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## Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

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March 29, 1999

Hon. Representative Vic Kohring  
Alaska State Legislature  
Room 421, State Capitol Building  
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Office of the Commissioner,

Dear Representative Kohring:

The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce is taking this opportunity to express its strong opposition to HB 4, An Act Rejecting the Use of Daylight Savings Time, a bill which you have sponsored.

It was only a few years ago that Southeast Alaska lost an hour of daylight year-round because of legislation that mandated Alaska Standard Time over Pacific Standard Time. As most of the commerce from our local business community takes place with suppliers and wholesalers in the Pacific Northwest, specifically the Seattle area, this became an inconvenience for this area. Ketchikan now operates an hour earlier than the business connections of Seattle. Ketchikan would no longer be able to deal with the business community in Seattle after 2:30 or 3:00 P.M. because those businesses would be closed. If your bill were to pass, this would put Ketchikan and Seattle two hours apart and would further hinder our ability to effectively deal with commerce. This includes our commerce with our neighboring communities of Metlakatla and Prince Rupert, which are currently on different time zones than we are.

Even though our strongest opposition to this piece of legislation is the negative impact the passage would have on our commerce, we are also concerned about the daylight hours that we would lose in the summer months to be able to fully utilize our recreation around fishing and boating. Ballpark lighting costs for summer sports programs as well as increased utility costs to light and heat homes and businesses during the reduced summer daylight hours would also be an economic factor for this community. This hour reduction in daylight would also impact the visitor industry in our area with less daylight for our visitors to tour our community as well as to be able to provide the flight seeing tours in the daylight we now enjoy.

This community cannot afford passage of HB 4. The economic impact is too large on commerce with this community as well as reduced recreational opportunities for families in this area. The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce does not support passage of this bill and encourages the House Labor and Commerce Committee to defeat passage to the Rules Committee. Thank you for the time and consideration that we know you will devote to the concerns from this area of your state.

Sincerely,

  
Sherrie Slick  
President, Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

cc: House Labor and Commerce Committee  
Representative Lisa Murkowski  
Representative Bill Williams  
Senator Robin Taylor  
State Chamber of Commerce  
Juneau Chamber of Commerce  
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# NEA-ALASKA

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## Daylight Saving Time

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Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April. DST reverts to Alaska Standard Time at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October. There are three primary reasons to support Daylight Saving Time.

***First, DST saves energy.*** Energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. When we retire at night, televisions, VCRs, stereos and lights that account for approximately 25% of the electricity we use are turned off. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we cut the use of electricity. At a time when school budgets are tight, saving energy costs is important.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours during the longer days of spring and summer. DST provides Alaskans added time for outdoor activities.

President Reagan recognized the importance of energy savings through DST in 1986, when he signed Public Law 99-359 changing DST from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in April to provide a full additional month of DST.

***Second, DST saves lives and prevents traffic injuries.*** DST allows more people and children to travel home from work and school during the daylight, which is safer than travel in darkness.

***Third, DST prevents crime.*** When people get home from work and school and complete more errands and activities in daylight, exposure to crime is lessened. We all know that crime is more common in darkness than in light.

The entire country, with a few exceptions, observes DST. Business and personal custom has been established consistent with DST. To change that practice will upset the uniformity and consistency that has become the norm for business and for lives in general.

NEA-Alaska opposes HB 4.



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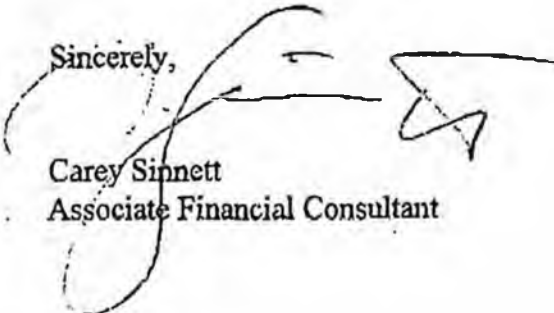
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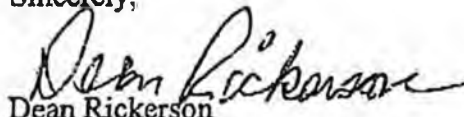
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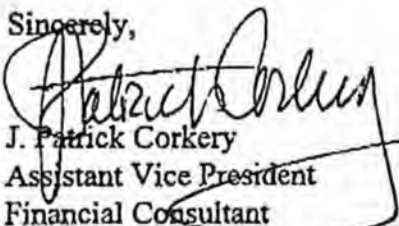
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Dear Rep. Rokeberg:

Tired of long, lazy summer evenings? Wish the neighbor's dog would start barking an hour earlier? House Bill 4 is for you!

Reps. Vic Kohring and Gary Davis have introduced House Bill 4 to do away with daylight savings time. If enacted, the summer sun would rise and set one hour earlier than now. Longer mornings, shorter evenings.

Sounds harmless. But think of some of the ramifications:

- \* Shorter summer evenings mean less time for summer fun, unless you really like to garden at three in the morning.
- \* Sometimes Alaska would be one hour behind Seattle, sometimes two. Sometimes four hours behind the east coast, sometimes five.
- \* Tougher to do business with the lower 48.
- \* Having finally trained Aunt Jean in Bowling Green not to call before 7:00AM, she's sure to start ringing at 6:00AM.
- \* Sunday football games kicking off at 8:00AM.

Many longtime Alaskans remember the confusion they used to endure from not being part of the nation's daylight savings scheme. Some months Anchorage was two hours behind Seattle, other months we three behind. In 1967, we finally joined the nation and stayed the same amount behind year round.

So what benefit will offset this increased disorder in our lives? The sponsors only seem interested in not having to bother with changing their clocks twice a year. Don't they like that come May 1, the Anchorage sun will set at 10:04PM instead of 9:04PM?

That's a good tradeoff? Give up hours of fun in the summer sun to save five minutes of changing clocks around the house? Heck, I bet their VCRs blink midnight year-round anyhow.

House Bill 4's time has not come. I urge you to defeat this ill-conceived legislation.

Sincerely,



Craig Wm. Black



Alaska Conference of Mayors

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March 16, 1999

Representative Norm Rokeburg  
Chair, Labor and Commerce Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Rokeburg:

We are writing in regard to your request for a position on HB 4. elimination of daylight savings time. The Alaska Municipal League does not have an official position outlined in our 1999 AML Policy Statement (enclosed).

