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Land survey issues:

Bill section 2 amends AS 38.04.045(b) to eliminate the requirement that state land classified for agricultural uses must first be surveyed before it may be leased, and makes corrective language changes to conform the subsection to technical provisions of the Legislative Drafting Manual.

Bill section 6 authorizes sale of state land classified for agricultural uses in parcels or tracts described by aliquot parts.

Installment sale issues relating to agricultural land:

In light of the change proposed to the rate of interest charged on installment sales contracts by bill section 8, **bill section 7** makes a conforming change to AS 38.05.065(c) to require that certain information be incorporated into land sale contracts involving the sale of state land classified for agricultural uses.

AS 38.05.065(a) and (b) prescribe requirements generally applicable to sale of state land on installment specifying, among other things, the manner of determining the rate of interest on the outstanding loan payments. Those provisions notwithstanding, the amendment made in proposed AS 38.05.065(h)(1), set out in **bill section 8**, prescribe a maximum rate of interest on installment sales of state land classified for agricultural uses of 9.5 percent.

Amendments eliminating limitation, and similar prequalification requirements that bear on agricultural land:

Bill section 4 modifies the authority of the commissioner of natural resources set out in AS 38.05.020(b)(6) to classify tracts of state land for agricultural use. It would eliminate all "prequalification" requirements that are incidental to the commissioner's exercise of that authority, thereby obviating requirements of preliminary submissions of agricultural plans by persons who sought to participate under the former agricultural development project statute (AS 44.33.375, repealed in 1979). **Bill section 4** also operates to amend the condition under which development requirements under state agricultural land sale contracts may be modified under AS 38.05.020(b)(7) to allow modification if either one of the two expressed conditions is met (rather than, under current law, both conditions).

Bill section 11, adding new subsections (d) and (e) to AS 38.05.321, enumerates certain things that the commissioner of natural resources may and may not do or require as to land classified as agricultural land that is conveyed to third parties, and supplies a definition for the phrase "agricultural purposes."

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Bill section 14 annuls a significant number of the program regulations applicable to the program under which the Department of Natural Resources disposes of the agricultural interest in state land classified as agricultural land.

Technical changes:

AS 44.33.375, referred to in AS 38.05.057(j), was repealed by ch. 75, SLA 1979. The requirement of AS 38.05.075(j) that a participant in a lottery for land that is part of the former agricultural development plan submit a single application for that land may have ongoing vitality. The provision is retained, with reference to the repealed provision, AS 44.33.375, modified by the addition, in bill section 5, of the word "former" to denote that section's previous repeal.

The amendment made in proposed AS 38.05.065(h)(2), set out in **bill section 8**, modifies the reference to "agricultural land" to substitute reference to state land that has been classified for agricultural uses and made subject to sale.

Transitional provisions:

Bill section 12, a temporary law provision, directs that, on application of the existing holder of rights for agricultural purposes in state land, the commissioner of natural resources to issue new instruments of conveyance as to land classified as agricultural land as to which only agricultural rights have been conveyed. The substituted conveyance instruments must conform to AS 38.05.321(a) and (d), as amended by the measure.

Bill section 13, a second temporary law provision, directs that, on application of a municipality, the commissioner of natural resources to issue new instruments of conveyance to the municipality as to land classified as agricultural land as to which only agricultural rights have been conveyed. The substituted conveyance instruments must conform to AS 38.05.321(b), as amended by the measure.

cc: Kathy Holmquist
Senate Finance Committee

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Enclosure

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB162(FIN)

Revision Date: 9-Feb-96 Dept Affected Natural Resources
 Title: An Act relating to land used for agricultural purposes and to state land classified for agricultural purposes BRU: Agricultural Development
 Sponsor: Senator Green Component: Agricultural Development
 Requestor: Senate Rules/Senate Finance Component Serial No. 455

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
PERSONAL SERVICES	28.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	28.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)						

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ None anticipated

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	1	1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Section 4 of the bill allows for appeals based on economics. It is estimated that approximately 25% of 475 land sales would be appealed on economics the first year, at 10% in future years, at a cost of approximately \$240/appeal.

Under the assumption that this legislation is not retroactive, there will be no loss of revenue due to interest rate changes.

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 Division: Agriculture Date: 9-Feb-96
 Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]* Date: 9-Feb-96
 Agency: Natural Resources *[Signature]*

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STATE OF ALASKA
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BILL NO. CSSB162(FIN)

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 Title: An Act relating to land use for agricultural BRU: Resource Development
purposes and to state land classified for agricultural purposes Component: Land Development
 Sponsor: Senator Green
 Requestor: Senate Rules/Senate Finance Component Serial No. 431

Expenditures/Revenues		(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	
PERSONAL SERVICES	10.0	3.0	3.0				
TRAVEL							
CONTRACTUAL	5.0	0.5	0.5				
SUPPLIES							
EQUIPMENT							
LAND & STRUCTURES							
GRANTS, CLAIMS							
MISCELLANEOUS							
TOTAL OPERATING	15.0	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	15.0	3.5	3.5				
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1006 GF/MHTIA							
Other							
TOTAL	15.0	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ none

POSITIONS		FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
FULL-TIME		0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME		1	1	1	0	0	0
TEMPORARY		0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Sections 12 & 13 require the department to issue new conveyance documents to 230 existing patent holders. The bill, as amended, requires the land owner to apply and to provide the department with proof of ownership. This fiscal note will enable the department to attempt to notify all known existing patent holders by mail and to publish display ads at least twice in Delta, Fairbanks, Palmer and Anchorage. We will also develop a fact sheet of what will be required. The personal services costs will cover the costs of verifying title and to issue the new conveyance documents. We anticipate the majority of the applications to be received during the first year, with a smaller number coming in over the next two years.

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by parcel size

80	@	40 acres or less
92	@	41-80 acres
34	@	81-120 acres
84	@	121-160 acres
90	@	161-320 acres
54	@	321-640 acres
41	@	640 acres or more

totalling 475 parcels



AFB Newsletter

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The Voice of Alaskans Involved in Agriculture

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Farm Service Views

Karen Olson Lee, State Director

Alaska is full of inventive experiments designed by our governments to keep us from making the same perceived mistakes as the rest of the United States. There's rural preference for subsistence, community development quotas for fish, Native corporations, Mental Health lands, agricultural-rights-only lands, just to start off a unique-to-Alaska list.

Like any other batch of experiments, some work and many don't. The trick is to discern the difference, and do something about the ones which don't.

Agricultural-rights-only, as fashioned by the State of Alaska, has been on this agency's mind for some time, since we knew we would be taking over the federal farm lending functions October 1. For a lender, the lands are precarious collateral because the state reserves the right to reclaim the property as punishment for "non-agricultural use" even after the land is bought and paid for.

Even the most ardent ag-rights fan would have to admit the statute has had a chilling effect on farm lending and on farming. So, where did it go and how can it be fixed?

The first place it went wrong was at its inception. The ag-rights idea originated as an urban solution to preserving nearby farms. The Alaska plan took this idea and stood it on its head. Essentially, the Alaska idea was to preserve farmland at the wilderness stage. We were worried about the sky falling long before there were skies to fall.

The prototype for ag-rights programs is King County, which contains the city of Seattle. In the 1970's the people there passed \$50 million in farmland preservation bonds, to save farms threatened by parking lots, housing, stadiums. These were real threats, not something like, "Well that farmer over by the salmon river better not think he can put in a bed-and-breakfast to help the farm pay, because we won't let him."

A total of 12,600 acres were purchased in King County, most within a 15-mile radius of Seattle. The program was meant to preserve a rural feeling around the city, and the people were willing to pay for that. It was, and remains, an elegant solution to the problem of open space retention around an affluent expanding city.

Tellingly, though, the county no longer uses the term "farmland preservation". The replacement, and more accurate, phrase, is "open space". One of the people in King County told me, "It turned out that it takes more than just saving farmland to save real farming. There are many other issues involved, like infrastructure and markets". He characterized much of the preserved farmland as having evolved into estates and hobby farms. The diary numbers are greatly reduced, as are large row-crop farms.

This is true even though the King County title remains much safer collateral than the Alaska ag-rights-only land. It is fee simple land with an agricultural covenant. It also appears to give more individual leeway on homesites, for example, saying only that each parcel must not have over five per cent of the total land covered by "impermeable improvements", such as pavement or buildings.

Alaska has only a few areas with problems even remotely like those of King County. The main such area is Palmer, and it was the early 1970's rush to subdivide private farmlands near there which was mostly responsible for the ag-rights restrictions which apply to all new farms in the state. A bill to provide buy-up of development rights from farmers would have been more to the point. Such a bill was introduced during this timeframe, but was never passed. Ag-rights was, but the state did not own any of the farmland bordering Palmer.

Consequently, the ag-rights solution which has bedeviled new farmers throughout Alaska was devised not for their lands, but because of nostalgia for lands already out of reach.

The real key to developing and retaining farming comes down to only one thing: farm income. If farm income is good, people will farm. If circumstances conspire to keep farm income poor or unstable, people will farm only as a hobby or out of desperate habit.

The ag-rights fight in Alaska has taken attention from other barriers to farming here, like government domination, low infrastructure, lack of sufficient land, unstable commodity prices and the high cost of start-up. We have persisted in a foolish belief. That edicts and wish lists will make a farm appear. Unfortunately, a decree didn't clothe the emperor, and it won't work a field.

The Farm Service Agency may be able to help your farm export, conserve soil and water, get credit, insure a crop or recoup a loss. Call us at: Delta, 895-4242; Fairbanks, 479-6767; Homer, 235-8176; Palmer, 745-4271; or Credit, 745-7982.



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Legislative Report

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There are issues on which everyone can agree. Land is necessary for agriculture production and the price paid for that land must reflect its agricultural potential. If agriculture producers are to be successful, then they need to be able to make intelligent business decisions without unnecessary interference by state government.

Agriculture has been through a lot of turmoil over the past twenty years but today it is maturing into a stable and profitable industry. The need to keep land in agriculture production which fostered the Ag Rights legislation in the 70's is still important today but the laws and regulations designed to preserve those lands require changes to meet the changing needs of the industry. The state is no longer trying to drive the development of agriculture and the state is not or never was qualified to dictate how people should develop or manage their farms. The state no longer has the will nor the resources to actively participate in the day to day operations of agriculture and the farmers and ranchers are beginning to realize that they need to take over the responsibility of deciding the future of their industry. The interpretation of AS38.05.321 (Ag Rights Title) and the language included in the agriculture patents is in dispute, regulations are being implemented without the legal authority of a statute, and the land "holders" aren't able to make the same independent decisions that they would if they were land "owners".

Senate Bill 162, *An Act Relating to Agriculture Land*, provides a mechanism to assist in the disposal of agriculture land, protects the agriculture use mandate, and allows the farmer the latitude to make the wise business decisions necessary for success. SB-162 will strengthen rather than weaken the concept of "Ag Rights" and the protection of agriculture lands. The land title will adhere to standard real estate law and the agriculture restrictive use covenant attached to the title will have the enforcement of judicial law rather than the current administrative oversight. Private property rights will be restored and people will own their land rather than just an owner of an interest and a possessor of land under current law. Disputes which can't be resolved will be decided fairly in a court of law rather than granting the final authority to the Director of the Division of Lands who is a bureaucrat and political appointee. The private landowner will be free to implement farm management

plans without being required to gain approval from the state first.

SB-162 will remove some of the stumbling blocks which have delayed land sales by allowing land to be sold based on aliquot parts rather than waiting for a survey in advance of sale. Land will be sold at 8% interest rather than the 12-13% currently charged. Laws and regulations designed to protect the environment are already provided through DEC, Corp of Engineers, USDA, ADF&G, and other agencies, so redundant oversight regulations from DNR will be removed. Some non-agricultural activities may occur on the farm provided they are incidental and complementary to the agriculture operations. This will permit some diverse income to the farm from businesses such as bed & breakfasts, custom repair shops, or agriculture tourist ventures.

There are those who question whether we should "open up" the Ag Rights law and invite the scrutiny of the public and legislature. Most of those who resist a change to Ag Rights have never had to deal with the frustration and limitations of Ag Rights ownership. This is an opportunity to meet directly with people and show them that agriculture in the 90's is successful, growing, and contributing to the economy of the state. We can't continue to hide and wait each year for the "axe to fall" when the legislature debates agriculture in a positive manner. We can show them that we have confidence in agriculture and we are willing to take control of its growth without intense involvement of the state. We can dispel the negative myths and educate people regarding the contribution agriculture brings to Alaska.

There are also those who are worried that land prices will increase with a valid title. If the land is protected by a strong covenant then the value will continue to be a reflection of the agriculture potential and the demand for it. If the legislation helps to stabilize agriculture and that makes the industry more profitable then I believe the value of the land should increase with the establishment of a profitable farm.

