has accepted."

Unfortunately, we understand DoL is approving the attestations under the prevailing practice exemption filed by foreign vessel owners in or near Dutch Harbor, Akutan, or Chignik, Alaska, where an exemption is inappropriate, and congressional intent is not being followed. Moreover, such attestations are accepted by a DoL office in Dallas, Texas, a place evidencing no understanding of Alaska's fishery and longshore practices.

As we believe the Administration would agree, the law restricting foreign crews doing longshore work is supposed to sustain or create jobs for Americans. In Alaska's specific case, we understand DoL accepts an attestation if a foreign vessel simply finds a cove, village, or coastal area near Dutch Harbor where they do not think Americans are available to do longshore work. The reality in this area of Alaska is that American labor is readily available and capable of performing this work. Even if relatively few Americans are present at an area near Dutch Harbor, longshoremen can easily and quickly travel to the location to perform the work.

The effect of DoL's actions is lost jobs for Alaskans, and we would like to see an administrative correction in the way the

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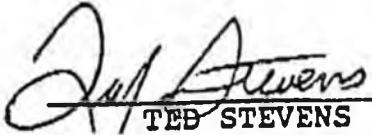
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attestations are considered. In the absence of final regulations on this section of IMMACT 90, the benefit of the doubt in applying the law should be given to American workers.

We appreciate your concern for American jobs in Alaska, and look forward to meeting with you next Tuesday, March 3, 1992.

With best regards,

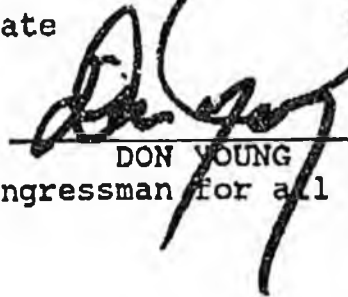
Sincerely,



TED STEVENS
United States Senate



FRANK MURKOWSKI
United States Senate



DON YOUNG
Congressman for all Alaska

JAPANESE UNFAIR TO AMERICAN LONGSHOREMEN

On January 14, 1992, the Japanese vessels were included on the prohibited list, forbidding the Japanese vessels from using alien crew members to perform longshore work in American waters. We are of the opinion they are still trying to get around the law by developing loop holes at the expense of the American workers, the Alaska economy, and the local communities where the work would be performed.

We longshoremen, concerned about our jobs and the jobs of future longshoremen, have analyzed the affects on the State of Alaska. In our opinion, there are in excess of 300,000 man hours lost as a result of foreign crew members performing longshore work. We base this opinion on the fact that clear reports indicate 90% of the product shipped from Alaska waters in bottom fish alone is done so by foreign vessels, and are being loaded with the assistance of alien crew members performing longshore work. With this and the 300,000 man hours in mind, the affect on the economy would amount to in excess of \$20,000,000, which are direct longshore jobs, working directly on the foreign vessel. If you factor for each longshoremen working there are approximately seven support jobs needed to keep that position operation, you can see that would amount to a much larger man hour requirement, and an even greater work force needed to meet those longshore demands. We estimate that would amount to approximately 1,400 full-time jobs in the State of Alaska, directly related to this export cargo movement. This does not include those jobs associated with the seasonal fish industry, such as salmon. By using an annual income factor of \$50,000.00 for each position, we estimate this would amount to \$70,000,000.00 to the Alaska economy. \$70,000,000 that

would be coming into the Alaska economy if we had Americans performing this longshore work.

In view of all this work activity, we hope that our State and Federal government will recognize the importance of capturing this work for Alaskan residents and American workers, and assist us in this cause.

Work demands require the longshoremen to be available on a day-to-day basis; therefore, making it impossible for longshoremen to be anything but local residents. We must have the longshoremen located in those communities to have them available to meet work demands. There are only a couple of incidents when we have had temporary workers travel in to other areas, when the Union is trying to meet longshore demands. For example, in Bristol Bay during the salmon season we would have extra longshoremen travel from other parts of the State to handle the work load during a relatively short period of time. This not only helps to meet the work requirements, but also gives those longshoremen living elsewhere within the State the opportunity to enhance their income. Although finding adequate housing may be difficult, we believe if the work is captured, we will have the wherewithal to address those logistic problems.