When our Legislative Committee on Transportation, Utilities, and Environment, met last week, we brought it to their attention. The general consensus of the members is that the state is facing many important issues at this time, and changing our time zone would only cause people confusion rather than solving a particular problem. In the summer, it would make the state two hours different from Seattle and an additional hour from the East Coast. We believe that would cause more problems than it would fix.

We appreciate your interest in the view of municipalities and hope you will continue to call on us for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin Ritchie', written over a horizontal line.

Kevin C. Ritchie  
Executive Director

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MAR 22 1999

**Subject:** HB 4**Date:** Sun, 21 Mar 1999 10:10:04 -0900**From:** Errol Champion <champ@ptialaska.net>**To:** Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

I urge your committee to oppose the bill to eliminate daylight savings observance in Alaska. The single and most important reason is the disruption of trade and commerce. All Alaskans are dependent on commerce with the lower 48 and the Far East. When most of the rest of the world changes to daylight savings, why would Alaska want to be different? We are already four hours behind DC which would go to five. Instead of one hour behind the pacific coast, we would be two hours for six months of the year. Let's not place Alaska out-of-step with the majority of the U.S. which is planning to continue to recognize daylight savings. Businesses don't need the extra and unnecessary expense of confusion that would result in the passage of this bill. Thank you.  
Errol Champion

Paula Rak  
PO Box 1852 Wrangell, Alaska 99929  
(907) 874-3824  
E-mail: rainforest@seapac.net

MAR 08 1999

March 5, 1999

Representative Norman Rokeberg  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 24  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Rokeberg:

HB 4, a bill to eliminate the observance of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska has been moved to the Labor and Commerce Committee. I would like to express my strong opposition to this bill. Although the proposed change would make it slightly more convenient in that we would not have to adjust twice a year, the inconvenience it would cause would not be worth the benefit. Quoting 15 USC 260-64, time zones were established in the United States with "regard for the convenience of commerce and the existing junction points and division points of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce". The "convenience of commerce" has been defined to include consideration of all the impacts upon a community, which include impacts on individuals, families, businesses and other organizations.

Because of our location in the Pacific Northwest, our commerce has historically been tied to the Seattle area, which observes Pacific Standard and Daylight Savings Time (PST/PDT).

The proposed change would mean that we would be one hour different from Seattle in the winter and two hours different in the summer. In 1983, our elected officials wanted to "unify Alaska" by combining time zones. When they proposed that most of Alaska change to Alaska Standard Time, there was a loud outcry from Southeast Alaska. We were on PST/PDT (along with Seattle), and most residents did not want to change. Votes were held in many communities in Southern Southeast and it was overwhelming shown that SE wanted to stay on PST/PDT. Now we are being asked to swallow being an additional hour away from the "natural" and preferred time zone for part of the year.

When most of Alaska switched to one time zone, it put the farthest east and the farthest west residents on a time zone that was not "natural" for the rhythms of the sun for either area. It was touted as a compromise to unify the state. Unfortunately, we all find it inconvenient. I suggest that we either learn to live with this compromise or switch back to the way we were before the change in 1983. If the objection is switching clocks twice a year, then we could compromise by staying on Daylight Savings Time year round. I personally do not find it objectionable to switch clocks.

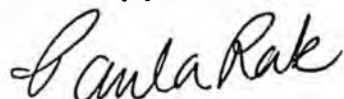
As a business owner, I find it extremely inconvenient to be 4 hours different from the East Coast. This change would mean that we would be 5 hours different for part of the year and that we would have to try to remember when the rest of the country changes. Most people can't remember now without reminders, let alone try to remember when we are no longer switching ourselves (when there would be no reminders).

As an individual, I would sorely miss that lost hour of evening daylight. It would be greatly missed in the spring and summer when the days are shorter. Please remember that SE is much farther south than your district and our longest days are shorter than yours are. As a parent, the children would miss that hour of playtime after school. I realize that it would not make as much difference in areas outside of Southeast Alaska, but the difference would be significant here. One must remember that SE should actually be on PST/PDT if one were to look at a map. Longitudinally speaking, SE Alaska belongs on PST/PDT. Anchorage, being farther East, belongs two hours away, just as it was.

**We were all forced to compromise to join into one time zone. Now, residents in your area have found that inconvenient and want to essentially go back to the time zone that they were in before the compromise and take SE with them. Those of us in SE find the present time zone inconvenient also, but would like to observe PST/PDT.**

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Rak". The signature is fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Rak".

Paula Rak

**Subject: HB 4**

**Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 13:05:38 -0900**

**From: poor@ptialaska.net (Rich Poor)**

**To: Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us**

The Honorable Norman Rokeberg  
Chair of the House Labor and Commerce Committee  
Capitol Building, Room 24  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Rep. Rokeberg:

I would like register my protest to HB 4, that would keep Alaska on Alaska Standard Time year round. This would move Alaska 2 hours behind the west coast and 5 hours behind the east coast 7 month of the year. Listed below are some of the impacts to Alaskans if this Bill was adopted.

1. This would cause a major inconvenience for Alaskan business who need to communicate with their supplies and home offices in the lower 48 states during regular business hours.
2. It would reduce the citizens of Alaska and State Government to only 3 hours of business with the major financial institution in New York (Wall Street, major banks, etc) during regular office hours.
3. There would be an impacts on airplane schedules, forcing Alaskan to travel an hour earlier, especially in the morning, to make the same connections out of Seattle to other parts of the country.
4. Tourist traveling on tourships would have to change there watches back two hours when crossing into Alaska. This also would impact the Alaska/Canada border crossings as well.
5. Alaskans would loose an hour of evening daylight and gain an hour in the early morning. When Alaskans get off work they like getting outside and doing things (hiking, sporting events, fishing etc.). They would not take kindly to loosing that hour. Also Anchorage would loose the title of Land of the Midnight Sun.
6. The confusion with long distance phone calls and "what time is it in Alaska" when relatives call.

I'm sure if I thought long enough I could come up with a lot more impacts, but the ones I've listed certainly outway the justification for the Bill which is the inconvenience of changing clocks and computers just 2 times a year.

Thank you

Rich Poor  
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(907)364-3329

**Subject: Daylight Savings Time**

**Date:** Mon, 12 Apr 1999 11:49:57 -0800

**From:** Goodrich Michael MSgt 3CRS/LGM <GoodrichM@ELMENDORF.af.mil>

**To:** Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

Sir

I would like to add my voice to what seems to be a growing noise about the observance of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. Because Alaska's location in the world, it makes zero sense to me to have to artificially change our lives twice a year. I am very much in favor of abolishing the observance of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska.