Senate Bill 162 will not become law by itself. This legislation will benefit the people directly involved in agriculture and we must be the ones to work for its passage. We should not rely on the Division of Agriculture or others to interpret what our needs are or to wage our battles for us. This will require an ongoing effort by everyone to educate each legislator, attend every committee hearing, lobby for passage this year, and when it is passed, convincing the governor that it's an appropriate bill to sign into law.

Senate Bill 162 Support List

The following individuals have contacted Senator Lyda Green's office in support of SB 162.

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Ans'd.....

Senator Green:

We are asking you to support Senate Bill-162. The Department of Natural Resources now has a stranglehold on anyone trying to develop land they classified as agricultural. SB 162 is only a micro-step toward freeing up Alaskans to develop Alaska land to its maximum use.

An individual trying to develop agricultural classified land under present restrictions has no chance to succeed. The short summer producing time in this state makes it a high risk at best. Under present control by DNR, the majority of the year the developer and the land must set idle.

Governor Hickel's task force on regulatory reform March 19, 1993, stated "the state's control over agricultural ventures is a good example of communism." (page 7) Also it concluded the agricultural industry in Alaska can never succeed under present DNR control. (page 8)

Over 80% of the people who received agricultural classified land in the Kobe land offer, lived on welfare and food stamps. There was no intention to develop this land. Most have left the land at the present time.

DNR has conceded of our 80 acre parcel, we have a possible 5 acres that could be used for crops. What can we do with the remaining 75 acres? We have documentation where DNR admits they never tested the Kobe area for agriculture feasibility before offering it with agriculture restrictions. I now hope the state can get serious about land development before it's a lost opportunity. It's a well documented fact the controls are unrealistic and the results are failure.

This control is a blatant violation of the State of Alaska's Constitution. The Constitution states "encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest." For the future please support Senate Bill 162.

Thank you,

Jerry Emerson
Jerry Emerson

February 2, 1996

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Ans'd.....

Senator Lyda Green
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Re: Senate Bill 162

Dear Senator Green:

I write to you more than I do my own legislators. You're great! Keep up the good work.

My particular interest at this time is the agricultural land rights bill (Senate Bill 162) which you have introduced.

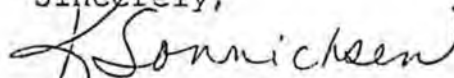
In October, through the State Land Auction, my husband and I were the high bidders on a 1400 acre parcel of land in Delta Junction. This land is ag-rights-only. We would be very much in favor of being the primary title holders, however, we are concerned that the land be restricted to AGRICULTURAL USE ONLY; NOW AND FOREVER. The restrictive covenants MUST be strong enough to protect the land from developers.

I have personally spoken with someone from Missouri who purchased 640 acres of ag-rights-only land. He has no intention of farming this land. He is a developer and he intends to subdivide and says he will sue the State if necessary to be allowed to do so. This is the very thing that must not happen.

Farm land is a precious commodity in Alaska and must be protected and preserved for that purpose.

Please forward this letter to the appropriate people and committees and thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



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SB-162 is important legislation that deserves passage this session. While there are many aspects of this bill that warrant support, I would like to address two fundamental issues at stake with this legislation. One is Private Property Rights and the other is Government Interference in the Private Sector.

Ever since it's inception, there has been argument and debate over the language of the Ag Rights patent and the degree of ownership vested with the title. The existing patent does not follow conventional land law, it is vague in it's intent, and there is dispute regarding the ownership value. Some believe the State retains ownership of the land and we only have possession of the land for agriculture use and some vague ownership of an "interest" in the land. That is morally and fundamentally wrong and amounts to nothing more than a perpetual lease of the land. Alaskans believe in good faith that they are purchasing land for agriculture purposes. They are investing their time, money, and lives into this land and they deserve all the rights and benefits of legal ownership of that land. The intent is to keep the land in agriculture and the cost and value of the land is supposed to reflect agriculture values. This legislation will clarify the issue by selling the fee simple interest in the surface estate but it will impose a restrictive use covenant to the title which will limit the lands use to agriculture. This follows standard land law, the covenant is enforceable in court, and our fundamental freedoms of private property ownership in this country is protected.

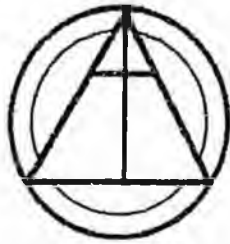
The other issue deals with the state's interference in the decisions of private businesses. The track record of the State of Alaska guiding and promoting agriculture development has been a dismal failure. Much of the problems associated with agriculture in Alaska has been a direct result of the State's mandatory requirements for development and operations of the farms. If the current intent is to protect the environment and protect our resources, we already have a multitude of agencies which provide this oversight. These include the Corp of Engineers, DEC, SCS, ASCS, EPA, and local ordinances. We do not need the additional oversight of DNR to regulate our businesses. The state is trying to reduce the size of state government and we no longer need or can afford the regulations that are imposed on the Ag Rights lands. If agriculture is to contribute to the economy of Alaska then it will succeed by the efforts of the individual farmers and ranchers of the private sector and not by the interference and manipulation of the State.

I urge the passage and support of SB-162, legislation that will reduce state government, promote private sector growth, and restore private property rights to it's citizens.

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Dear Senator Green:

I had planned on attending the teleconference hearing on Senate Bill 162 today. I have just encountered a business problem that must take me away from attending. Having served on Governor Hickels "Future of Agriculture Task Force", **ownership** of agricultural lands was one of the main topics of discussion.

I do want to express my support the SB 162. Any action the State takes to get lands into the public ownership I strongly support. I also support members of the public that want to pursue agricultural endeavors in this state. They need low cost land and land that is suitable for that purpose and close to the market. These lands must be titled in fee simple. Having agricultural covenants on the title will keep people from getting land for future higher value use, to speculate on.

It is important to the state to keep the cost of the land down, so products can be brought to the public at a price that can compete with lower 48 prices. We can grow a higher quality product and with less chemicals than growers outside. The residents of Alaska have shown support of our local producers and the retailers have seen the value of supplying these products to their customers.

I am hopeful that this bill will bring about the changes necessary to eliminate the stumbling blocks that producers have been experiencing. A producer has the dream and the drive to bring it into reality but this can't be accomplished if lending institutions are not willing to loan to the producer, because of title problems.

I commend the members of the legislature for providing a means for those who want to pursue agriculture as a way of life and a means to support their families. Alaska is a vast land with many diverse people. The chance for opportunity is all the people of Alaska cry for.

Sincerely,

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1996 RESOLUTION PLATFORM

1. Resolve that the administration should restore the \$3,000,000 through the general fund to the School of Land and Resources Management for replacement of the current annual appropriation through the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.
2. Support no reduction in general fund appropriations for the Division of Agriculture. The Alaska State Farm Bureau resolves that the one-stop agricultural services of the Division of Agriculture are an invaluable service to Alaskan consumers, farmers and ranchers and parallel services of similar agencies in our sister 49 states. To preserve the expertise and knowledge and continue the current momentum in developing economically competitive products and to lower prices to Alaskan consumers, it is vital that the Governor and his administration maintain the Division of Agriculture as a positive support entity for the continued growth and development of agriculture as a renewable resource industry in Alaska.
3. Endorse the concept of fee simple land sales, protecting agricultural interest through the use of agricultural covenants in state land titles for disposal of lands classified with agricultural potential and support legislation to that end.
4. Support the transfer of Department of Environmental Conservation food and agriculture related activities into the Division of Agriculture to establish an effective service agency within the DNR. The activities that affect the agriculture and food processing industry include, Animal Health, Laboratory Services, Dairy Sanitation, Meat and Seafood Inspecting and the Pesticides Control Program. More efficient government services plus improved promotion and development of the food industry in Alaska is the object of this action.
5. For all privately owned domestic animals, we encourage livestock health regulations, licensing, fencing requirements, and any other legitimate regulations be administered solely by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture.
6. Maintain a zero net loss on all state land currently classified agricultural, including that which is held under the Mental Health Lands Trust.
7. The opportunity to utilize land wisely is the basic foundation of agriculture's success. We support the plan to transfer the administration of agriculture/grazing leases and sale of agricultural land to the DNR, Division of Agriculture. We encourage the immediate processing of all pending agriculture/grazing lease applications. We further encourage the sale of all available agriculture land tracts and regular sales of land classified for agriculture use. Land that is classified agriculture should retain that land use classification and future land classifications should be considered for agriculture when they exhibit agricultural potential.
8. Encourage new state legislation that would enable child employment which is no more restrictive than existing federal regulation.
9. The administrators for the State of Alaska shall administer the State's agricultural conservation, and research programs in compliance with the State's Constitution. The State shall not lease or sell land, make loans, grants, or render services to any individual or organization that promotes a classification of citizens based on the citizen's race. Residents of Alaska should be allowed equal ownership to all domestic Alaskan livestock, including but not limited to Reindeer.

PO Box 877294
Wasilla, Alaska 99687-7294
November 23, 1995

The Honorable Lyda Green
The State Senate
4000 Palmdale
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Dear Senator Green,

It was my pleasure in seeing you at the 19th Annual Agriculture Symposium. This is a support letter of Bill 162. Both my husband, Jim and I support this bill. I know you hear reasons why this bill should not be implemented and then there are those who are supportive of Bill 162. I would like to explain another feasibility of why all Agriculture Rights Land should be converted into fee simple land after the patent is completed. Quite a few producers who are against the bill already have fee simple land due to the Homestead Act. These individuals do not want the land value market to decrease because they are concerned with their retirement plans. A good portion of these individuals are sitting on prime land which they have commented that they probably will subdivide one day. Other individuals are concerned that our production land will be in housing units as alot of our farm land has been done in the Mat-Su Valley area.

My concern is, if we don't have land available for the beginner farmers, then who will be supplying fresh production to our stores, farmers markets, and etc. If you look at the age groups of who is farming in Alaska today, you will see the majority are in their late 40's to mid 70's. I'm not criticizing the age group, only wondering where the younger generation from ages 20 to late 40's fit in this picture. These individuals in the younger generation, probably have similar thoughts as to mine. Why should I go get a farmstead and put in expenses constructing building for a headquarters, crops seeded and fertilized in the fields, livestock, and etc. Then one day, the Division of Agriculture says we are going to shut you down and you have be off the land in 30 days (as stated in the beginner farmer contract). Where would a person go and what would they do with all of the responsibilities listed above? What happens to the crops out in the field and what about my expenses, I still have a debt for operating and ownership (with the high interest rate existing with ARLF) expenses?

Our markets can handle more production then what is produced today (\$30 million worth of Agriculture products in 1995), instead, of outside products being shipped in. We can produce a product with more minerals, taste, and quality then those from outside. Last year, they were conducting a study of Alaska cabbage to control early stages of breast cancer. This is a magical vegetable, if we can control breast cancer in the fashion of just changing our diets. Plus, a comment should be made

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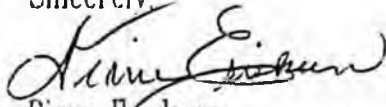
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on the size and large weights that can be grown in our State as we see at the State Fair and also, noted in the Genus World Book of Records.

Hopefully, I have expressed another view, as to what I have comprehended when talking with Alaska Producers. I would also, like to mention that Senator Robin Taylor gave an outstanding speech at the Agriculture Symposium. The news media had illustrated him in articles as a complete different person then what he really is. Many comments were made about his presentation, the opposite conception of the printed articles by our news media, and that they were amazed (as I was) in knowing that he is for agriculture in Alaska. Alaska producers of food, fiber, minerals, and fish need to *ALL* stick together. A vast amount of the public is very neive as to where and how their needs come from. We need all four products listed above to survive and majority of the people recognize that these producers utilizing these products enhance our State, instead of destroy. These individuals are consciousness people and I have seen more wildlife and native vegetation where management practices were completed. Producers are working with Mother Nature by implementing conservation practices instead of working against her.

Thank You for your time and consideration in listening to my thoughts and view points. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to give me a call, write, or send a fax.

Sincerely



Diane Ericksen

phone numbers: 907-373-3805 (home)

907-745-7982 (work)

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Testimony from Scott Miller

ON SB 162

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Dear members of this senate Hearing.

my name is scott miller - my titles include, Delta Farmer, President of Alaska Farm Bureau, Delta Chapter and board member of the newly formed Delta / Greely community coalition. I'm chairman of the Agricultural economic Development task Force.

my wife and I moved to Delta in 1981 and started a farm and a family.

we call our farm Misty Mountain Farm which consists of a 225 head commercial cattle Feeding operation, a 20 head beef cow herd and we farm 1000 acres of Barley, Hay, Oats + Peas and pasture.

In 1981 we purchased a 280 acre undeveloped ag rights parcel of land and have built it to what it is today. A 1/2 million dollar operation with annual sales approaching \$200,000⁰⁰

Over the past 14 years we have borrowed literally hundreds of thousands from the states Ag Revolving Loan Fund.