The Union is not trying to eliminate the foreign trapper in Alaska waters. We are only trying to capture the rightful longshore jobs for the Alaska residents and American citizens.

Another aspect to consider is that, based on the Magnuson Act adopted a number of years ago, the foreign vessels are technically prohibited from working in Alaska waters within the 200 mile limit. There are provisions to allow foreign vessels to work in American waters, under an agreement with the Americans called the Governing International Fisheries Agreement (GIFA). We believe this needs to be monitored very closely. If they abuse the immigration

laws, then, those privileges under the Magnuson Act should be revoked.

We do know the Foreign Trumper Vessels are currently attempting to develop methods of getting around using American labor to perform longshore jobs. We believe this goes against the heart and Intent of the immigration laws passed in 1990; and against the general idea that Americans should provide more employment for American workers, especially in areas involving the exportation of goods from our country to another.

The last and final point is that in these work force operations it is very apparent that the Japanese are taking advantage of Americans once more. In the fishing industry the Japanese control the fishing, the fish prices, and the exportation of the goods; they control the market. It is only fair to give and require that the Japanese, and all foreigners, abide by the immigration laws and provide the additional work opportunity to the American workers.

We hope you will support our position and become vocal on these important issues - to provide and stimulate the American economy, the Alaska economy, and the Alaska community economy so dramatically.

Statement provided by
International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union
Alaska Local 200, Regional Director, John J. Bukoskey
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**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75**

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

1992
2/18
2/28

Read first time and referred to:
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3/16 Read second time
 CS(L&C) Adopted

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3/16 Read third time

Return to second for specific amendment

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Reconsideration
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 Yeas Yeas
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 Absent Absent

___ Intent adopted

3/16 Reported correctly engrossed
 Signed by Speaker, to the Senate

Rustin Gray
 Chief Clerk of the House

1992
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Read second time

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 Reconsideration not taken up

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 Absent Absent

Reported correctly engrossed
 Signed by President, to the House

Secretary of the Senate

HOUSE-SENATE HISTORY Continued

19	<p>Received from the Senate _____</p> <p>Concur in Senate amendment Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___ _____ Efd same or Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>Failed to concur Senate amendment, ask Senate recede Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>Senate failed to \ receded from amendment Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>CC appointed by House _____ Chair _____</p> <p>CC appointed by Senate _____ Chair _____</p> <p>(H) Granted Limited Powers of Free Conference</p> <p>(S) Granted Limited Powers of Free Conference</p>
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. _____
 Bill version: CS HJR 75 (L&C)
 (H) Publish Date: 2-28-92

Revision Date: _____
 Title: "A Resolution Relating to employment
 for Alaskan longshoremen."
 Sponsor: Representative Davidson, et al.
 Requestor: House Labor & Commerce

Department Affected: Labor
 BRU: Labor Standards & Safety
 Component: Wage & Hour

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 345

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS.CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
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TOTAL.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution does not affect the Department's programs.

Prepared by: Randy Carr, Acting Director Phone: 264-2452
 Division: Labor Standards & Safety Date: 2/27/92
 Approved by Commissioner: G. W. Mahlen
 Agency: Department of Labor Date: 2/27/92

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

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February 14, 1992

Mr. John King
Immigration & Naturalization Service
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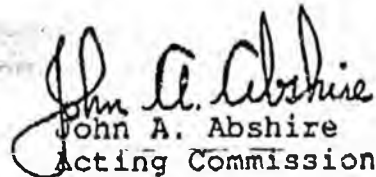
Dear Mr. King:

The Alaska Department of Labor has received information that several foreign concerns have filed attestations with your office, seeking to perform longshore work at various Alaska ports in the Dutch Harbor area. The Department has also received numerous inquiries from American workers; those who would be directly impacted by such approval.

Our information is sketchy and we are concerned that these attestations meet all the requirements for approval. We are, therefore, requesting copies of the attestations and the documentation filed for this purpose, under the Freedom of Information Act. Additionally, we request that any actions in this matter be withheld until the State of Alaska has had time to receive, review, and be allowed to submit comments on the merits of these requests and their impact on American workers.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John A. Abshire
Acting Commissioner

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
cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel
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Congressman Don Young
John Katz, Governor's Office, Washington, DC
Judy Knight, Director, Employment Security Division
Woody Walker, Alien Certification

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Representative Cliff Davidson
Chairman
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TO: Senator Drue Pearce, Chairman
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Representative Cliff Davidson 

DATE: March 24, 1992

SUBJECT: Scheduling Request for House Joint Resolution 75

Enclosed is House Joint Resolution 75 which has unanimously passed the House. I would appreciate the Labor and Commerce Committee scheduling a hearing on this legislation at your earliest possible convenience.