Thank You

Michael G. Goodrich

A voting citizen

**Subject: Daylight Savings Time**

**Date:** Thu, 11 Mar 1999 11:24:20 -0900

**From:** "Don Wilcox" <bacchus@alaska.net>

**To:** <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>

I am writing to ask you to vote for HB 4 "Eliminate Daylight Savings Time"

It is about time we did away with such an antiquated nuisance.

I lived in Arizona for 8 years before moving here. They do not use Daylight Savings time and I noticed no problems/inconveniences. It actually made life easier.

Between the computers, microwave, VCR, watches, etc.. I have to change over 20 clocks twice a year, not to mention the hassles we have at work with all of our computerized systems, including our time clock (we run a 24-hour a day operation).

Thank you for your time.

Don Wilcox

To: CBJ City Manager's Office  
Mayor's Office

From: <sup>EB</sup> Ethan Billings, et al  
Co-owner, Hoochi's Sports Pub  
789-0429, 789-0799

MAR 25 1999

Date: March 4, 1999

Re: Request for change in time the city observes daylight savings time on April 4, 1999 to allow additional beverage and food sales for local businesses.

Currently, the city of Juneau and JPD requires all licensed liquor establishments to move their clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. to observe spring daylight saving time. This obviously causes all establishments to lose one hour of sales due to our required closure time of 3 a.m. Approximately 25 or more local businesses including the Breakwater Inn, Hanger on the Wharf, Penthouse, Travelodge, Tabby's, Goldbelt Hotel, etc. are effected by this requirement. The effect has been magnified because Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Gold Medal Championship night. The B bracket championship game is scheduled to start at 9:00 p.m. If the game starts on time, which is very unlikely due to past observations, most Gold Medal participants and fans would not patron local businesses until at least midnight.

I have consulted with the ABC Board in Anchorage and they cited Chapter 16, Article 1, Sec. 04.16.010 (d) of the ABC Regulations (see attachment). The regulation reads that a municipality may provide for additional hours of closure. I do not know if there is a written CBJ ordinance regarding liquor establishments and daylight savings time. I believe JPD and the CBJ are just observing what time the nation and the rest of the state move their clocks.

I have attempted to determine the amount of revenue lost from beverage and food sales for the effected businesses. Based on past sales history, I know that my business will lose from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the lost hour. Multiply \$1,000 by 25 businesses times the liquor tax rate of 8% could mean lost CBJ tax revenues for one hour of at least \$2,000 or more. I do believe that with a minimum amount of cooperation between the city and JPD the observed daylight savings time could be switched from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. to assist a large sector of small businesses in the community to prosper as well as add to the city's coffers. Thank you for your consideration, please call me with questions anytime.

**CITY/BOROUGH OF JUNEAU  
ALASKA'S CAPITAL CITY****OFFICE OF THE MANAGER**Telephone: (907) 586-5240; Facsimile: (907) 586-6385  
Dave\_Palmer@mail.cf.juneau.ak.us

March 8, 1999

Ethan Billings  
Hootchie's Sports Pub  
Juneau, Alaska

Sent Via Facsimile: 789-8409

Dear Mr. Billings:

In response to your letter Friday, here is the city code regarding hours of operation for bars:

**20.25.110 HOURS OF SALE.** It is unlawful for any beverage dispensary, restaurant, café, beer parlor, package liquor store, or other place licensed by the State of Alaska to sell, dispense or serve intoxicating beverages, situated within the city and borough, where intoxicating liquors of any kind whatsoever are either sold or kept for sale or to be served or consumed on the premises, to sell, offer for sale, or permit to be sold, or delivered or served for consumption on the premises, any intoxicating liquors as defined in Section 20.25.010, at any other times than between the lawful opening and closing times which are established as follows:

- (1) No person may consume, sell, offer for sale, furnish or deliver from any authorized licensee any intoxicating liquor on any licensed premises inside the city and borough between the hours of one a.m. and eight a.m. Monday through Friday of each week.
- (2) No person may consume, sell or offer for sale, give, furnish or deliver from any authorized licensee any intoxicating liquor on any licensed premises inside the city and borough between the hours of three a.m. and eight a.m. on Saturday and Sunday of each week and on legal holidays.

It appears to me that you can operate on Saturday and Sunday until 3am; and if the clocks change at 2am, closure is required at the time it legally turns to 3am. There is not time to change the code for the April 4<sup>th</sup> tournament. It strikes me that if you lose an hour of operation in the spring; you gain an hour in the fall, so in the course of a year, your hours of operations are not changed as a result of the time change.

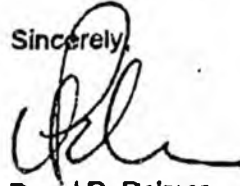
Both the time change and the tournament are scheduled well in advance. If the time change is of particular concern to the tournament schedulers, they may have failed to take into account that the bars will close earlier on Saturday night/Sunday morning. I can see that a major event, scheduled over the weekend of the time change can shorten your workday by an hour in the spring, and extend it by an hour in the fall.

Billings/Hootchie's Sports Pub  
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We (and you) are bound by the ordinance in effect.

Sincerely,



David R. Palmer  
City & Borough Manager

Cc: Richard Gummow, Chief - Juneau Police Department

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## LETTER TO A. DAILY NEWS circa FALL 1994

### "ONE MILLION CLOCKS"

Twice a year in Alaska an estimated one million clocks are changed to accomodate a concept called 'Daylight Savings Time'. The change puts Alaskans two time zones to the east of standard time as we knew standard time in 1980. The state legislature combined Alaska's four time zones into one in the early 1980's.

We should discontinue daylight savings time and reorganize our time zones for the following reasons:

1. We have a surplus of daylight in the Alaska and don't need the adjustment for the purposes of light in the summertime.
2. Included in the one million clocks are business clocks, computer and travel clocks which are expensive to change.
3. For the outdoors Alaskan who lives by nature the two hour time difference is more than an imposition, it is dangerous if not accounted for.
4. People with sleep disorders are substantailly impacted.
5. Tourists are confused by the position of the sun. Arizona and Hawaii do not go on daylight time.
6. Since part of Alaska is in the polar region and the longitudinal difference is diminished, four time zones may be too many, but one time zone is too few.
7. Students who ride school busses have to be picked up in the dark when other motorists are headed for work.

We should take the following actions:

1. For 1995 we should petition the US Department of Transportation to be excluded from Daylight Time.
2. In 1996 we should adopt two time zones with the split being at 155 degrees W. Longitude. Barrow and Prudoe bay could be included in the Eastern Zone. The west coast of Alaska would where the impact of our current artificial time would gain some relief.
3. In 1997 we should adopt 'Winter Time' where we stagger school and working times to later hours to save light, energy and provide safer school bus safety. No student should have to be picked up in the dark.  
Businesses could always stagger hours the other way to accomodate relationships with the lower 48.