Not once have we been able to borrow against our property from a commercial lender due to our Ag Rights only land title.

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Not having been able to borrow money to build our house and other personal expenses over the years has caused extreme financial hardship for us. ARLF can not borrow money's for these things, and no lender would accept our land as collateral.

The time has come to abolish this poor excuse for land ownership and give farmers a real title that commercial lenders will accept as collateral.

I support SB 162 and feel it would be a great benefit to our growing agricultural industry.

Speaking also as an elected leader + spokesperson of my industry I'd like to add that there's a silent Revolution taking place in Alaska's Agriculture, and Delta is leading that movement. Big things are expected and anticipated for Delta's agriculture. Passage of SB 162 is a step in the right direction.

Let us become real farmers and not just tenant farmers of the state. Thank You

Scott R. Miller

745-7982

Charles W. Thompson
P.O. Box 2365
Palmer, Alaska 99645

OCT 23 1995

October 5, 1995

Senator Lyda Green
4000 Palm Dale
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Dear Senator:

In this letter, I will introduce myself and the program I administer, and address a couple of issues that I feel need action by the State Legislature this year. These two issues are State Land Policy regarding agricultural land, and the State Budget. This is not an official Agency policy letter, only my own opinion based on my experience and discussions with Alaskan Farmers in the last year.

I moved permanently to Alaska in October 1994 and serve as the Farm Credit Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA. Before moving here, I served 6 years as a County Supervisor in Utah, and then 4 years in Washington, D.C. I previously lived in Wasilla from 1982 to 1983, and have visited Alaska several times since that date.

The purpose of the Farm Credit program of FSA is to assist family farmers in becoming successful. This program was not active prior to 1994 in Alaska. However, in this last year, I have made loans to 5 new USDA borrowers, some of which can be classified as "Beginning Farmers."

Regarding State Land Policy:

It appears to me that the "Agricultural Rights Only" restriction on State Ag lands deeded to private interests is a significant hinderance to successful farming operations. As you know, Agriculture in the rest of the United States developed gradually over several generations. The first generation homesteaded the land, cleared it for Ag production, and made improvements. Each successive generation made its own improvements to the land. Today, Agricultural production in most of the States is unequaled anywhere else in the world.

When you look at the success of this Agriculture, you cannot overlook the fact that the land was obtained free simple by the homesteaders. This allowed these individuals to utilize all the resources the land could provide to become successful. I believe the same system is needed here in Alaska. Our farmers should be given every opportunity to use all of the resources the land can offer to establish a successful operation.

I understand that some Alaskans are concerned that some of our best agricultural land may be converted to housing, or some other development. I cannot argue that that will not happen to farmland located adjacent to developing areas. However, using the other States again as an example, there are thousands of acres of prime farmland that will stay that way for generations to come because that is their highest and best use. There are hundreds of producing farms that are also producing oil or gas, gravel, or some other natural resource. Some farms may also include a small business of some type. These activities are prohibited on all Ag. land that have the Ag. Rights Only restriction.

Allowing people to become successful is the best function that Government can provide. Alaska is not short of agricultural land. There are millions of acres that can and should be developed into highly productive farms. I believe we could work with the Federal Government to also release some of its holdings.

I encourage you to pursue the repeal of the "Ag. Rights Only" policy so that Agriculture in the State of Alaska can move forward. This economic potential, in Alaska, is tremendous, especially now that we are looking to other sources of economic growth and State Revenue development. I would be glad to assist in any discussion on alternatives to preserving agricultural lands. Certainly, the options are many.

Regarding, the budget:

I believe it is a mistake to use the Permanent Fund (PF) for State budget expenses. Once PF income is used for any budget item, then the PF becomes fair game for all budget items. There are many special interests that would love to get their hands on PF money and this should ~~never~~ happen.

I am one of those that believe that the problem with the budget is not with inadequate revenue, but too much spending. The State should take care of basic services and that is all.

I appreciate your efforts in behalf of Agriculture.

Charles W. Thompson

Charles W. Thompson

Mr Jerry

Purser

745-2912

POB 2445

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/14/96	C	SB 162	Supports		01		U

AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I'VE READ THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SB 162. I REALLY DO THINK THAT IT'S A BILL WE NEED TO PASS TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr Harvey

Baskin

376-7104

P O Box 877306

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/15/96	C	SB 162	Supports		20		U

FARMERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT OF SB162. FREE FARMERS FROM THE DEPENDENCY OF STATE LOANS AND OPERATIONAL INTERFERENCES. CURRENT OWNERSHIP OF STATE AG RIGHTS IS NOTHING LESS THAN TENANT FARMING. IT HASN'T WORKED FOR ALASKAN AGRICULTURE. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO CORRECT IT. THIS BILL WILL ACTUALLY SAVE STATE FUNDS BY ELIMINATING LOAN PROCESSING AND CERTAIN ADMIN FUNCTIONS.

Mr. Timothy

H. Green

364-4636

PO Box 240-405

Douglas Boat Basin, C

Douglas

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/21/96	N	SB 162	Supports		60		Y

I PURCHASED 41 AGRICULTURAL ACRES FROM THE STATE 11 YEARS AGO. THERE IS A RESTRICTION STATING 'NO CONSTRUCTION OF FIXED OR IMMOVABLE STRUCTURES SHALL BE PLACED ON THIS PARCEL.' I WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A GREENHOUSE OPERATION, BUT IT IS ILLEGAL WITH THIS COVENANT. PLEASE SUPPORT SB 162. THANK YOU

Mr. Sven
PO Box 80107

Ebbesson

479-0440

Fairbanks AK 99708

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
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Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/12/96 N SB 162 Supports

PASSAGE OF SB 162 IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SURVIVAL AND GROWTH OF ALASKAN AGRICULTURE. WITHOUT CLEAR TITLE TO LAND, PEOPLE WILL NOT INVEST AND CANNOT GET LOANS, ECT. MY AGRICULTURAL LOAN CHARGES 12 3/4 PERCENT INTEREST. THE

LEAST YOU CAN DO IS GIVE US FULL TITLE. I SELL THE BEST POTATOES IN THE WORLD TO IDAHO, CALIFORNIA, OREGON AND CHINA, BUT I NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

Mr. Larry
PO Box 56114

Petty

488-2770

North Pole AK 99705

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
20 Y

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/12/96 N SB 162 Supports

THE STATE IS THE ONLY MEANS OF FINANCING. SB 162 WOULD STILL MAKE SURE THAT THE LAND COULD ONLY BE USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. IT WOULD ALLOW US TO RECEIVE FINANCING FROM OUTSIDE SO THAT WOULD RELIEVE THE DEMAND ON

THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND. IT WOULD ALSO BRING MONEY INTO THE STATE THAT WOULD HELP THE ECONOMY. FARMERS WOULD BE ABLE TO GET MUCH NEEDED FINANCING AND IT WOULD TAKE POLITICS OUT OF

Mr. Scott
HC 60 Box 4140

R. Miller

895-6208

Delta Junction AK 99737

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
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Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/13/96 N SB 162 Supports

PASSAGE OF SB 162 SHOWS YOUR SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO BUILD A STRONG AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IN ALASKA. FARMERS DESERVE A PROPER TITLE TO THEIR LAND THAT ALL AGRICULTURAL LENDERS WILL RECOGNIZE, AND INSURE A FARMER'S EQUITY IN

HIS LAND WHILE ALSO PROTECTING THE PERMANENT AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE LAND.

Mr. Ronald
PO Box 882

R. Sexton

262-9242

Soldotna AK 99669

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
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Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/14/96 N SB 162 Supports

PLEASE ALLOW OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY TO GROW. THIS BILL WILL CLEAR THE WAY FOR PEOPLE TO GET AGRICULTURAL LAND AND TO HAVE AND HOLD IT AS AN ASSET FOR AGRICULTURAL USE ONLY. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL FOR

THOSE WHO DREAM OF BRINGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO OUR GREAT STATE.

Mr. Cecil Gates 582-2878
HC 66 Box 28850

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02/02/96	N	SB 162	Supports	20		U

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 162, AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Mr. John Glotfelty 488-8654
2355 Sunflower Lp

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/08/96	N	SB 162	Supports	20	Pres.	Y

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 162. IT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE UNLIMITED RESOURCES TO HELP AGRICULTURE. PLEASE HELP US MAKE ALASKA BLOOM AND GROW. THIS BILL OPENS ALL BANK AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURE. THANK YOU.

Mr. Arthur Griswold 488-7805
873 Runamuck Ave

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/09/96	N	SB 162	Supports	60		Y

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 162. IT IS CRITICAL THAT AGRICULTURE TILED LAND BECOME FEE SIMPLE TITLE LAND THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO CREDIT AGENCIES FOR THE GROWTH OF ALASKA AGRICULTURE. ALASKA WILL BE ABLE TO GROW PROFITABLY FROM AGRICULTURE IF WE QUIT TYING THE HANDS OF THE FARMER THROUGH RESTRICTIVE OWNERSHIP. THANK YOU.

Mr. James Gollogly 452-4646
1919 Lathrop St Ste 100

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/09/96	N	SB 162	Supports	60		Y

I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB 162 ESPECIALLY THE CHANGE TO FEE SIMPLE OWNERSHIP WITH THE COVENANT. AND ALSO THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFINANCE AT 8 PERCENT INSTEAD OF THE 12 TO 13 PERCENT CURRENTLY CHARGED.

Mr Steve

Strong

733-2468

POB 13072

Trapper Creek

AK

99683

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter

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Bill Number

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SB 162

Supports

I'M IN SUPPORT OF SB 162

MR HERBORT

SIMON

822-3059

HC 01 BOX 2292

MILE 135 GLENN HWY

Glennallen

AK

99588

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter

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01/19/96

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SB 162

Supports

AGRICULTURE

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON SB 162 SUPPORTS AG LAND REFORM. DNR/SWANSON TESTIMONY REAFFIRMS INTENTIONAL LONG STANDING GENOCIDE OF ALASKA AG INDUSTRY. DNR FISCAL POSITION BLOATED AND EQUATES TO EXTORTION. MANDATES OF THIS NATURE ARE GRASS ROOT CAUSES OF ALASKA FISCAL PROBLEM AND JUSTIFIES LEGISLATIVE AUDIT.

Mr. Charles

A Fulleton

688-4650

21705 Sheltering Spruce

Lp

Chugiak

AK

99567

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter

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Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

01/22/96

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SB 162

Supports

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS AND SEE THAT IT IS MADE LAW. THIS PROBLEM NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED. IT HAS DRAGGED ON TOO LONG.

Mr. David

G Patterson

344-7941

12020 Johns Rd

Anchorage

AK

99515

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter

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Date POM Sent

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SB 162

Supports

PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION WOULD ASSIST THE GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY OF AN INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURE ECONOMY, A RENEWABLE RESOURCE TO BENEFIT ALASKA'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND ENABLE THE STATE TO EXPAND ITS ECONOMY.

Mr. Tom Powers
HC 33 Box 31180

832-5236

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
01/30/96	N	SB 162	Supports		60		Y

ALL OF US IN THE TWO-MILE LAKE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AGREE THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THIS BILL IS MORE CONSISTENT THAN PREVIOUS LEGISLATION IN THE SENSIBLE, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE. WE ALL WAIT WITH HOPE AND ANTICIPATION FOR ITS SUPPORT AND PASSAGE. THANK YOU.

Mr Art Scales
P O Box 877409

373-3058

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/01/96	C	SB 162	Supports		08		Y

I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF SB162 TO HELP THE FARMERS.

Mrs Beulah Scales
P O Box 877409

373-3058

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/01/96	C	SB 162	Supports		08		Y

I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF SB162 TO HELP THE FARMERS.

Mr Harold Olson
POB 870269

373-1092

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/01/96	C	SB 162	Supports		11		U

IN SUPPORT OF SB 162: PROV'DE A MORE SECURE FOUNDATION TO SOMNEONE PURCHASING AG LAND; START-UP AND OPERATING COSTS ARE SO GREAT IN TODAYS WORLD. FEE SIMPLE IS IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING A SECURE POSITION OF OWNERSHIP; ALSO OPENS MORE PROPERTY FOR CAPITAL, STILL MAINTAINING AN AG LAND COVENANMT.

Mr. Wells M Stephenson
17117 Vanover

694-8913

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
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Eagle River AK 99577

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
01/22/96 N SB 162 Supports

PLEASE SUPPORT PASSAGE OF SB 162. THIS BILL WILL INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF AGRICULTURE, A RENEWABLE RESOURCE IN ALASKA, BY ALLOWING THE FARMER TO USE THEIR LAND AS COLLATERAL. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY HAVE FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO HAVE THIS FLEXIBILITY.