Due to current problems facing longshoremen in various ports in Alaska, I feel it is crucial that we act on this matter, for their benefit. For example, in the ports of Chignik, Akutan, Dutch Harbor and St. Paul, exemptions to the Immigration Act have been granted by the U.S. Department of Labor allowing foreign crew members to do the work of local longshoremen. This comes at a time when these ports are extremely busy with seafood production. It is also a time of high unemployment in Alaska and these jobs are important to rural Alaskans.

As sponsor of this legislation, I feel that this resolution will send a strong message to the proper authorities in Washington, D.C. to interpret amendments to the Immigration Act of 1990 to protect jobs that rightfully belong to Alaskans.

Please contact Mark Thissen of my office at 465-2487 if you have any questions. Thank you.

DON YOUNG
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Gene McNary, Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
425 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

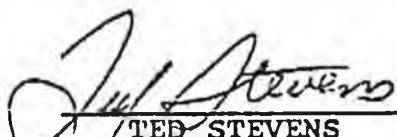
This is to bring to your attention a matter within the Immigration and Naturalization Service's jurisdiction concerning enforcement of immigration law in our state.


Specifically, we have been informed that violations of the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1990 ("IMMACT 90") have occurred in or near Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The violations concern employment of alien crews performing longshore work. As you are aware, unless certain exemptions are claimed by a vessel owner, only Americans may perform longshore work in a United States port. Though exemptions cannot be claimed by most, if any, vessels at Dutch Harbor, violations may be occurring.

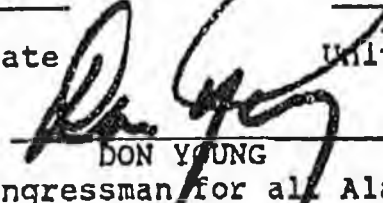
Understanding INS officials' reluctance to investigate and/or prosecute violations of IMMACT 90 without guidance from agency regulations, the law nevertheless must be enforced. In any case, the interim rule on the section of IMMACT 90 with which we are concerned has been reinstated as of February 21, 1992. We believe both the law and regulations are explicit enough to warrant quick and full enforcement of the law to prohibit foreign crews from performing longshore work at Dutch Harbor.

The result of not enforcing this law is lost American jobs. Alaska's economy cannot sustain this consequence. We would appreciate your consideration of our remarks as well as a report on what actions are being taken to ensure IMMACT 90 is enforced.

Sincerely,


TED STEVENS
United States Senate


FRANK MURKOWSKI
United States Senate


DON YOUNG
Congressman for all Alaska

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HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 24, 1992

TO: Senator Drue Pearce, Chair
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Representative Tom Moyer, ^{TSM}Chair
House Special Committee on
International Trade and Tourism

RE: HJR 81 "Relating to travel advisories issued by the
Department of State"

I would like to respectfully request that you schedule HJR 81, which relates to travel advisories issued by the Department of State, for a hearing at your earliest convenience. I've attached back-up information on this resolution, along with copies of numerous articles on the Alaska-Canada Highway. The resolution passed the House unanimously on Friday, March 20.

As you probably know, the resolution is the direct result of a travel advisory issued by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs in early February. The State Department issued this advisory on the Yukon and the Alaska-Canada (Alcan) Highway, which was very negative for both Alaska and the Yukon and there were many erroneous statements in the advisory. These advisories are issued in written form and also placed on a recording that can be accessed by dialing a hotline number.

After prodding from the Yukon and Alaska tourism offices and the Alaska Congressional delegation this advisory was finally reworded and the recording was also changed. I still believe that the Legislature should go on record urging the State Department to contact states and other entities that might be affected by such advisories in the future.