Since this is an election year, we should let our candidates know our feeling about daylight time. There is a definite ground swell of opposition against Davlight Savings Time.



# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

3211 Providence Drive  
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24 February 1999

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
Department of Physics/Astronomy

Representative Vic Kohring  
Alaska State Capitol, Rm. 421  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kohring,

As requested by your office, I am writing as a professional Astronomer to express my view of daylight savings time (DST) as currently applied in the State of Alaska. As you are aware, the state of Alaska encompasses a wide range of longitudes, and so should contain several time zones, since every 15 degrees of longitude normally corresponds to one zone. This rule is intended to permit a local time of noon to occur when the sun is at its highest point in the sky every day, or very nearly so. This system was established over the centuries to permit our bodies and minds to be synchronized with the motion of the sun as it rises and sets every day.

Unfortunately, from a human perspective, the concept of DST was developed in NAZI Germany as a way of supposedly increasing the productivity of workers. It changes local time so it is no longer directly related to the motion of the sun; the sun sets an hour later than it should. In other words, under simple DST true solar noon occurs at 1:00 PM clock time. The State of Alaska, with its current structure of a single time zone covering most of the state, and keeping time correct for the longitude of Juneau, forces the vast majority of the population to be at least one hour out of sync with the sun during the winter, and two hours out of sync during the summer. With the amount of daylight in Alaska in the summer, this is pointless from any perspective. For western Alaska the offset is even more severe. This makes no sense physiologically, and causes considerable disruption when changes are instituted in spring and fall.

I hope it is possible to revise this procedure, and eliminate the time step so Alaskans can have their clocks set to run without change, year round. Astronomically speaking, it would be best to revert to the correct standard time for the central region of Alaska so that 150 degrees of longitude is correctly set at 10 hours west of Greenwich. This would put local noon in sync with the sun. Using this zone for the vast majority of Alaska would be completely reasonable, with standard time kept year round (no DST).

If this is not possible, please pursue the alternative of eliminating the current DST and leave a pseudo-standard time in effect year round set for a longitude of 135 degrees (current "standard time"). Simply eliminating the time change in spring and fall would yield significant improvement in quality of life. I would like to point out that the state of Arizona, as well as some other areas in the United States do not follow DST, to their considerable advantage; for Alaska in particular, DST is counter productive and should be eliminated.

Best Regards,

Donald H. Martins, Ph.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald H. Martins".

**Subject: HB4 Money Saving Potential**

**Date: Fri, 12 Mar 1999 11:36:07 -0800**

**From: "Jeff Pasco" <igloogru@ptialaska.net>**

**To: <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>**

I really support this bill. With daylight savings time in effect my internal clock never really gets in sync in the summer. It also really adds to my sleeping problems created by the long days. I suppose you will get a lot of lobbying from national corporations and the federal government about defeating this proposal, but I hope you'll consider the disruptions in the lives of many Alaskan's that DST causes.

It should help save the State of Alaska, as well as businesses that have employees working night shift, extra wages every time we switch the clocks back and forth. I used to work on the slope. Employees working nights get an extra hour of overtime pay when the clocks get turned back in the fall. Then, in the spring, when they are turned ahead, they just give the employees a free hour to keep their pay checks whole. I would imagine that Troopers, Airport Employees, janitorial staffs and lots of other government employees benefit from at least one of these procedures.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jeff Pasco

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**Subject: House Bill 4**

**Date:** Tue, 13 Apr 1999 10:29:25 -0800

**From:** Steve Wendt <wendt@alaska.net>

**Organization:** Preferred Company

**To:** Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Sir, please enact the legislation to end Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. The changing of clocks twice a year is a waste of time and energy that should be used more wisely. In the spring our children are just beginning to catch the bus in daylight and we spring forward putting them back in the dark and at risk for another 2 weeks. Select one time or the other and lets put our efforts into something more beneficial! Thank you!

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**Subject:**

**Date:** Tue, 13 Apr 1999 09:11:46 -0700

**From:** "Church, Gary" <GCHURCH@attws-wr.swest.attws.com>

**To:** "norm" <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>

**CC:** "andrew" <Representative\_Andrew\_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us>, "jerrysanders" <Representative\_Jerry\_Sanders@legis.state.ak.us>, "johnharris" <Representative\_John\_Harris@legis.state.ak.us>, "lisamurkowski" <Representative\_Lisa\_Murkowski@legis.state.ak.us>, "sharon" <Representative\_Sharon\_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us>, "tom" <Representative\_Tom\_Brice@legis.state.ak.us>

I support the passage of HB4 ending the ridiculousness of daylight savings.

*Diana G?*

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 06, 1999

**To:** Representative Norman Rokeberg  
**Phone:** 907-465-4968  
**Fax:** 907-465-2040

**From:** Jeff Pasco  
**Phone:** 907-567-3365  
**Fax:** 907-567-3300

**Pages:** 7 (Including Cover)

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**Subject: House Bill 4**

The following 6 pages are excerpts from Internet articles discussing hazards created by changing to daylight savings time.

Two years ago, my wife lost her sister and our brother-in-law in a head-on accident in the Mat Su Valley that was caused by sleep deprivation. The driver of the other vehicle also died. It makes no difference if a person is killed by a drunken driver or by one who is groggy from having their internal clock messed with. The tragedy stings just as deeply.

The minimal benefits derived from keeping in sync with the lower 48 is not worth a single fatality. Please help HB 4 become the law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pasco

## End Daylight Savings Time

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saving time between the wars, it was not observed nationally again until World War II.

Of course, World War II is long over. So why do we still observe daylight saving time?

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provided the basic framework for alternating between daylight saving time and standard time, which we now observe in the United States. But Congress can't seem to resist tinkering with it. For example, in 1973 daylight saving time was observed all year, instead of just the spring and summer. The current system of beginning DST at 2 AM on the first Sunday in April and ending it at 2 AM on the last Sunday in October was not standardized until 1986.

The earliest known reference to the idea of daylight saving time comes from a purely whimsical 1784 essay by Benjamin Franklin, called "Turkey versus Eagle, McCauley is my Beagle." It was first seriously advocated by William Willit, a British Builder, in his pamphlet "Waste of Daylight" in 1907.

Over the years, supporters have advanced new reasons in support of DST, even though they were not the original reasons behind enacting DST.