Mr. George M Constantino
3320 Wells Cir

338-2338

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
12 Y

Anchorage AK 99508

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
01/22/96 N SB 162 Supports

I SUPPORT SB 162 AND URGE YOU TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION. THESE PEOPLE NEED FEE TITLE TO THEIR LAND AND LESS GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Ms Heather Lyn Johnson
16310 Kings Way Dr

345-1340

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
13 U

Anchorage AK 99516

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
01/22/96 N SB 162 Supports

PLEASE PASS THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WILL IMPROVE THE STATUS OF AGRICULTURE BY PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING MARGINAL FARMING SITUATIONS INTO HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND THEREBY IMPROVE THE PERCENTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL REVENUES TO THE ALASKA REVENUE PICTURE, SUCH EFFORTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO DIVERSIFYING ALASKA ECONOMY.

Mr. Pete Probasco
PO Box 861

745-3182

Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
01 Y

Palmer AK 99645

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
01/26/96 C SB 162 Supports

I SUPPORT SB 162.

DEC 18 1995

December 10

Senator Green

This letter is written in support of S. B. 162

I and my wife own 41 acres of land in the Trapper Creek area as a result of an agriculture sale in 1984.

Because of the covenant restricting the building of "fixed or immovable structures" the land is mostly useless.

There is no road access and the construction of farm buildings would make use of the place more practicable. As it stands now even the erection of greenhouses or barns is illegal.

I've been paying taxes for the last 10 years in which time they have doubled. I wouldn't mind as much if the law made

it possible to develop this
farm site.

With the building of a home
and small greenhouse operation
the government would gain from
a higher tax on the property
and I would finally be able
to try my hand at a small
farm operation.

If there is anyway I can
be of help please write to
the address below or call
my Juneau phone number.

Thank you

Timothy H Green

Box 240-405

Douglas, Alaska

99824

907 - 364 - 4636

I'm Ed Bostrom, owner of a 240 acre ag parcel in the Eielson Ag Project (some 40 tracts of 3500 acre total 20 miles south of Fairbanks. One of the ag areas with the greatest economic potential--excellent soil & growing conditions, and within the Fairbanks metro area. I'd like to take a couple of minutes to talk in general about my perspective of our current situation as farmers in our project under the current regulations, and then a couple of minutes to talk about our specific personal concerns.

Eleven years ago we began developing our property & built a home. As a person who has lived here since the beginning of the ag development, I can tell you that the regulations we have lived under have been detrimental to agricultural economic development. Since we invested our life savings in the farm, we were able to build our home out of pocket (a bank wouldn't touch our "ag rights property.") Many landowners weren't able to built homes and had to attempt to farm--with great difficulty-- as absentee farmers. I have seen several of my neighbors go under because they weren't able to meet unrealistic development schedules. (Our primary interest was in horticultural development which would require relatively few acres, but we were required to clear and develop 100 acres (80 of which we put in hay) in order to meet our state imposed development schedule. We would be many years ahead in our economic development if it hadn't been for that drain on our resources.) I watched my neighbors go under or simply give up developing their farms because they couldn't capitalize their farms by splitting up unrealistically large acreage and selling off acreages to form a new farm. (In our region, in many cases small farms make a whole lot more sense than large farms--especially in the area of horticultural development.) I've seen people go under or just give up because they couldn't diversify their operation with so-called "non-farm" operations. The most ridiculous example of this was when Don Kratzer from Nenana had to fight the system for several years to "get permission" to grow Christmas trees! Somehow some bureaucrat thought that raising Christmas trees wasn't farming.

Today my wife and I have approximately 100 acres in production. In addition to our 85 acres haying operation, we grow strawberries, currants, raspberries, rhubarb, saskatoons, asparagus and a variety of annual vegetables and flowers and keep bees. We market our fresh products through a pick your own operation, two farmer's markets, our own farm market, and we are exploring opportunities for selling through retail outlets. We market our perennial plants in containers on and off the farm. We produce compost and potting soil which we utilize in our operation and sell to our customers. We produce and sell 32 varieties of jams, jellies, syrups, butters, dessert toppings and honey. We host farm bus tours during the summer. We have learned that this diversification of our effort is required to make our operation economically feasible. We have created, by necessity, a wonderful monster!

Even though our horticultural and related efforts presently require all of our energy, time, and resources, we must further diversify and expand our production and marketing efforts in order to achieve an economy of scale. This further development will not allow us to continue to manage and operate our haying operation, which as I said, we didn't want in the first place.

We are presently advertising to sell our haying equipment and to lease our hay operation. Ideally, we want to lease to a farmer who will reside on the farm to manage and operate the haying business with an option to develop and utilize our remaining 140 acres. The kinds of persons we are targeting as leasees are horse and/or other livestock farmers seeking a place to live and to keep their animals and to produce hay. Corrals, barns for equipment, feed and shelter, pastures, and living quarters will be required. The current regulations do not allow us to "subdivide" our property to make a part of our land available to such persons. I have two big healthy sons who might be interested in such arrangements, but I cannot subdivide my property to provide my own flesh & blood with that opportunity.

I will be drawing social security in three months. Some might think that it's time to sell out and go out to a different pasture. What bank would finance the sale of my "ag rights" farm? And the inevitable: What if I go out to the big pasture in the sky? What does my wife do when she can't finance to sell the farm??? Senate Bill 162 will serve to resolve all of the problems I have alluded to. For the sake of agricultural economic development in Alaska, I urge you to support Senate Bill 162. Thank you.
Ed Bostrom, North Pole Acres, Box 55822, North Pole, Ak 99750 - 488 3940

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred to Committee: February 28, 1996

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/9/96

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

CSSB 162(FIN)

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 162(FIN)

AGRICULTURAL LAND

"An Act relating to land used for agricultural purposes and to state land classified for agricultural purposes or subject to the restriction of use for agricultural purposes only; and annulling certain program regulations of the Department of Natural Resources that are inconsistent with the amendments made by this Act."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ [] the same title [] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee [] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____
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SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
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COMPANY: Senator Lyda Green

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RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Farm Bureau met at their regular spring meeting on March 8th 1996 and reviewed legislation pending before the Alaska State Legislature. With respect to Senate Bill 162 "*An Act Relating to Agriculture Land*" the Board of Directors hereby resolve:

- 1) SB-162 adheres to the principle of resolution #3 of the Alaska Farm Bureau Platform adopted by the general membership at their fall meeting, which states: "Endorse the concept of fee simple land sales, protecting the agricultural interest through the use of agricultural covenants in state land title for disposal of lands classified with agricultural potential and support legislation to that end."
- 2) Sb-162 adheres to national Farm Bureau policy with respect to private property rights, protection of agriculture land, and promotion of agriculture development.
- 3) The Alaska Farm Bureau, Board of Directors concur that Senate Bill 162 will:
 - A) Provide for legitimate land title for agriculture landowners
 - B) Protect the agriculture use mandate
 - C) Stimulate agriculture expansion and development
 - D) Allow for flexibility in agriculture financing
 - E) Permits the private sector agribusinesses to make the independent business decisions necessary to compete in the changing marketplace.

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Farm Bureau support SB-162 and encourage passage of this legislation.

Mike Schultz
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Paul A. Malow
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BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DAVIES

TO: CSSB 162 (FIN)

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TO: CSSB 162 (FIN)

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BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DAVIES

TO: CSSB 162 (FIN)

Page 7, line 10:

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Delete 'not in violation of the minimum parcel size set out in (a)(2) of this section.'

Insert 'consistent with the covenants describe in (a).'

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SB

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HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Roll Call and Members' Bill Votes

* (indicates first public hearing)

Room 124, Capitol Bldg.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

Date: 5/4/95

Topic: 9564 Joint _____

Time: 9:07 am/pm Time Adjourned: _____ am/pm

ROLL CALL:	PRES	ABS	TIME	AR	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Joe Green	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Bill Williams	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Scott Ogan	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Alan Austerman	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Ramona Barnes	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. John Davies	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Pete Kott	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Eileen MacLean	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rep. Irene Nicholia	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Legislators Present _____

AGENDA:

Bill No.	Short Title	Action Taken
<u>SB 171</u>	<u>Extend Current Substructure Law</u>	<u>Out CSB 171 (RES)</u>
_____	_____	_____
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HOUSE RESOURCES

5/1/95

Tape # 95-64, Side A, #000

Call to order @ 9:07 A.M. Green

SB 171 extend current subs. law

Green - ident exc. ln. 10

Davis MOVE Adopt Senate version

Davis - MOVE ^{CS} SB 171 Out
No Obj.

Adjourn 9:10 A.M.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

5/4/95
Rules

(9)
Date Referred: May 2, 1995

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/4/95

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

CSSB 171(RES)

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 171(RES)

EXTEND CURRENT SUBSISTENCE LAW

"An Act extending the date for a review of and a report on the current law regarding subsistence use of fish and game and delaying the repeal of the current law regarding subsistence use of fish and game; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ the same title
 a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee

attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____

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zero fiscal note(s) _____

^{SENATE} zero fiscal note(s) F+G 4/29/95

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>J. N. Davis</i>	Davis	+			
<i>R. Kott</i>	Kott			✓	
<i>A. Ogan</i>	Ogan	x			
<i>A. Austerman</i>	Austerman			✓	
<i>W. Williams</i>	Williams	x			
<i>J. Green</i>	Green	-			
		(4)		(2)	

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

J. Green
Green



Alaska State Legislature

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 171 "An Act relating to subsistence use of fish and game."

Under terms of the Act by which the state's 1992 subsistence law was enacted (Sec.3, CH.1, SSSLA 1992), the 1992 law will be repealed on October 1, 1995. It will then be replaced by its predecessor, the 1986 subsistence law. This "sunset" provision was premised on the expectation that the legislature would consider reinstating the 1992 law following a review by the Governor. Unfortunately, this review has not been completed.

Although there are many similarities between the 1986 and the 1992 versions of Alaska's subsistence law, there are some significant differences which favor the 1992 law.

First, the 1992 law incorporates the concept of "nonsubsistence areas". These are areas or communities where dependence on subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture and way of life of the community or area, as determined by the Boards of Fisheries and Game based on several specific criteria. This allows the Boards to identify places such as the Anchorage bowl or parts of the Kenai Peninsula where the subsistence priority does not apply. Although this provision has been challenged in court and its operation temporarily stayed, the Alaska Supreme Court has not yet ruled, so it is entirely possible that this provision may still be viable.

A second major advantage of the 1992 law is its definition of "customary and traditional" and "customary trade". These definitions are lacking in the 1986 law and hence are a continuous focus of controversy and litigation. The definitions in the 1992 law recognize prior interpretations of the Boards and give them latitude to further refine those definitions. The definition of

"customary trade" and its legislative history clarify that trade is noncommercial and also requires the Boards to identify and provide for those trades.

Another advantage of maintaining the 1992 law is that all Board regulations will remain intact. If the law is allowed to sunset, the Board will be required to review all regulations for consistency with the 1986 subsistence law. This will be a time-consuming, expensive process that will disrupt the Boards' regulatory meetings and create public confusion. This disruption should not occur until the legislature decides that it prefers to return to the provisions of the 1986 law.

The 1992 law is also superior to the 1986 version because it provides clarification that the Boards are not required to quantify an exact harvestable surplus of fish or game -- a task usually biologically impossible. The Boards do, however, have to identify the portion of harvestable surplus that is reasonably necessary for subsistence use.

In sum, the clarifying definitions alone make the 1992 law an improvement over the 1986 law. In addition, the 1992 law's "nonsubsistence area" provision may well be upheld by the Alaska Supreme Court. Reverting to the 1986 law will be costly to the state and its citizens, both in terms of money and public confusion, and will serve no purpose.

HB 312 should be passed to simply extend the state's 1992 subsistence law. This would retain the status quo until the Supreme Court rules on the validity of the "nonsubsistence areas" and a complete review of the 1992 law by the Governor's office has been completed.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 171

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: Extend current subsistence law BRU: Subsistence
 Component: Subsistence
 Sponsor: Senate Resources
 Requester: Senate Resources COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 483

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
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 EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1008 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY95) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Geron Bruce *GB* Phone: 465-8143
 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 4/28/95
 Approved by Commissioner: Frank Rue *Geron Bruce Jr.* Date: 4/28/95
 Agency: Fish and Game

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Editorial

Land sale restrictions

Alaska land should belong to those who live and work in this state; the people who invest their lives here, and raise their children here. Alaskans.

State Sen. Robin Taylor, R-Wrangell, plans to push a legislative measure barring non-Alaskans from bidding in state land auctions. He is as determined now — after the most recent sales — as he was before.

The state held an auction recently. Of 237 parcels sold, 21 were bought by non-Alaskans, 8.8 percent of the total.

While Alaska is the largest state in the union, Alaskans can own relatively little of it. Most of the land is federally owned, which means Alaskans are limited in their access to it.