Thank you for your prompt scheduling of HJR 81.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1
Version: HJR 81
(H) Publish Date: 3-4-92

Revision Date: _____ Department Affect _____
Title: Relating to travel advisories BRU: _____
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Requestor: House ITT COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Rep. Tom Moyer *Tom Moyer* Phone: 465-4930
Division: Chair, House ITT Date: 3-3-92

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: _____

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81

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 Signed by Speaker, to the Senate

Ronald Gray
 Chief Clerk of the House

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 Signed by President, to the House

 Secretary of the Senate



House Special Committee on International Trade and
Tourism
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear People,

The 103 members of the Skagway Chamber of Commerce support House Joint Resolution No. 81. Many members of the community as well as paid members of the city staff have worked hard for an extended length of time to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the building of the Alaskan Highway. Some people may not be aware that Skagway played an important role in the building of this road. Most of the soldiers who worked on it came in through our town, as did much of the equipment and supplies. It had a major impact on our town, as well as our town and the availability of it's port had a major impact on the ability to build the road and therefore open up access to the rest of the state.

We have worked hard to build up this story and have invited many of the former soldiers to visit during this celebration.

In addition, many of our people drive the Alaskan Highway. We were quite disturbed by the issuance of the travel advisory. Our experiences with the road did not fit with what was stated.

We support your efforts to head off any other ill-thought out advisories.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bolton
President

Travel Advisory

United States Department of State
Bureau of Consular Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20520



There are three types of travel advisories. Warnings recommend deferral of travel to all or part of a country. Caution advises about unusual security conditions, including the potential for unexpected detention, unstable political conditions, or serious health problems. Not intended to deter travel to a country. Notice provides information on situations that do not present a broad-scale risk, but which could result in inconvenience or difficulty for traveling Americans.

Canada — Notice

Canada - Notice
February 4, 1992

Summary: There has been an increased number of cases of meningococcal disease in several areas of eastern Canada. Although the risk for travelers is very low, U.S. travelers may wish to consider having their children between the ages of 2 and 19 vaccinated against the disease. In addition, in Western Canada, the Yukon territory is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the building of the Alcan Highway - its "Rendezvous 92." U.S. travelers planning to attend "Rendezvous 92" should be aware of and take appropriate precautions related to travel in the far north. End summary.

Meningitis: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Quebec and Ontario Health Ministries have issued a health alert concerning the increased number of cases of meningococcal disease in several areas of eastern Canada. The affected areas include the Ottawa-Carleton area, the Laurentides region north of Montreal, the Lanaudiers region, the Outaouais area in West Quebec, and Prince Edward Island. As a preventive measure, a program of vaccination is being instituted for children in those areas. The risk for short-term travelers is very low and no particular precautions are needed for those traveling to the affected areas for most activities, such as skiing or shopping. However, because the number of cases among school-aged children is substantially above normal, vaccinations should be considered for children 2 through 19 years of age traveling to the affected areas if they will be in very close physical contact with local school-aged children, or will be staying more than three days and expect to have social contact with local school-aged children. Ideally, the vaccine should be administered at least 10 days before travel. Vaccination is not recommended for children under two years of age, and adults are considered at very low risk. For further information, contact the Centers for Disease Control's International Hotline at (404) 392-4559.

"Rendezvous 92": 1992 marks the 50th anniversary of the building of the Alcan Highway. The Yukon territory is commemorating the event with a series of highly publicized celebrations throughout the year as part of its "Rendezvous 92" celebration. As Canadian officials anticipate a large influx of U.S. visitors, it is worthwhile for U.S. citizens to keep in mind potential problems when traveling in the far north.

The Frontier: The Yukon is definitely frontier territory. Facilities for car repair outside of the capital, Whitehorse, are extremely limited. Almost all consumer goods must be brought in from other parts of Canada or Alaska over long distances. It is 1200 miles from Edmonton to Whitehorse and 1500 miles from Vancouver to Whitehorse. The cost of food, gas, etc. can be triple what it would be in the U.S.

The Highway: The Alcan highway runs from Edmonton, Alberta, through British Columbia (Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson) through the Yukon (Watson Lake, Whitehorse) and into Alaska. For most of its length it is a two or four lane divided highway. Most of it is in good condition and previously rough sections have been repaired for the celebrations. The distances are vast. The highway runs through some spectacularly beautiful areas, but much of the area is essentially uninhabited. Even during peak tourist season, traffic outside of towns can be very sparse.