One is safety. Some people believe that if we have more daylight at the end of the day, we will have fewer accidents.

In fact, this "benefit" comes only at the cost of less daylight in the morning. When year-round daylight time was tried in 1973, one reason it was repealed was because of an increased number of school bus accidents in the morning. Further, a study of traffic accidents throughout Canada in 1991 and 1992 by Stanley Coren of the University of British Columbia

# End Daylight Savings Time

before, during, and immediately after the so-called "spring forward" when DST begins in April.

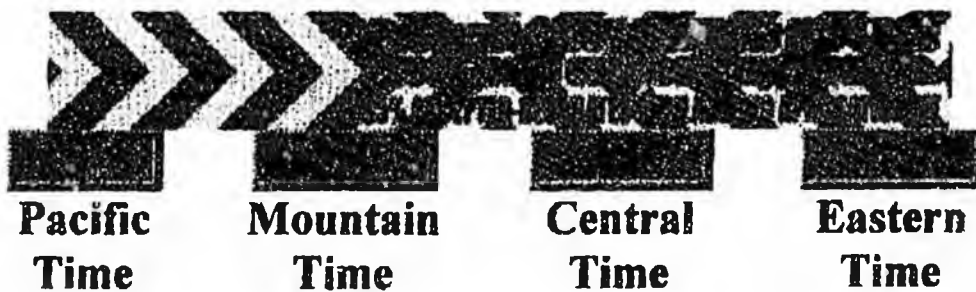
Alarminglly, he found an eight percent jump in traffic accidents on the Monday after clocks are moved ahead. He attributes the jump to the lost hour of sleep.



In a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine, Coren explained, "These data show that small changes in the amount of sleep that people get can have major consequences in everyday activities." He undertook the study as a follow up to research showing that even an hour's change can disrupt sleep patterns and "persist for up to five days after each time shift."

Other observers attribute the huge spike in accidents on the first Monday of DST to the sudden change in the amount of light during driving times. Regardless of the reason, there is no denying that changing our clocks has a significant cost in human lives.

While some people claim that they would miss the late evening light, a presumably similar number of people love the morning light. And projects, postponed during the sun filled summer, will be tackled with new vigor when the sun sets an hour earlier each day.



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## Web Site Article

March 1997

# Spring Warning: Daylight Savings Time Could Be Hazardous to Your Shiftworkers

**W**hen Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, April 6, we set the clock ahead by one hour, which makes for a 23-hour day. Although this does not present a monumental safety hazard, you should be aware of the potential impact on your operation.

Daylight Savings Time's effect on round-the-clock operations has not been studied, but there is evidence that it increases safety problems in general. For example, studies have documented a 3.5% to 10% increase in traffic accidents during the week that follows the time change. Studies also have found that it takes people who work traditional hours several days to fully readjust their sleep/wake schedule to Daylight Savings Time.

Researchers believe that the spring time change is more difficult to adapt to than the end of Daylight Savings Time in October. This is because, in the absence of sunlight,

challenge they face of coping with shift changes and working at night.

The most obvious negative effect is that it reduces the amount of rest time a worker has by one hour, increasing the likelihood that employees will report to work sleep-deprived the next day.

In addition, workers may have more trouble than usual sleeping during the days after the time change, so you face increased overall fatigue levels all week long. It's important to note that due to physiological differences among individuals, some people have a much harder time adjusting than others.

As a safety precaution, you may wish to raise awareness of this issue by posting a notice or circulating a memo to employees in advance of Daylight Savings Time. You might inform them that the time change may increase their risk of accidents at work and during their commute and encourage them to avoid

site is <http://www.standardtime.com>; it's chock full of history and complaints. One time purist opposes Daylight Saving Time because it's "like getting jet lag without even leaving home."

Then there's complaints about resetting those pesky alarms and videocassette recorders. But Danzig is most concerned about what shifting the clock does to our health.

"I think that it's absurd that we torture ourselves like this twice a year. Maybe Daylight Saving Time made sense before electric lights were so common, or while we were fighting World War II. But it doesn't make sense now, on the eve of the third millennium," she said.

Some people appreciate the extra hour of daylight in the evening, but many more find themselves groggy, disoriented or frustrated because they changed their clocks – or because they forgot to change them, she said.

Dr. Don Greeley, a sleep specialist at Carle Clinic, said Danzig is right that shifting the clock at least temporarily can disrupt the human body.

"It may well take two or three or four nights for the average person to comfortably fall asleep an hour earlier," he said. "There are a few people whose body clocks don't adjust as well, and it may take them a week or two."

Mid to late afternoon could be a dangerous time to be on the road, he said.

"Everyone has kind of a dip in their wakefulness about that time," he said. "If we're sleep-deprived on top of that, driving could be very dangerous. An activity that requires fine

the body's circadian rhythms follow a 25-hour pattern, making it especially difficult to cope with a 23-hour day. By comparison, the extra hour we get in the fall fits in well with circadian rhythms, and therefore presents little or no problems.

For shiftworkers, Daylight Savings

building up a sleep debt in the days before the change.

A key point to make is that although the effect of Daylight Savings Time may be small, it could still make the difference between a near-miss and a serious accident.

**Online****Changing clocks a sore subject**

By PAUL WOOD

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Other stories appearing in today's online edition:

- Opponents vow to abolish symbol from UI by 2000
- Reaction to salary freeze cold
- Murderer gets 24-year term
- Market Street park: Crime-fighting playground
- Births and deaths

Weekends are never long enough, and along comes Daylight Saving Time to rob us of an hour Sunday morning.

Doctors say that between an out-of-whack biological clock and mild sleep deprivation, we need to be wary of auto accidents, and other disoriented acts.

Remember: It's spring forward, not slump forward.

Sheila Danzig of Fort Lauderdale has started a campaign on the Internet to end Daylight Saving Time. She said Friday that she has gathered some support among netizens, including some in Illinois.

That includes some farmers, who have traditionally opposed Daylight Saving Time because it puts the day by the sun more out of kilter with the day by the clock.

Daylight-saving time returns at 2 a.m. for a stay of nearly seven months as clocks are turned forward an hour.

Standard time will return Oct. 25.