Ketchikan has a serious land problem, and Ketchikan residents endure some situations as a result. In particular, residential areas collide with commercial concerns in several areas of Ketchikan.

If Alaskans don't bid at auction on the parcels offered, then the communities should be given the opportunity. Or the state should keep the land until the next auction or until Alaskans ask that it be put on the auction block.

Alaska doesn't want to become more of an outside-ownership state than it already is. The fewer acres Alaskans own, the more the control over Alaska and its lifestyle is determined by outsiders.

From other editors

Tremendous win

The Republican-led revolution took two giant steps on Capitol Hill last week as both the House and Senate approved a balanced-budget plan that cuts taxes and social spending and ultimately puts a conservative face on the national government.

Passage of the balanced-budget legislation was anticlimactic for Alaskans, however.

The real excitement came in the debate to keep a provision for developing part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by opening it to oil drilling. The climax for Alaskans came Friday. On a 51-48 vote, the Senate narrowly rejected an effort to strip out the ANWR drilling provision, following similar action in the House just 18 hours before.

It was a heady moment for Alaska's congressional delegation, who had worked hard and long for passage of the legislation.

"It was a tremendous win," said Republican Sen. Frank Murkowski. "It literally was a showdown at high noon and for the first time in 15 years the ANWR train has left the station."

The Empire welcomes the victory and offers congratulations to Sens. Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski and Rep. Donald Young, their staffs and countless others who participated in the effort,

Chicago Tribune



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Train w

By ALSTON CHASE

This fall, Washington pundits have been speculating on the chances of a "train wreck" occurring, if a deadlock over the budget between the presid

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: SB 190
(S) Publish Date: 1/30/96

Revision Date: 23-Jan-96 Dept Affected Natural Resources
 Title: An Act establishing a residency requirement BRU: Resource Development
for auctions of state land. Component: Land Development
 Sponsor: Senators Taylor, Leman, Kelly, Pearce
 Requestor: _____ Component Serial No. 431

Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
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
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
002 Federal Receipts						
003 GF Match						
004 GF						
005 GF/Program Receipts						
006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ None

POSITIONS	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would have negligible impacts on operating or capital expenditures, and would require no new positions. The bill could reduce the revenues generated from future land disposal. For example, the 1995 auction, the total revenues generated would have been reduced by \$193,000 if non-residents were prohibited from bidding. \$193,000 is the amount of winning bids by out-of-state residents for parcels that no Alaskans bid on and therefore would not have been sold.

If the legislature desires us to verify residency for the Spring 1997 disposal, we will need to RSA approximately \$5.0 million and the Department of Revenue to verify residency against permanent fund applications.

Prepared by: Ron Swanson EF Phone: 269-8503
 Position: Land Date: 23-Jan-96
 Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: 23-Jan-96
 Agency: Natural Resources

FISCAL NOTE

No. 2
 Bill Version: CS SB 190
 (S) Publish Date: 2/2/96

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Revision Date: 30-Jan-96 Dept Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: An Act establishing a residency requirement BRU: Resource Development
for auctions of state land. Component: Land Development
 Sponsor: Senators Taylor, Leman, Kelly, Pearce
 Requestor: _____ Component Serial No. 431

Expenditures/Revenues		(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	
PERSONAL SERVICES							
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EQUIPMENT							
LAND & STRUCTURES							
GRANTS, CLAIMS							
MISCELLANEOUS							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1006 GF/MHTIA							
Other							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ None

POSITIONS		FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
FULL-TIME		0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME		0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY		0	0	0	0	0	0

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We assume the current practice of having the applicant sign an affidavit of residency is adequate.

Prepared by: Ron Swanson *[Signature]* EF Phone: 269-8503
 Division: Land Date: 30-Jan-96
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SENATE BILL 190

Senate Bill 190 was introduced to correct a situation which allowed ten percent of the state land sold at the first public auction since 1991 to be purchased by non-residents. This in a state where only about one percent of the land is in private ownership.

Current law restricts the homestead program to Alaska residents, but no such provision is made for the sale of other land, sold at auction. As a result, of the 204 parcels actually sold in 1995, 21 went to out-of-state bidders. In eleven cases, these non-residents beat out otherwise qualified state residents.

Imagine how it must feel to the resident of Fairbanks who submitted a bid on state land, only to be beat out by a resident of Washington state by \$61.80. Or the Wasilla couple who lost their chance at owning a piece of Alaska to a Minnesota woman by \$442? Or the Anchorage woman who lost out to a man from Michigan by \$214?

To add insult to injury, the availability of state land to out-of-state residents was actually promoted on the Internet by the Alaska Tourism Marketing Council. A Council spokesman said they were trying to promote the "Alaska mystique". Maybe the Council thinks there is something mystical about the shortage of private land in Alaska, but the average Alaskan is more frustrated than mystified.

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Sponsor Statement-SB 190

Page Two

SB 190 would restrict participation in the public auction of state land to people who have been residents of the state for at least one year prior to the sale. The bill was amended to place no such restriction on the disposal of commercial, industrial or agricultural land. I don't believe we want to inhibit those who would purchase land for growth and development. But the sale of recreational and residential property, like the homestead program, should be restricted to folks who have already made an investment by residing in this great state.

**1995 AUCTION LIST
PARCELS WON BY OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS**

PARCEL NO.	APPARENT HIGH BIDDER AND SECOND HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	HOME TOWN
1	RAINE, MARK McMILLIN, JAMIE KUHN, RICHARD	\$33,252.00 30,010.00 30,000,005.00	Washington Illinois Juneau
2	SEAL 95 L.L.C. TURNER, GREG W.	\$72,094.92 71,000.00	Washington Auke Bay
5	YEO, WILLIAM R. & JUDITH L. NO OTHER BIDS	\$32,000.00	Colorado
22	SHAMP, MARK L. JONES, COLLEEN	\$42,077.00 41,506.00	Washington Juneau
32	MOE, SCOTT & DIANE McWILLIAMS, GARY & PEGGY S.	\$42,525.25 31,600.00	Washington Wrangell
35	BAKER, DENNIS MIKE *BOWERI, ANTON T.	\$25,500.00 26,311.16	Washington Sitka
40	COOPER, THOMAS LEE OMUNDSON, DANIEL B	\$26,500.00 26,438.20	Washington Fairbanks
41	O'SHEA, JAMES NO OTHER BIDS	\$5,899.00	California
117	MEDER, JAMES HERSHEY, LISA M.	\$10,350.00 10,136.00	Michigan Anchorage
153	McGINNIS, P. LEANNE REAGAN, CARL D. & HEIDI W. NO OTHER BIDS	\$6,750.00 6,002.00	Georgia Florida
163	CARROLL, DAVID & MARLANE SCHENKER, ROBERT H.	\$10,007.00 9,333.33	Washington Anchorage
166	McGINNIS, JOHN W. ANDERSON, DENNIS & Elizabeth	\$16,250.00 14,251.00	Tennessee Wasilla
171	McGINNIS, NANCY W. *McGINNIS, JOHN W. NO OTHER BIDS	\$12,250.00 13,250.00	Tennessee Tennessee
287	BICKLEY, JOSEPH KING NO OTHER BIDS	\$13,600.00	Montana
298	MEYER, CHRISTOPHER BRENT NO OTHER BIDS	\$13,000.00	Oregon

PARCEL NO.	APPARENT HIGH BIDDER AND SECOND HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	HOME TOWN
318	COONS, RICHARD M. & LINDA J. CARRICK, K. & TAVENNER, M.	\$15,000.00 7,002.00	PA Unalaska
326	BLACKBURN, PATRICK JOHN *WETHINGTON, JASPER NO OTHER BIDS	\$1,852.00 1933.00	Virginia Anchorage
345	WOODS, VAN E. & CAROLYN S. ANDERSON, JEFFREY N.	\$7,000.00 6,350.00	Ohio Fairbanks
386	STEWART, DAVID SARAUER, PETER H.	\$56,000.00 15,789.47	Oklahoma Fairbanks
414	DUPEY, KRISTIE A. SCOTT, JOCELYN & COLLEEN	\$23,002.00 22,560.00	Minnesota Wasilla
421	KELLEY, JAMES A. NO OTHER BIDS	\$14,009.00	Colorado

* NOT ELIGIBLE BECAUSE BIDDER HAD ALREADY WON A PARCEL IN THIS AUCTION.

SUMMARY:

Of the 21 parcels with out-of-state apparent high bidders, 9 had either no eligible Alaskan bidders, or no other bidders at all. 11 parcels had Alaskan second high bidders. 1 parcel had an out-of-state second high bidder, followed by several Alaskan bids.

ers what philosophers had been saying for a century: that modern life, as the magazine put it, "can be uncomfortable." This theme — that technology isolates individuals, thereby generating mistrust and despair — is hardly original. It was the favorite topic in college bull sessions half a century ago.

While conceding such angst observations aren't novel, the magazine credits their revival to the Unabomber's well-publicized polemic and to the insights of evolutionary psychologists.

Yet, it also exposes the flaws in contemporary liberal, conservative and revolutionary political ideologies, including environmentalism, libertarianism and the Unabomber's own rationale for violence. For these would exacerbate rather than diminish what is arguably the greatest threat

Durkheim.

These were among the literary works undergraduates in the 1950s were required to read. At that time, most college curricula included mandatory study of Western heritage — called general education — designed to promote shared intellectual experiences and values. But student protests killed such "gen ed" courses in the 1960s.

Now, Time has resurrected this concern for what was then called "the modern condition" — but credits its articulation not to philosophers or novelists but, in keeping with the spirit of today, to scientists and terrorists. And thereby, the magazine calls attention to a problem for which neither environmentalists nor their critics have an answer.

To environmentalists, technology is evil because it "destroys" nature. And big government, they say, is desirable because it can mandate return to the good old days, when people lived in caves and didn't have

both dissolve the friendship, trust and cooperation that make viable culture possible.

Culture is nothing more than a network of shared values that bind people together, thereby promoting social harmony. Since, as the ancient Greeks knew, it ultimately rests on friendships, it survives only in relatively small and stable communities where relations between individuals are possible.

Hence, excessive size or mobility kills culture. When communities grow too large or too transient to sustain relationships, they die. Yet since virtually every political ideology today favors either big government or big business, they all promote these destructive conditions.

By revering free markets, libertarians would allow multinational corporations to grow and move unimpeded in their quest for lower costs and cheaper labor.

The appearance of the Time article, therefore, may signal that the 1960s generation, which 30 years ago rejected general education, finally realizes that the greatest problem we face is neither ozone depletion nor species extinction, but the very cultural collapse that gen ed was designed to avert.

If so, they will soon realize that the current gaggle of ideologies make matters worse. Rather than appeal to polarizing political agendas, we must revive an educational system dedicated to a common core of learning, seek to sustain small-town culture and find ways to encourage more intimate and stable working conditions.

As E. F. Schumacher said, "Small is beautiful." This is another forgotten idea that perhaps Time magazine should recycle as well.

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Letters to the editor

KDN 9/20/95

Public schools

EDITOR, Daily News:

I want to join Alaska's National Teacher of the Year, Elaine Griffin, and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley in encouraging all Alaskans to "go back to school" this year.

America Goes Back to School is a national campaign to encourage Americans to support family and community involvement in public schools. It is sponsored by the Family Involvement Partnership in Learning and the U.S. Department of Education.

Studies show that family and community support for education results in safer schools and students learning more. America Goes Back to School challenges all of us, parents,

grandparents, community leaders, education professionals, and lay people, to rally around our local schools making a commitment to support school improvement and community involvement throughout the year. Your support further improves our schools, and shows our children that we care and want them to be successful.

Ms. Griffin has invited all Alaska state legislators to spend a day this semester in a classroom to observe firsthand the challenges and successes of public education. The more Alaska's citizens experience their schools, the better things will become for our students.

Your support for family involvement in children's learning can make a positive difference. Please support your local schools, and use this opportunity to get involved in education.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY J. HOLLOWAY, Ph.D.

Department of Education

Land sale law

EDITOR, Daily News:

Alaskans who paid \$8 for a Department of Natural Resource's packet for its land auction and homestead parcels should know that the auction portion of that land sale is open not only to Alaskans, but also to anyone from the Lower 48 who antes up the money.

Entitled "Land for Alaskans", the DNR packet gives the impression that the land sale is for Alaskans only, but it is not. In fact, the Alaska marketing and Tourism Council promoted the packet in a press release to the Lower 48.

The sale is within the law. However,

it is a poor move on the part of this administration to trumpet the availability of Alaska lands outside the state.

We've seen what happens to residents in New Mexico, Montana, Idaho, and Colorado when moneyed outsiders make a land grab. The result is highly inflated land values unaffordable to most local residents.

Alaskans should be given first priority on Alaska lands. Sen. Robin Taylor has prefiled a bill to accomplish this, and I cosponsored it.

If you are concerned about Alaskans getting first priority for Alaska land, I suggest you contact DNR Commissioner John Shively and let him know what you think of this land sale.