Lodging: A full range of camping and motel lodging can be found in the Yukon. Further away from population centers, the facilities can range from primitive to non-existent. Several new motels and campgrounds are opening this year, but travelers are advised to have confirmed reservations, especially for the Whitehorse area, during the peak summer months.

Medical Care: As with car repair, medical facilities are extremely limited outside of Whitehorse. Care can be expensive and most hospitals and clinics will insist on payment before discharge. While some (but not all) now accept Visa or Mastercard, most will not wait for payment from insurance companies. Problems with collecting bills from Americans have made medical institutions increasingly cautious. Travelers should check to make sure their medical and auto insurance covers them while in Canada. In many instances a supplemental policy is required.

Firearms: While not limited to the Yukon, all travelers to Canada should keep in mind Canada's extremely strict laws regarding firearms. In general, handguns are not permitted in Canada. Canadian law requires that officials must confiscate guns from anyone crossing the border who denies having a gun in his/her possession. The confiscated guns are never returned. It is possible to take hunting rifles into Canada under certain circumstances. Anyone considering it should contact the nearest Canadian consulate in advance for detailed information and instruction. In all cases, travelers should declare any firearms in their possession to Canadian customs authorities when entering Canada. If the traveler is denied permission to bring the firearm into Canada, in many cases there are facilities near the border crossing where firearms could be surrendered and stored pending the traveler's return to the U.S.

Information: For further information/assistance U.S. citizens traveling to "Rendezvous 82" may contact the Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate General at 1075 West Georgia St., Vancouver, Canada V6E 4E9 at tel.: (604) 885-4311. Those traveling to eastern Canada may contact the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy at 100 Wellington St., Ottawa, Canada K1P 5T1 at tel.: (613) 298-5395.

No. 82-018

This advisory alerts U.S. citizens to an increased number of cases of meningitis in eastern Canada and potential problems in the Yukon territory due to the anticipated large influx of visitors for "Rendezvous 82."

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C O R R E C T I O N

Discard HJR 82

and retain this corrected version.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION****BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM****Introduced: 2/28/92****Referred: House Special Committee on International Trade and Tourism, Labor & Commerce****A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the federal Office of Management and Budget to revise the Standard Industrial**
2 **Classification system so that distinct statistics for the travel and tourism industry are**
3 **compiled.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** the federal Office of Management and Budget maintains a Standard Industrial
6 **Classification system (SIC) that is used to measure activity in various sectors of the economy; and**

7 **WHEREAS** statistics for the travel and tourism industry are not distinctly identified in the SIC,
8 **but are split up into many different categories that include other retail sales and services; and**

9 **WHEREAS** the failure to separately identify travel and tourism as an industry inhibits
10 **recognition of the importance of this segment of the economy, both in terms of its contribution to the**
11 **gross domestic product and in terms of its positive effect on the nation's balance of trade; and**

12 **WHEREAS** the travel and tourism industry is a significant segment of Alaska's economy and
13 **should become one of the top money-producing industries for the nation within the next 10 years; and**

14 **WHEREAS** separate SIC recognition of the travel and tourism industry would aid policy makers
15 **in fashioning appropriate measures that promote this very important industry;**

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the federal Office of

1 Management and Budget to work with the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration to develop
2 appropriate SIC listings that will give due regard to the importance of the travel and tourism industry;
3 and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature encourages the federal government to include travel
5 and tourism expenditures when it calculates the national trade balance.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the
7 United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore
8 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
9 Honorable Robin Tallon, U.S. Representative, chair of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus;
10 Richard Darman, Director, federal Office of Management and Budget; John Keller, Director, U.S. Travel
11 and Tourism Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
12 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
13 in Congress.

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 24, 1992

TO: Senator Drue Pearce, Chair
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Representative Tom Moyer, Chair
House Special Committee on
International Trade and Tourism

RE: HJR 82 (Relating to the Standard Industrial
Classification (SIC) listings by the U.S. Office of
Management and Budget)

I would like to respectfully request that you schedule HJR 82, requesting the federal Office of Management and Budget to revise the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system, for a hearing at your earliest convenience. Attached is background information for the resolution.