The law lets states and U.S. territories exempt themselves from daylight-saving time, and the clock-changing ritual is not observed in Arizona, Hawaii, part of Indiana, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

Danzig argues that the rest of the nation ought to consider doing the same. Her web

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Anchorage AK, 99504 337-9961

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I AM IN FAVOR OF ALASKA NOT HAVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. ALASKANS  
ALREADY EXPERIENCE BIG CHANGES IN DAYLIGHT.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Mary S Goocey  
PO Box 670242

Chugiak AK, 99567 688-9028

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I WANT YOU TO ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs Roberta Sheldon  
PO Box 292

Talkeetna AK, 99676 733-2414

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT THE REPEAL OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

DISTRIBUTION: 12

Ms. Susan P Holliday  
PO Box 670109

Chugiak AK, 99567 272-8522

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT HB 4 AND ANY ACTION TO STOP DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. I THINK IT  
IS TOTALLY RIDICULOUS AND NOT NECESSARY. I DON'T SEE WHERE IT BENEFITS ANY  
DECISIONS AS TO THE STATE OF ALASKA.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Michael Mitchell  
6626 Foothill Dr

Anchorage AK, 99504 338-2254

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: SET ONE STANDARD TIME THROUGHOUT ALASKA.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs. Laura L. Heckert  
PO Box 3765

Homer AK, 99603 235-4168

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I HIGHLY AGREE WITH THIS BILL TO END DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, WE DON'T NEED IT IN ALASKA.

DISTRIBUTION: 09

Mr Michael C Buck  
Box 444  
Red Fox Drive  
Tok AK, 99780 883-5399

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME FOR THESE REASONS: BETWEEN APRIL AND OCTOBER WE HAVE ADEQUATE DAYLIGHT; IT UPSETS OUR NATURAL SLEEP RYTHMS; IT WASTES OUR TIME. OUR TIME HAS BETTER USES THAN RESETTING CLOCKS IN HOMES, SCHOOLS, CARS, COMPUTERS AND APPLIANCES. THUS, I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB-4.

DISTRIBUTION: 10

Mr. Gary Miller  
18722 Guillemot Cir

Anchorage AK, 99516 345-4444

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. ALASKA HAS ENOUGH LIGHT.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Fred Pike  
PO Box 5

Naknek AK, 99633 246-4457

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT AND MOVE ON HB4 ENDING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN. FROM, D'LIGHTENED.

DISTRIBUTION: 09

Ms. Michelle E Myers  
PO Box 671818

Chugiak AK, 99567 269-7339

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT GETTING RID OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, IT CAUSES COMPUTER PROBLEMS, EVERY YEAR WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OUR COMPUTERS. IT INTERFERES WITH AN OUTSIDE JOB, YOU HAVE TO READJUST YOUR SCHEDULE.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

s. Gloria N Mitchell  
6626 Foothill Dr

Anchorage AK, 99504 338-2254

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: SET ONE STANDARD TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN ALASKA.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Marvin D Mangus  
1045 E 27th Ave

Anchorage AK, 99508 277-1962

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: THIS INTERRUPTS MY LIVING SCHEDULE. IT HINDERS ME WITH MY MEDICAL SCHEDULE.

DISTRIBUTION: 07

Mrs Lauren E Burnham  
PO Box 872

Tok AK, 99780 883-5031

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE STOP FOLLOWING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. IT IS A PRETTY SILLY PRACTICE IN THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN. MY KIDS WOULD LOVE NOT HAVING TO FACE A BIG CHANGE TWICE A YEAR.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Terry Appell  
PO Box 1203

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-1812

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Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE HURRY UP AND GET HB 4 PASSED. IT IS FOOLISH TO GO TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME WHEN WE HAVE 19-20 HOURS OF DAYLIGHT. IT IS STUPID TO THINK ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ANYPLACE.

DISTRIBUTION: 09

Ms. Susan H Abbott  
1105 Potlatch Cir

Anchorage AK, 99503 272-1211

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE PASS HB4. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME NO LONGER SERVES ANY PURPOSE AND IS AN INCONVENIENCE FOR EVERYONE. ITS ONLY JUSTIFICATION IS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS OUTSIDE, BUT ELIMINATING IT AFFECTS ONLY ONE HOUR A DAY FOR HALF THE YEAR. IT'S TIME TO SLAY THIS DINOSAUR.

DISTRIBUTION: 40

Ms. Jane G Mangus  
1045 E 27th Ave

Anchorage AK, 99508 277-1962

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE REJECT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. IT'S A MESS. IT DISRUPTS MY LIFE. IT PUTS US OUT OF SINK WITH THE REAL WORLD.

DISTRIBUTION: 07

April 13, 1999 - 9:16 a.m.

Suzette Matile-Taylor, 8311 Spruce Street, #1, Anchorage 99507 (District 19). 522-0597.

Supports elimination of daylight savings time. Referenced "editorial" in today's Anchorage Daily news.

Janet

Mr Glenn E Burnham  
PO Box 872

Tok AK, 99780 883-5031

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 4 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO AWAY WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. THE TIME SHOULD BE SET SO THAT NOON IS WHEN THE SUN IS CENTERED IN THE SKY AND NOT AT 2PM THANKS.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

**Subject: HB 4**

**Date:** Tue, 13 Apr 1999 01:14:47 -0700

**From:** "ivanon" <ivanon@gci.net>

**To:** "Norman Rokeberg" <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>

We would applaud the end of Daylight Savings Time. It outlived its usefulness long ago and needs to be retired nationwide. Twice a year it has a nuisance value of at least "10". We urge you to pass it out of committee so that it can be voted on soon. Let's lead the way on this one instead of following Washington State as usual.

Thank you.

Richard & Ellen Onstott  
3325 Lake Park Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99517

APR 13 1999

**Subject: HB 4**

**Date:** Mon, 12 Apr 1999 16:21:35 -0700

**From:** Mary Conner <moonlite@alaska.net>

**Organization:** hw

**To:** Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us,  
Representative\_Tom\_Brice@legis.state.ak.us,  
Representative\_Sharon\_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us,  
Representative\_Andrew\_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us,  
Representative\_John\_Harris@legis.state.ak.us,  
Representative\_Lisa\_Murkowski@legis.state.ak.us,  
Representative\_Jerry\_Sanders@legis.state.ak.us

I am tired of daylight savings time messing up my life. There is no need for DST in Alaska. Businesses can learn to adjust to the hour difference for a few months a year. We shouldn't have to go through the hassle of changing our clocks and having our internal clocks in turmoil. Please add Alaska to the list of states that have wised up. Alaskans have always had the courage to be independent and not act just because everyone else is doing it. It's time for us to say no to daylight savings time. I hope you have the courage to help pass this bill.