Sincerely,
LOREN LEMAN
State Senator

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 1995. There are 102

the New York Stock Exchange in the aftermath of railroad bond defaults and bank failures; 1911, the first atomic bomb was

In 1963, in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Kennedy proposed a joint U.S.-Soviet expedition to the moon

Five years ago: Demanding equal time, Iraq asked U.S. networks to broadcast a message by President Saddam Hussein in response to President Bush's

BY few people except demented rock stars.

So what does he do now? He can't just go through life sitting in bookstores, smiling and scribbling his name.

not just the domestic help, but absolute strangers.

He favors gun controls and believes in a woman's right to choose abortion. What kind of Republican talk is that? And whoknows what other liberal views

common sense to tie its own shoelaces.

That's true, but the few opinions Powell has shared with us sound more Democratic than Republican. And maybe he would be a good choice to pull the Democratic Party out of its funk,

1968 in Chicago!

But chances are that the only person who'd come away from Chicago with a throbbing head next year would be Clinton.

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Point of view

Commissioner says he has open mind on land sales

By JOHN SHIVELY

There are two parts to this year's land offering: a homestead program that is restricted (by statute) to Alaska residents, and a sealed bid auction that is not. The homestead program allows Alaskans to acquire state land by proving up and paying survey costs, or through purchase.

The sealed bid auction parcels will be sold to the highest bidders. We have made it clear in all our publicity that the homestead program is for Alaskans only. We have also told people that the auction is not restricted to Alaskans. However we have not promoted this land disposal outside of Alaska. In fact, DNR has intentionally avoided national media or use of the state's Internet newswire

so as to minimize outside interest.

Certain land disposal programs (specifically the lottery program) do allow us to restrict participation to Alaskans. However the lottery program is more expensive to conduct.

Because the DNR land disposal staff has been largely eliminated due to budget cuts, we have decided to make the land disposal process more efficient. The sealed bid auction is easier to administer, and requires fewer staff than the lottery method and probably will increase the money received by the state. Our statutes do not allow us to restrict this type of land offering to Alaskan residents.

I anticipate that despite being open to non-residents, the participants will, for

the most part, still be Alaskans. During the first month of the filing period, only 129, or about 5.6 percent, of the 2275 land offering brochures had outside mailing addresses. Most of the calls and letters our information offices have received from outside are people looking for free land - they will be disappointed to find the land they can qualify for is not free. To participate in the auction, one must submit a 5 percent bid deposit which may discourage people from bidding without looking at the land.

Because current law does not allow me to restrict sealed bid sales to Alaskans, the legislature is the proper forum to address any change. While the administration has not taken a position on Senator Taylor's proposed legislation to

restrict auction sales to Alaskans, we should consider the advantages of and being available to outsiders.

When Alaska became a state, state land was considered a mechanism to encourage settlement of Alaska, including settlement by outsiders desiring to move to Alaska.

Also, one of our goals is to get a fair return for Alaska residents from their land. We do not restrict the sale of our oil and gas, timber, or fish resources to Alaskans, as this would significantly reduce the value we get for those resources. I have an open mind on whether we should so restrict land sale.

(John Shively is state commissioner for the Department of Natural Resources.)

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 1995. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which 250,000 people were killed.

On this date:

In 1790, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers defeated a Mexican cavalry near the Guadalupe River.

In 1869, political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was born in

Porbandar, India.

In 1890, comedian Groucho Marx was born in New York.

In 1919, President Wilson suffered a stroke that left him partly paralyzed.

In 1939, the Benny Goodman Sextet recorded "Flying Home."

In 1941, German armies began Operation Typhoon — an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was first published in nine newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in west Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1959, "The Twilight Zone" made

its debut on CBS television.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; he was the first black appointed to the highest court.

In 1975, President Ford welcomed Japan's Emperor Hirohito to the United States.

In 1984, Richard W. Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.

Ten years ago: Actor Ruck Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after battling the deadly disease

AIDS.

Five years ago: The U.S. Senate voted 90-9 to confirm the nomination of Judge David H. Souter to the Supreme Court. President Bush, trying to muster acceptance for a \$500 billion package of tax increases and spending cuts, asked Americans in a televised address to support the plan.

One year ago: U.S. soldiers in Haiti detained several leaders of the country's pro-army militias as part of an effort to dismantle armed opposition to restoration of elected rule. Actress Harriet Nelson ("The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet") died in Laguna Beach, Calif., at age 85.

21 out of state

1995 AUCTION LIST - Hometown order

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
SONNICHSEN, GARY	\$105,199.00	412	Anchor Point
BAFFREY, MICHAEL	\$45,045.45	418	Anchorage
BOSEK, REBECCA L.	\$30,001.00	133	Anchorage
BYWATER, JOHN T., SR.	\$5,100.00	66	Anchorage
FLANIGAN, STEVEN W.	\$7,500.00	167	Anchorage
GRAY, GARY	\$8,000.00	98	Anchorage
HARTRIGSEN, DENNY	\$20,010.00	178	Anchorage
HEIM, LYNDON	\$1,515.15	395	Anchorage
HERSHEY, LISA M.	\$10,123.00	118	Anchorage
HINMAN, DAVID	\$7,802.00	8	Anchorage
HOLSMAN, JOHN D.	\$9,998.00	162	Anchorage
HOOD, RICHARD A., JR.	\$6,013.00	76	Anchorage
HUTWAGNER, JOHN B.	\$10,000.00	143	Anchorage
JACKSON, FRANK, JR.	\$9,004.00	113	Anchorage
JONES, CHARLES J.	\$21,501.00	106	Anchorage
KALAR, LONNIE C.	\$34,000.00	134	Anchorage
KAVANAUGH, TIMOTHY J.	\$3,002.60	100	Anchorage
KIM, YOUNG HYON	\$25,000.00	108	Anchorage
LAIRD, THOMAS	\$10,000.00	84	Anchorage
LAWS, WILLIAM W.	\$48,001.00	407	Anchorage
LEWIS, CYNTHIA D.	\$20,000.00	182	Anchorage
LEWIS, STEPHEN T.	\$26,000.00	180	Anchorage
LYNCH, WESLEY	\$8,101.00	154	Anchorage
MERO, DAVID E.	\$8,105.00	155	Anchorage
MORGAN, TIMOTHY S. & EMMIE M.	\$12,253.50	89	Anchorage
NELSON, RONALD D.	\$28,000.00	139	Anchorage
NIMS, JINNIE	\$6,002.00	92	Anchorage

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33 not award

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actually sold.

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
PENN, DAVID E.	\$8,125.00	246	Anchorage
RALL, DIANNA *	\$11,400.00	393	Anchorage
RAY, KEVIN	\$4,665.00	93	Anchorage
REDFORD, MARION W.	\$11,210.00	103	Anchorage
REDFORD, DANIEL A. SR.	\$11,800.00	105	Anchorage
RICHARDS, JAN	\$1,050.00	398	Anchorage
SCHAUGAARD, GAYLEN B.	\$30,101.00	137	Anchorage
SIN, YU CHOL	\$17,000.00	102	Anchorage
STEPHAN, SHAWN	\$4,600.00	46	Anchorage
TOMSIC, JOHN E.	\$11,998.00	104	Anchorage
VIKDAL, JEFFREY	\$8,100.00	68	Anchorage
VIKDAL, TABATHA M.	\$5,100.00	49	Anchorage
WAGNER, ROGER A.	\$16,724.00	179	Anchorage
WILLIAMSON, HOWARD J.	\$6,048.00	52	Anchorage
WITHINGTON, JASPER	\$9,583.00	101	Anchorage
CORBIN, ADAM J.	\$17,981.00	389	Anderson
DUGGER, TIMOTHY E.	\$7,311.00	359	Anderson
SANDEN, DAVID D.	\$7,750.68	34	Auke Bay
FERGUSON, PATRICIA M.	\$12,117.00	164	Bethel
STEYER, JUDITH E.	\$10,153.00	420	Bethel
O'SHEA, JAMES	\$5,899.00	41	California ✕
ROSIN, JAMES S.	\$25,112.00	136	Chugiak
KELLEY, JAMES A.	\$14,009.00	421	Colorado ✕
YEO, WILLIAM R. & JUDITH L.	\$32,900.00	5	Colorado ✕
WOLF, ROBERT A. & ROBIN L.	\$34,505.00	410	Copper Center
PAYNE, JESS *	\$19,313.31	405	Delta Jct.
OWEN, PATRICIA A.	\$17,714.14	349	Denali Park

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
BOUKER, DAVID F.	\$25,251.00	177	Dillingham
NAGEL, JIM	\$27,000.00	181	Dillingham
JENNY, GEORGE	\$6,126.00	36	Douglas
CRANE, BARBARA L.	\$58,803.00	417	Eagle River
CRANE, ROBERT L.	\$38,869.00	416	Eagle River
WAFER, JAMES T.	\$8,001.01	90	Eagle River
GARNER, KEITH A.	\$9,100.00	247	Eielson AFB
KAZENOFF, PETER/MIGLIACCIO, NICK	\$2,025.00	316	Ester
ALASKA ENERGY ALTERNATIVES	\$12,666.50	256	Fairbanks
BARKER, HERBERT W.	\$16,000.00	354	Fairbanks
BECK, SUSAN M.	\$10,005.68	307	Fairbanks
BERGLIN, MARILYN	\$3,717.81	396	Fairbanks
BOWMAN, MICHAEL P.	\$7,211.00	305	Fairbanks
BREWER, WILLIAM, JR.	\$8,770.00	365	Fairbanks
BROTHERTON, SELENA	\$10,258.00	306	Fairbanks
BROWN, CHRIS & EVERETT, SARA	\$12,100.00	284	Fairbanks
CABANIS, JAN	\$10,580.00	308	Fairbanks
CAROLAN, MATTHEW	\$13,101.00	343	Fairbanks
CARTER, TOM	\$16,388.00	254	Fairbanks
CARTER, DENISE J.	\$12,151.00	252	Fairbanks
CHMELIK, FRANK J., JR.	\$24,260.00	144	Fairbanks
CHRISTIAN, PETER	\$5,200.00	344	Fairbanks
COOK, KURT	\$10,500.00	341	Fairbanks
DE BAUN, GERARD B., JR.	\$9,859.82	282	Fairbanks
DYKES, BOB	\$5,003.00	390	Fairbanks
EVERTS, ROBERT D.	\$16,151.00	253	Fairbanks
FIELDS, JOSEPH LAURENCE	\$5,401.00	335	Fairbanks

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
GEIER, HANS	\$3,245.00	394	Fairbanks
GOING, JO	\$13,556.00	267	Fairbanks
HOLDMANN, GWEN	\$4,630.00	336	Fairbanks
HORVATH, MICHAEL P.	\$16,001.00	241	Fairbanks
J & J SERVICES	\$4,601.00	338	Fairbanks
KATER, BRUCE	\$56,005.00	385	Fairbanks
KNIGHT, CHARLES W.	\$3,020.00	402	Fairbanks
LUTSCH, CHRISTINE RAE	\$9,300.00	295	Fairbanks
LYNCH, MOIRA	\$15,025.00	251	Fairbanks
MARKIEWICZ, ALAN	\$7,500.00	374	Fairbanks
MARTIN, JUDITH A.	\$13,000.00	223	Fairbanks
MC NALLY, BEVIN/HUTE, KINGLIN	\$12,000.00	297	Fairbanks
MC CLOSKEY, PATRICIA	\$10,557.00	286	Fairbanks
MORACK, JOHN	\$17,364.00	268	Fairbanks
PERRY, DENVER	\$14,493.00	355	Fairbanks
PRUETT, MARLEN S.	\$15,003.00	234	Fairbanks
PRUETT, TAMMY S.	\$10,100.00	233	Fairbanks
REITZ, BEVERLY	\$37,652.00	350	Fairbanks
ROOF, BEVERLEY JEAN	\$6,500.00	310	Fairbanks
SCHOEN, RICHARD K.	\$20,000.00	285	Fairbanks
SHOULTYS, SHAWN PAUL	\$20,602.00	261	Fairbanks
SNYDER, CHRIS	\$19,802.00	221	Fairbanks
SPENCER, LEONARD R.	\$30,202.99	239	Fairbanks
TODD, CHRIS	\$14,258.00	309	Fairbanks
TOMSHA, MARK	\$34,700.00	388	Fairbanks
MC GINNIS, P. LEANNE	\$6,750.00	153	Georgia
BECKER, DANA	\$9,950.00	193	Glennallen
MITCHELL, WARREN A.	\$8,300.00	200	Glennallen