OMB maintains the Standard Industrial Classification system, which is used to measure industrial activity or material resources in various sectors of our economy. However, the SIC statistics for travel and tourism are not clearly and distinctly identified and are therefore not identifiable within the gross national product or the national trade balance figures.

The U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration is currently advocating for this revision and it appears that OMB is favorably disposed. Revising SIC listings is a lengthy process. Although changes are not scheduled until 1997, we should go on record early and often given that tourism is vital to Alaska's economy.

Thanks for your prompt scheduling of this resolution.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1
Bill Version: HJR 82
(H) Publish Date: 3-4-92

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: _____
Title: Requesting the federal OMB BRU: _____
to revise the SIC system Component: _____
Sponsor: House ITT
Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Rep. Tom Moyer *Tom Moyer* Phone: 465-4930
Division: Chair, House ITT Date: 3-3-92
Approved by Commissioner: _____
Agency: _____ Date: _____

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

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Signed by Speaker, to the Senate
Kristen Gray
Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Proposed Revision in U.S. Industry Statistics Could Benefit Travel in the Long Run

BY PETER HAMM

WASHINGTON— In what could turn out to be one of the most crucial victories the travel industry has ever had in federal lobbying, it appears a major revision of government statistics on business will include more specific numbers on travel and tourism.

The revised statistics, called the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC), could have a profound effect on how travel and tourism bodes in both federal and state lobbying efforts, how government policymakers treat the travel industry, and how travel agents—whose sales are now virtually invisible in government statistics—are viewed as part of the overall retailing industry. Getting more recognition through the SIC system could also lead to more political clout for the industry, more government attention and tax relief in lean years.

Though such a revision probably won't show up on paper for five years (1997 is the next time the system can be revised), industry officials are already celebrating positive signs from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Tourism's sway with the OMB and the White House has never been particu-

larly great. President Jimmy Carter, for example, once called tourism "frivolous."

But clearer SIC listings, according to John Keller, director of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration (USTTA), are "really the only way that tourism is ever going to be legitimately included in the economic statistics of this country."

Rep. Robin Tallon (D-S.C.), chairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, says the move would be a good one for government as well as the industry. "More and more, we're seeing tourism regarded as an important factor in economic models and forecasts," he says.

"We can't afford to ignore the contribution that tourism makes to our economy and our balance of trade. Including tourism...will certainly recognize this industry as a rapidly growing and increasingly important sector of our economy."

Big Payoff

If the groundwork laid by private sector advisors to Keller (and begun by his predecessors, Donna Tuttle and Rockwell Schnabel) pays off in the OMB's 1997 revision of the SIC system, the end result could be the most significant contribution any USTTA

director has made to travel in the agency's 30-year history.

SIC data is used to calculate gross national product and the extent of the nation's trade deficit. Travel and tourism could benefit from a more distinct inclusion in the nation's balance sheet. The industry contributed a \$9 billion trade surplus last year, but since there's no such line on the ledger, only industry-generated publicity led to anyone knowing about it.

According to Robert Juliano, a labor lobbyist and a member of the advisory board of the USTTA, a revised SIC statistic would answer Capitol Hill critics who say travel does not contribute that much and who doubt the sales figures submitted by the industry.

Travel and tourism industry sales figures are currently "split up among lots of categories," Keller says. "The issue is [travel and tourism] is not recognized as an industry. Airplanes are one place, restaurants are someplace else, hotels someplace else."

More government recognition could be a major boost for travel agents, who are perhaps the biggest losers under the current classification system. The earnings of agents are buried deeply inside the stan-

dard umbrella classifications of either "Retail Sales" or "Services." With a separate travel and tourism line item, however, retailers could say they are the principal sales and distribution system of that government-reported economic figure. A subclassification in the listings could even show agency sales specifically.

Outlook Good

Unless cracks develop in the industry's lobbying efforts to change the SIC system, prospects appear strong that the new classification will be adopted. But a critical public comment period would precede the adoption of any change.

One reason OMB is finally reacting favorably, officials say, is that its analysts think the entire SIC system needs an overhaul in 1997.

USTTA's advisory board drafted a report on arguments in favor of an SIC line that has been submitted to the OMB, and most industry observers believe chances for a revision in the code in 1997 are good. "It's going to happen in the '90s," says James Gaffigan, an American Hotel and Motel Association vice president. "Tourism will be there."