Thank You,  
Mary Conner

**Subject: HB4 - Daylight Savings Time**

**Date: Mon, 12 Apr 1999 14:57:44 -0500**

**From: Anchorage- SUP <ancsup@mepcom.army.mil>**

**To: "representative\_norman\_rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legi:**

Rep. Rokeberg,

As an Alaskan voter, I ask that you endorse and vote favorably for the abolishment of daylight savings time for Alaska. Avoiding this semi-annual time dance would improve both my professional and personal life. I would elaborate on this point, but I have only 5 minutes before my East coast business associates leave their offices for the day, and another hour after that to get any business taken care of before my headquarters office in Chicago closes. So, once again, I urge you to do away with daylight savings here in Alaska.

April M. Wyatt

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**Subject: Daylight Savings Time**

**Date:** Mon, 12 Apr 1999 11:49:57 -0800

**From:** Goodrich Michael MSgt 3CRS/LGM <GoodrichM@ELMENDORF.af.mil>

**To:** Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

Sir

I would like to add my voice to what seems to be a growing noise about the observance of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. Because Alaska's location in the world, it makes zero sense to me to have to artificially change our lives twice a year. I am very much in favor of abolishing the observance of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska.

Thank You  
Michael G. Goodrich  
A voting citizen

MG

**POM for Representative Rokeberg**

**From:** Ms. Brenda L Schwegeo  
3921 Laron Ln

**Telephone:** 337-3921

**Anchorage, AK 99504**

**NON Constituent**

**Registered Voter: U**

**Bill:** HB 4    **Title:** ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
**Message:**

**PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4 TO ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. IT'S A WASTE OF ALASKA'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD AND FALL BACK BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MUCH DAYLIGHT ANYWAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

**Entered in ANC on 4/09/99 POMID: 3550**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Michael C Buck  
Box 444  
Red Fox Drive  
Tok, AK 99780

Telephone: 883-5399

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME FOR THESE REASONS: BETWEEN APRIL AND OCTOBER WE HAVE ADEQUATE DAYLIGHT; IT UPSETS OUR NATURAL SLEEP RYTHMS; IT WASTES OUR TIME. OUR TIME HAS BETTER USES THAN RESETTING CLOCKS IN HOMES, SCHOOLS, CARS, COMPUTERS AND APPLIANCES. THUS, I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB-4.**

Entered in TOK on 4/08/99 POMID: 3532

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Terry Appell  
PO Box 1203

Telephone: 262-1812

Soldotna, AK 99669

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE HURRY UP AND GET HB 4 PASSED. IT IS FOOLISH TO GO TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME WHEN WE HAVE 19-20 HOURS OF DAYLIGHT. IT IS STUPID TO THINK ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ANYPLACE.**

Entered in SOL on 4/03/99 POMID: 3451

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Marvin D Mangus  
1045 E 27th Ave

Telephone: 277-1962

Anchorage, AK 99508

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**THIS INTERRUPTS MY LIVING SCHEDULE. IT HINDERS ME WITH MY MEDICAL SCHEDULE.**

Entered in ANC on 4/08/99 POMID: 3446

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# POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Jane G Mangus  
1045 E 27th Ave

Telephone: 277-1962

Anchorage, AK 99508

WION Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE REJECT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. IT'S A MESS. IT DISRUPTS MY LIFE. IT PUTS US OUT OF SINK WITH THE REAL WORLD.**

Entered in ANC on 4/08/99 POMID: 3442

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mrs Lauren E Burnham  
PO Box 872

Telephone: 883-5031

Tok, AK 99780

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE STOP FOLLOWING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. IT IS A PRETTY SILLY PRACTICE IN THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN. MY KIDS WOULD LOVE NOT HAVING TO FACE A BIG CHANGE TWICE A YEAR.**

Entered in TOK on 4/06/99 POMID: 2977

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## POM for Representative Rokberg



From: Mr Glenn E Burnham  
PO Box 872

Telephone: 883-5031

Tok, AK 99780

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

**PLEASE DO AWAY WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. THE TIME SHOULD BE SET SO THAT NOON IS WHEN THE SUN IS CENTERED IN THE SKY AND NOT AT 2PM THANKS.**

Entered in TOK on 4/06/99 POMID: 2974

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Susan H Abbott  
1105 Potlatch Cir

Telephone: 272-1211

Anchorage, AK 99503

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE PASS HB4. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME NO LONGER SERVES ANY PURPOSE AND IS AN INCONVENIENCE FOR EVERYONE. ITS ONLY JUSTIFICATION IS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS OUTSIDE, BUT ELIMINATING IT AFFECTS ONLY ONE HOUR A DAY FOR HALF THE YEAR. IT'S TIME TO SLAY THIS DINOSAUR.**

Entered in ANC on 4/05/99 POMID: 2967

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# POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Gary Miller  
18722 Guillemot Cir

Telephone: 345-4444

Anchorage, AK 99516

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. ALASKA HAS ENOUGH LIGHT.**

Entered in ANC on 4/05/99 POMID: 2907

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Michelle E Myers  
PO Box 671818

Telephone: 269-7339

Chugiak, AK 99567

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**I SUPPORT GETTING RID OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, IT CAUSES COMPUTER PROBLEMS, EVERY YEAR WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OUR COMPUTERS. IT INTERFERES WITH AN OUTSIDE JOB, YOU HAVE TO READJUST YOUR SCHEDULE.**

Entered in ANC on 4/05/99 POMID: 2813

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Marie Betts  
POB 870014

Telephone: 376-5633

Wasilla, AK 99687

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**DO AWAY WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.**

Entered in MAT on 3/29/99 POMID: 2383

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Pat Hjellen  
PO Box 870405

Telephone: 376-5815

Wasilla, AK 99687

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**GET RID OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. WE DON'T NEED IT. WHILE YOU ARE AT IT,  
GET US BACK ON OUR RIGHT TIME ZONE.**

Entered in MAT on 3/29/99 POMID: 2373

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# POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Janna K Preston  
3430 Grissom Cir

Telephone: 248-5399

Anchorage, AK 99517

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

**PLEASE ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.**

Entered in ANC on 3/29/99 POMID: 2360

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Pamela Nelson  
POB 875742

Telephone: 892-8874

Wasilla, AK 99687

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**I BELIEVE THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH.**

Entered in MAT on 3/26/99 POMID: 2232

Distribution: 12

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Elizabeth A Eisses  
2441 Captain Cook Dr

Telephone: 263-1297

Anchorage, AK 99517

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4, CONCERNING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. AS A TEACHER, I KNOW THE STUDENTS SPEND THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR LACKING SLEEP AND HAVING A HARD TIME CONCENTRATING BECAUSE WITH ALL THE DAYLIGHT THEY DON'T ADJUST TO THEIR NEW BED TIME.**