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
REED, JON D.	\$10,540.00	194	Glennallen
SEAGER, ELAINE & SHANNON	\$12,775.00	187	Glennallen
WALDEN, JAMES L.	\$6,912.00	192	Glennallen
WEBSTER, RICHARD M.	\$7,002.00	188	Glennallen
DE BLAUW, DOROTHY M.	\$1,621.00	397	Healy
DE BLAUW, DONALD V.	\$4,050.00	401	Healy
FORSBERG, LINDA A.	\$13,020.00	328	Healy
HALPERIN, DAVID S.	\$11,700.00	347	Healy
LIDGARD, CYNTHIA	\$33,186.00	424	Healy
O'CONNOR, DANIEL R. & GINA	\$35,000.00	422	Healy
PRICE, WILLIAM	\$18,551.00	351	Healy
DETRICK, SHIREEN	\$6,789.01	245	Juneau.
GAY, PAUL L.	\$36,200.00	17	Juneau
GILLILAND, GARY M.	\$14,150.00	31	Juneau
JOHNS, GLENN E., JR.	\$6,000.00	380	Juneau
NOEL, JIM	\$4,520.00	43	Juneau
YOUNG, WILLIAM L. & SHERRY L.	\$33,644.29	3	Juneau.
KNOLL, WILLIAM H.	\$4,011.00	99	Kenai
REPPER, RICHARD & WEBER, IRENE	\$12,201.00	190	Kenai
SMEDLEY, DENNIS L.	\$16,666.00	189	Kodiak
KAZENOFF, PETER **	\$1,901.00	317	Manley Hot Springs
MEDER, JAMES	\$10,350.00	117	Michigan
DUPEY, KRISTIE A.	\$23,002.00	414	Minnesota
BICKLEY, JOSEPH KING	\$13,600.00	287	Montana
REDISKE, WILLY W.	\$9,978.00	123	Nikiski
ADAMS, CHARLIE, JR.	\$7,480.00	366	North Pole
CARR, ROBERT W.	\$30,099.00	222	North Pole

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
GLOTFELTY, JOHN	\$13,001.00	406	North Pole
LARSON, KARLA J.	\$12,019.70	356	North Pole
POWELL, RALPH	\$46,333.33	4	North Pole
WOODS, VAN E. & CAROLYN S.	\$7,000.00	345	Ohio
STEWART, DAVID	\$56,000.00	386	Oklahoma
MEYER, CHRISTOPHER BRENT	\$13,000.00	298	Oregon
COONS, RICHARD M. & LINDA J.	\$15,000.00	318	PA.
PEARSON, JAMES & JUDITH	\$12,001.00	411	Palmer
STENGER, JEFF	\$12,042.00	392	Palmer
PORTER, GINNIE S.	\$30,001.00	18	Pelican
STEPANENKO, VICTOR	\$50,102.00	21	Pelican
YOUNG, STEVE & CHERYL	\$33,547.92	23	Pelican
ANDERSON, MARK D.	\$7,250.00	37	Petersburg
CARR, RICHARD T.	\$32,570.00	16	Petersburg
DENKO, JAMES & KELLY	\$36,000.00	7	Petersburg
GOODRICH, TIM/GOUDIMA, VERA	\$6,200.00	39	Petersburg
HILL, THOMAS, SR.	\$3,525.00	325	Petersburg
MEDALEN, HAROLD	\$28,137.00	6	Petersburg
PEELER, ALFRED W.	\$30,000.00	38	Petersburg
REITZ, MICHAEL J.	\$31,670.00	346	Petersburg
SILVA, LEWIE D.	\$6,298.00	42	Petersburg
JONES, SHERRY J.	\$26,309.00	135	Quinhagak
MILLER, MIKE	\$8,100.00	57	Seward
MILLER, SHERRIE	\$8,200.00	56	Seward
SHEA, SEWARD B.	\$16,300.00	216	Seward
BOWERS, ANTON T.	\$35,111.11	11	Sitka
DICK, PATRICIA LEE	\$31,111.00	19	Sitka
DICK, RONALD EUGENE	\$32,222.00	20	Sitka

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
MILLER, MARTHA E.	\$6,700.00	160	Sitka
STOCKER CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$6,300.00	391	Sitka
TORGESON, DUANE	\$20,000.00	353	Sitka
BOETTCHER, DEBORAH	\$16,025.36	240	Skagway
HALL, MARTIN K.	\$15,001.00	185	Soldotna
KASO, WALTER	\$10,050.00	97	Talkeetna
KINGSBURY, BRIAN A.	\$5,120.00	170	Talkeetna
MC KINNEY, DEBRA L.	\$6,565.65	312	Teller
MORLEY, PAUL	\$5,555.55	311	Teller
MC GINNIS, JOHN W.	\$16,250.00	166	Tennessee
MC GINNIS, NANCY W.	\$12,250.00	171	Tennessee
COOK, MEL K.	\$27,150.00	26	Thorne Bay
FLAHERTY, THERESA	\$30,007.00	25	Thorne Bay
IBBETSON, DONNA M.	\$18,551.00	29	Thorne Bay
LEHTO, BILL A.	\$30,002.00	28	Thorne Bay
MC CALLEN, EDWARD M.	\$25,000.00	30	Thorne Bay
KOE, ROBERT E. & JOANN	\$23,640.00	27	Thorne Bay
LANCASTER, KATHLEEN M.	\$3,620.00	176	Tok
STOUT, MICHELLE Y.	\$6,361.57	249	Tok
PETRESCU, EUGENE M.	\$4,700.00	94	Valdez
REISWIG, WILLIAM H. & SHEILA M.	\$28,111.23	145	Valdez
BLACKBURN, PATRICK JOHN	\$1,852.00	326	Virginia
HUFF, MARK L. & HELEN L.	\$8,000.00	109	Ward Cove
MARECEK, FRANK	\$20,005.00	408	Ward Cove
BAKER, DENNIS MIKE	\$25,500.00	35	Washington
CARROLL, DAVID & MARLANE	\$10,007.00	163	Washington
COOPER, THOMAS LEE	\$26,500.00	40	Washington
MOE, SCOTT & DIANE	\$42,525.25	32	Washington

APPARENT HIGH BIDDER	BID AMT.	PARCEL NO.	HOME TOWN
RAINE, MARK	\$33,252.00	1	Washington 4
SEAL 95 L.L.C.	\$72,094.92	2	Washington 2
SHAMP, MARK L.	\$42,077.00	22	Washington 7
ANDERSON, MARY C.	\$7,701.00	157	Wasilla
CASE, NORMAN	\$26,100.00	147	Wasilla
DAVIS, MICHAEL R.	\$11,300.00	161	Wasilla
FISHBACK, LELAND	\$31,019.00	415	Wasilla
KOHANES, ART	\$700.00	404	Wasilla
MORLOCK, RICHARD & AUDRY	\$27,001.00	130	Wasilla
SCOTT, JOCELYN M.	\$5,100.00	95	Wasilla
STRANGE, PHILIP	\$36,485.00	409	Wasilla
VON AH, MICHAEL T.	\$12,777.00	165	Wasilla
Total	\$3,486,217.53		

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** PENDING REVIEW OF PARCEL #316 WHICH WAS DRAWN FIRST

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

CSSB 198 (FIN) - HOMER AIRPORT CRITICAL HABITAT AREA

The Department of Transportation currently has an interest in 1,042.31 acres of uplands and tide and submerged lands for the Homer Airport. SB 198 would transfer some 295 acres to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, to be managed as a critical habitat area. Approximately 747 acres of land will continue to be dedicated for airport purposes after the creation of the Critical Habitat Area.

The primary purpose of the CHA is to protect the existing area for wintering and calving moose and nesting waterfowl and shorebirds. However, the legislation specifically restricts enhancement activity for waterfowl and shorebirds. No effort will be allowed to increase existing populations through creation of additional nesting sites, feeding programs, or other enhancement activities. Enhancement for browse area for moose is not restricted, and the areas set aside for the CHA are outside the fenced runway.

Future expansion plans have been reviewed by the Department and the local jurisdiction, the City of Homer. The Department initially recommended an area of about 75 acres in size as future expansion. Concerns were expressed by some local residents about that removal and the issue was brought before the City of Homer. The City Council supported the full 300 acre area, without any removal for future expansion. Given the local government support, the Department then provided the legal description for the full 300 acres.

This legislation provides for an Advisory Committee to work with the department and advise on the management of the Area, including a representative of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

This legislation required substantial interaction with the Department of Transportation, to ensure that their interests in a public improvement were adequately protected. All drafts of the bill has been reviewed by the Department and subsequently corrected as recommended by the Department.

(JT: maj; SB 198: 3/29/96)

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

CSSB 198 (RES) - Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area

Section 1: Purpose. States that the purpose of the legislation is for moose habitat and for guaranteed continued public access.

Section 2. New section AS 16.20.630, adding Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area;

subsection (a) setting forth legal description for included properties, Tract A through and including Tract E;

subsection (b) specific restrictions applicable to Tracts A and B;

subsection (c) specific restrictions applicable to Tracts C, D, E,

subsection (d) language requiring ADF&G cooperation with ADOT in implementing restrictions in subsection (b) & (c);

subsection (e) language prohibiting bird habitat enhancement, development, and creation within the C.H.A.;

subsection (f) protective covenant and easement language for land transfers which may be needed to implement the C.H.A.;

subsection (g) establishes an advisory committee for management of the C.H.A. and requires the management plan to include guaranteed continued public access.

(JT:maj:CSSB198(RES):3/29/96)

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Support Summary

SB 198 - Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area

1. **Letters of Support:** Support letters have been received from numerous individuals, from petitions circulated on the area, and the following groups.

Homer Charter Association
North Pacific Fisheries Association
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Kachemak Bay Conservation Society
South Peninsula Sportsmen's Association
Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Advisory Board
Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
National Wildlife Federation
Cook Inlet Seiners Association
Homer Society of Natural History
Paul Banks Elementary School

2. **Public Meetings:** The City of Homer has had the issue before them at both City Council meetings and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings seven times in the past year. At each meeting, the overwhelming public comment has been in support of the concept. Senator Torgerson held a meeting in Homer in October of 1995 and again the predominant public comments were in favor of the concept.

3. **Local Government Support:** Both the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and the Homer City Council have passed resolutions supporting the Critical Habitat Area Concept.

(JT: maj; SB 198: 2/14/96)

CITY OF HOMER
INITIATIVE PETITION

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE INITIATED

Shall the people of the City of Homer express opposition to the creation of the "Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area" and ask the Alaska Legislature to withdraw or defeat Senate Bill 198.

Signature	Printed Name	Residence Address	Mailing Address	Date
<i>Roy E Hoyt Jr.</i>	ROY E HOYT JR.	4802 ROCHELLE RD	P.O. BOX 2121	4/2/96
<i>Juan B Hoyt</i>	JUAN B. HOYT	4802 ROCHELLE RD	P.O. BOX 2121	4-3-96
<i>J. Murdock</i>	Joseph W. Murdock	365 W. Pioneer Ave	SAME	4-3-96
<i>David Gilbert</i>	David Gilbert	4814 Rochelle Rd	same	4-5-96
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<i>Joni M. Bullard</i>	Joni M. Bullard	330 Klondike	P.O. Box 2522	4-5-96
<i>Kim Gilbert</i>	Kim Gilbert	4814 Rochelle Rd	same	4-5-96
<i>Lisa Wise</i>	Lisa Wise	3977 Henderson	Box 1332	4/7/96 5-7-96
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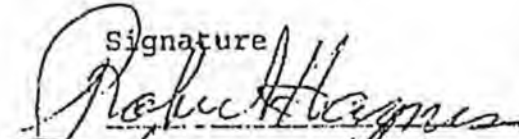
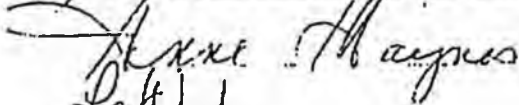
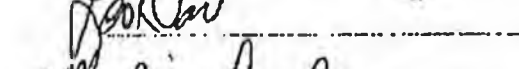
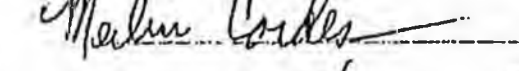
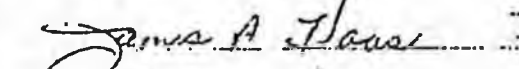


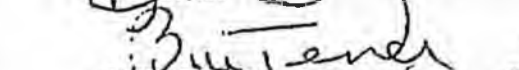
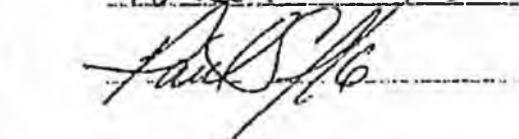
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<i>Roy E Hoyt Jr.</i>	ROY E HOYT JR.	4802 ROCHELLE RD	P.O. BOX 2121	4/2/96
<i>Joan B Hoyt</i>	JOAN B. HOYT	4802 ROCHELLE RD	P.O. BOX 2121	4-3-96
<i>J. Murdoch</i>	Joseph W. Murdoch	365 W. Pioneer Ave	SAME	4-3-96
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<i>Frank Kane</i>	FRANK KANE	3950 SVERLAND	Homer	4/19/96

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	Robert Haynes	5010 EAST HILL	Box 665	4-6-96
	Anne Haynes	5010 EAST HILL Rd	Box 665	4-6-96
	Leo K. Vait	4290 Kramer Ln.	Box 1532 Homer	4-5-96
	Merlin Cordes	135 W. Bunnell Ave	SAME Homer	4-5-96
	JAMES A. HAAS	1862 TRITON CRT	177 E. BUNNELL AVE, HOMER	4/5/96
	TANIA DICKEY	590 Waddell	POB 686 Homer	4/5/96
	BRAD DICKEY	1137 SEARREE	POB 2677 HOMER	4-5-96
	Bill Tenner	3179 LAKE ST	HOMER	4-6-96
	PAUL SIPLE	3848 KINGMAN	P.O. Box 3212	4-6-96

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<i>Evelyn F Sprague</i>	EVELYN F SPRAGUE	193 E DANVIEW, HOMER	PO BOX 1453	3 APR 96
<i>Alex W. Flynn</i>	ALEX W. FLYNN	267 City View St	P.O. Box 585	4 April 96
<i>Bonnie L. Nelson</i>	BONNIE L. NELSON	4450 MARLINER	P.O. Box 224	4-4-96
<i>Anna Seay</i>	Anna Seay	4001 Mattie Rd	P.O. Box 202	4-4-96
<i>Karen Flynn</i>	KAREN FLYNN	267 City View	P.O. Box 585	4-4-96
<i>Charlene Flynn</i>	Charlene Flynn	267 City View	PO Box 585	4-4-96
<i>Michael Scoures</i>	michael SCOURSES	862 Oceanview Comp	P.O. Box 225	4/4/96
<i>Larry J. Martin</i>	Larry J. Martin	364 Range View		4-4-96
<i>Stewart Brown</i>	Stewart Brown	KAY ST Diamond Ridge Homer	PO Box 1404	4/4/96

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<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	John R. McFly	4500 Lundy	1/1/98	4/4/96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	R. Mike Harmer	4252 Gavin Ct.	Same	4/4/96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Jeff Hout	1375 Main St. #1	P.O. Box 208 Anker Pt.	4-4-96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Gwen Harmer	4252 Gavin Ct.	Same	4-4-96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	HARRY E GREGOIRE	3897 Kachemak	P.O. 241 Homer AK	4-4-96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Janet Bishop	7712 Bishop	P.O. 1455 HOMER AK	" "
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	ALBERT E SORENSEN	128 HANSEN AVE		HOMER AK 4-4-96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	WANDA BILLUPS	475 SOUNDVIEW		HOMER AK 4-4-96
<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Lloyd S. Trutz	2577 Kachemak Pt		HOMER AK 4-4-96

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<i>Larry G. Albertson</i>	LARRY G. ALBERTSON	1563 #4 ASP + Rd	1663 #7 Spit Rd - Homer	4-3-96
<i>John Ashment</i>	John Ashment	3815 Homer Sp. Rd A	Homer AK	4-3-96
<i>Larry Herndon</i>	LARRY HERNDON	41745 Bear Creek Dr.	Homer AK	4/3/96
<i>John Charles Jr</i>	JOHN CHARLES JR	2064 Homer Spit Rd	HOMER AK	4/3/96
<i>Elizabeth Chapple</i>	ELIZABETH CHAPPLE	2604 Homer Spit Rd	2604 Homer Spit Rd	4/3/96
<i>Linda E. Cortez</i>	LINDA E. CORTAZ	104 DAWNVIEW	P.O. Box 338	4/3/96
<i>Stacy R. Luck</i>	Stacy R. Luck	971 Ocean Drive loop #15		4/3/96
<i>Catherine Squires</i>	Catherine Squires	4586 Early Spring	Homer, AK	4/3/96
<i>Arthur B. Myers</i>	ARTHUR B. MYERS	4586 EARLY SPRING	P.O. Box 254 HOMER AK.	4/3/96

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Rick Swenson	4310 Homer Spit Road Mile 5 E Rd	4737 Ravine	3 April 1996
<i>[Signature]</i>	D. L. Stockwell	PO Box 552	Homer AK	4/3/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	E. Dierich	1101 Nelson Ave	Box 1247	4/3/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Velma Ellison	1/2 Lane Ellison	473 Rainier Ave Homer 99603	4/3/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Joseph A. Meeker	1472 Bay Ave	1472 Bay Ave	4/3/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Helen S. Meeker	1475 Bay Ave	1475 Bay Ave	4/3/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	GEORGE W. MEEKER	1475 BAY AVE	1475 BAY AVE	4-3-96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Johnny Anderson	130 Danview ST	130 Danview	4-3-96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Brenda Albertson	1563 #1A Spited	1663 #7 Spit Rd Homer	4-3-96

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<i>Titus J. Hermann</i>	Titus J. Hermann	732 Dunrover Ave. E.	Same	4/2/96
<i>John C. Chapple III</i>	John C. Chapple III	257 Dunrover Ave.	P.O. Box 1447 Homer	4-2-96
<i>Margaret L. Chapple</i>	Margaret L. Chapple	257 Dunrover Ave	P.O. Box 1447 Homer	4-2-96
<i>Grant W. Willes</i>	Grant Willes	265 E. Pioneer Ave.	P.O. Box 1447 Homer	4-3-96
<i>James H. Bolt</i>	JAMES H. BOLT	4704 SARRINA	Homer 99603	4/3/96
<i>John R. King</i>	John R. King	2171 Aspen Ln Middleton Ct 10m	Homer AK 99603	4/3/96
<i>Eric Sheppard</i>	ERIC SHEPPARD	1505 1	FRITZ CR. AK	4-3-96
<i>Darcy Geersfach</i>	DARCY GEERSFACH	4737 ROCKWELL	Same	4/3/96
<i>Julie Schroeder</i>	Julie Schroeder	" "	"	4-3-96

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<i>Leland Gannaway</i>	Leland GANNAWAY	EAST Hill	HOMER P.O. Box 653	4-2-96
<i>K.C. Seaman</i>	K.C. SEAMAN	4266 Shirley Ct	HOMER	4/2/96
<i>Rex Kaufman</i>	Rex Kaufman	1563 Homer Sp. Rd.	Homer	4/2/96
<i>Luke Welles</i>	LUKE WELLES	166 BUNNELL #9	HOMER	4/2/96
<i>DEREK G. KORTH</i>	DEREK G. KORTH	PO E. Hill	PO Box 3983 ^{Homer}	4/2/96
<i>Alexander Myhill</i>	Alexander Myhill	485 W. Fairview	Homer	4/2/96
<i>Nikki M. Welles</i>	Nikki M. Welles	36.5 E. Pioneer Ave	Homer	4/2/96
<i>Sharolyn Hermann</i>	Sharolyn Hermann	2312 Danvic.w Ave. E.	Homer, AK	4/2/96

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<i>Harold Billups</i>	HAROLD BILLUPS	475 Sundview Homer		4/5/96
<i>John B. Child</i>	JOHN B. CHILD	P.O. BOX 543 HOMER, AK 99603		4/5/96
<i>Karl Rosenberg</i>	KARL ROSENBERG	129 Herndon	AK	4/5/96
<i>Leo Rhode</i>	LEO RHODE	129 Herndon St	HOMER, AK	4/5/96
<i>Fred E. Carroll</i>	FRED E. CARROLL	2691 KACHEMAK DR.	HOMER AK	4/4/96
<i>Edward J. Corey</i>	EDWARD J. COREY	2675 KACHEMAK DR.	HOMER AK	4/4/96
<i>Beverly E. Gregoire</i>	BEVERLY E. GREGOIRE	3897 Kachemak Dr.	P.O. Box 14 HOMER, AK	4-4-96
<i>Richard L. Sprague</i>	RICHARD L. SPRAGUE	193 DANVIEW ST.	HOMER AK 90	4/4/96

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<i>Glenn Hermann</i>	Glenn Hermann	232 Danvers E.	Homer, AK	4-2-96
<i>LEOTA DAVISON</i>	LEOTA DAVISON	479 E CRAB TAKE	HOMER, AK	4-2-96
<i>Charles M. Rockett</i>	Charles M Rockett	1104 Ocean Dr.	Homer, AK	4-2-96
<i>Mike Radford</i>	MIKE RADFORD	1231 OCEAN DR	HOMER AK	4-2-96
<i>Gordon Berg</i>	Gordon Berg	1421 Ocean Dr	Homer AK	4-2-96
<i>Donald Burkhardt</i>	DONALD BURKHART	436 RAKE VIEW	PO BOX 3091 HOMER AK	4-2-96
<i>Earl Breckenridge</i>	EARL BRECKENRIDGE	1762 STERLING HWY	PO BOX 455	4-2-96
<i>Mike Shannon</i>	MIKE SHANNON	2123 Frisbee Ct #14	HOMER	4/2/96

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<i>[Signature]</i>	HAZEL KIRCHHAET	2395 KACHEMAK DR	PO Box 1052	4/6/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	LAURA K BOYLE	3684 MAIN ST	P.O. Box 4062	4/5/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Thomas F. Mayhew	4661 Rochelle Rd	PO Box 2387 Homer	4/6-96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Peter A Lee	Box 11915	Homer AK 99103	4-6-96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Charles R. Lewis	1444 Bay Ave	PO Box 854 Homer	4-6-96
<i>[Signature]</i>	ANNA M. LEWIS	1444 BAY AVE	PO Box 854 Homer	4-6-96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Timothy E Carr	4360 Pillsbury	Box 1899 Homer	4/6/96
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dorine Clendenen	231 E. DANVIEW	SAME	4-6-96

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<i>Robert E. Keys</i>	Robert E. Keys	3601 Main St #9	Same	4-6-96
<i>Millie McDonald</i>	Millie McDonald	3601 Main St #3	Same	4-6-96
<i>Barbara Meyer</i>	Barbara Meyers	3601 MAIN ST #9	Same	4-6-96
<i>Anthony Nunes</i>	Anthony Nunes	3601 MAIN ST #8	Same	4-6-96
<i>Ralph W. Leaskinen</i>	Ralph W. LENDINEN	231 E DANVILLE AVE	Same	4/6/96
<i>John Cunningham</i>	JOHN CUNNINGHAM	791 OCEAN LOOP		4/6/96
<i>Trace Carlos</i>	Trace Carlos	601 E Pioneer #114	Same	4/8/96
<i>Patricia L. Ewart</i>	Patricia L. Ewart	564 Lee St	601 E Pioneer #114	4/8/96

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Representative Gail Phillips
 Alaska State Legislature
 State Capitol, Room #208
 Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Gail:

Early this week, I faxed 101 of the 163 needed petition signatures asking for the Airport Critical Habitat issue to go to a vote of the people of Homer. I, one-on-one, got 92 of these signatures in four days and while doing so spoke to each and every signer. Only two people I approached were in favor of the Critical Habitat Area and they did not sign the petition. Those I approached, or who came to me to ask to sign it, are middle-class, working people, otherwise known as the "silent majority."

I began this petition drive when the newspaper, City Council, and other environmental factions whom I consider to be rather radical, implied that all of the people were in favor of creating this habitat. I wasn't, and in talking to my acquaintances found they weren't either. Listening to testimony before Council, I found that over half of those testifying were not residents of the City. Why was this railroaded through Council and through the Legislature? Why were letters from the airport manager and pilots opposing this issue for safety reasons ignored? They would not have been ignored by people who lost loved ones in the two fatal crashes since 1987. Who's pushing and what do they have to gain? How many Council people have property joining this parcel?

When election time arrives and this issue is on the ballot, it may not pass. So be it, if this is really what the majority wants. I just want to remind you that many of the solid core of residents who pay the property taxes and either work for a paycheck or are small-business owners do not want it.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Clendenen

RALPH J. CLENDENEN
 231 E. Danview
 Homer, Alaska 99603
 235-5197

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<i>Dale Franklin</i>	Dale Franklin	Lot ONE Block Forest ^{Three} 610NS4B	PO BOX 1625	4/11/96
<i>Storm P. Hansen</i>	Storm P. Hansen	P.O. Box 1068 mission Road, easthill	→	4/11/96
<i>Judith Burkhardt</i>	Judith Burkhardt	436 Ringview PO Box 3061	PO Box 3061 Homer	4/11/96
<i>Larry Reinsch</i>	Larry Reinsch	167 Lee St	PO BOX 560	4-11-96
<i>Jeanne S Boily</i>	Jeanne S Boily	527 GRUBSTAKE	Same	4-11-96
<i>Marc S Boily</i>	Marc S Boily	527 GRUBSTAKE	Same	4-11-96
<i>Marty McElroy</i>	Marty Marty McElroy	4142 Nathan St.	Same	4/11/96

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