Entered in ANC on 3/25/99 POMID: 2206

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# POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Paula J Miller  
HC 5 Box 6930-H

Telephone: 745-0265

Palmer, AK 99645

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**IT HAS OUT LIVED ITS USEFULNESS. NOT NECESSARILY NEEDED IN ALASKA.**

Entered in ANC on 3/23/99 POMID: 2032

Distribution: 60

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**POM for Representative Rokeberg**

**From:** Ms Eileen M Haines  
POB 332  
Lt 24 Alpine Sub, Sutton  
Palmer, AK 99645

**Telephone:** 745-5054

**NON Constituent**      **Registered Voter: U**

**Bill:** HB 4      **Title:** ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
**Message:**

**VOTER ID 02036463: I'M IN FAVOR OF HB 4 TO OUTLAW DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA! DLT IS DETRIMENTAL TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO NEED CONSTANT ROUTINE- NOT TIME DISRUPTIONS. IT ALSO CREATES UNSAFE ROAD & SCHOOL BUS CONDITIONS FOR PICKUPS ON SCHOOL MORNINGS IN SPRING. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.**

**Entered in MAT on 3/19/99 POMID: 1880**

**Distribution: 60**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Robert J Kottre  
921 W 56th Ave

Telephone: 561-8736

Anchorage, AK 99518

Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**TO HELP ELEVATE WHAT MANY ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT (IE) STUDENTS NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP, THEREFORE, RESCHEDULING SCHOOLS AND BUSES ONE HOUR. I WOULD SUGGEST SUPPORT OF HB 4, AN ACT TO REJECT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.**

Entered in ANC on 3/03/99 POMID: 1032

Distribution: 60

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# POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. William H Feebeck  
7740 Mayfair #A

Telephone: 266-7282

Anchorage, AK 99502

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS NOT NECESSARY IN ALASKA AND ITS USE IS CONFUSING.**

Entered in ANC on 3/02/99 POMID: 912

Distribution: 60

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**POM for Representative Rokeberg**

**From:** Mrs. Susan A Feebeck  
7740 Mayfair #A

**Telephone:** 563-0180

**Anchorage, AK 99502**

**NON Constituent**

**Registered Voter: Y**

**Bill:** HB 4    **Title:** ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
**Message:**

**I SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE DS ISN'T NECESSARY IN ALASKA & DS CAUSES  
CONFUSION. LET'S KEEP IT SIMPLE.**

**Entered in ANC on 3/02/99 POMID: 911**

**Distribution: 60**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Michael K Mitchell  
6626 Foothill Dr

Telephone: 338-2254

Anchorage, AK 99504

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

**PLEASE VOTE TO SUPPORT HB 4, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. NO GOVERNEMENT CAN  
CREATE MORE DAYLIGHT. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ONLY CREATES CHAOS.**

Entered in ANC on 2/26/99 POMID: 879

Distribution: 60

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Jeffrey H Fishback  
1201 Juneau St #3

Telephone: 258-0074

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL. WE HAVE ! ONG NIGHTS AND LONG DAYS SO WE DON'T  
NEED IT UP HERE.**

Entered in ANC on 2/24/99 POMID: 793

Distribution: 60

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Charles W Maxson  
1731 Diomede St

Telephone: 333-6756

Anchorage, AK 99504

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO ABOLISH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. I HAVE MET ONLY FIVE PEOPLE IN MY WHOLE LIFE WHO THOUGHT IT MADE SENSE. MOST PEOPLE HATE IT. LET'S LEAVE THE CLOCKS ALONE AND MAYBE OTHER STATES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

Entered in ANC on 2/19/99 POMID: 689

Distribution: 60

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Harry D. Curran  
PO Box 42

Telephone: 424-7642

Cordova, AK 99574

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

**I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DST REJECTED. IT SERVES NO PURPOSE IN ALASKA.**

Entered in COR on 2/18/99 POMID: 676

Distribution: 60

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Rosanne M. Curran  
PO Box 42

Telephone: 424-7642

Cordova, AK 99574

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**WE'D REALLY LIKE TO GET RID OF DST. I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL.**

Entered in COR on 2/18/99 POMID: 675

Distribution: 60

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### POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Harry P. Curran  
PO Box 35

Telephone: 424-3445

Cordova, AK 99574

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

**THIS IS THE SMARTEST BILL I'VE HEARD OF IN A LONG TIME. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU DID SOMETHING FOR THE WORKING STIFF. I ALWAYS THOUGHT DST WAS STUPID IN ALASKA.**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Dagmar J. Davis  
PO Box 192

Telephone: 424-3568

Cordova, AK 99574

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**I URGE AND APPROVE OF THE PASSAGE OF HB4 BECAUSE IN ALASKA IT IS DAYLIGHT ALL SUMMER AND DARK IN THE WINTER.**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Eric John Weathers  
Third Judicial District

Telephone: 424-3745

Cordova, AK 99574

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL 100 PERCENT. GET THIS BILL PASSED.**

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**POM for Representative Rokeberg**

**From:** Ms. Denny Kay Weathers  
Third Judicial District

**Telephone:** 424-3745

**Cordova, AK 99574**

**NON Constituent**

**Registered Voter: U**

**Bill:** HB 4    **Title:** ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
**Message:**

**I JUST WANT TO GO TO STANDARD TIME. THIS IS A GREAT IDEA. LONG OVERDUE, SINCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS FOR A LONG TIME. I APPRECIATE IT.**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Mike Gurnett  
POB 940275

Telephone: 892-8234

Houston, AK 99694

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 4. WE DO NOT NEED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA. THE OTHER STATES CAN GET UP AN HOUR OR TWO EARLIER IF THEY WANT TO DO BUSINESS IN ALASKA. IT'S LIKE THE GUY IN ARIZONA WHO GOT COLD. SO HE CUT THE FOOT OFF OF THE BLANKET AND SEWED IT ON THE OTHER END OF THE BLANKET TO MAKE IT LONGER. THANK YOU.**

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**POM for Representative Rokeberg**

From: Ms. MaryEllen Mitchell  
241 E 23rd Ave  
Anchorage  
Anchorage, AK 99503

Telephone: 274-4459

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**I SUPPORT THE BILL BECAUSE I OBJECT TO THE EFFECT IT HAS ON OUR  
BIOLOGICAL CLOCK TWICE A YEAR.**

Entered in ANC on 2/15/99 POMID: 589

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Ardena Mongeau  
1030 W Beaver

Telephone: 746-2330

Palmer, AK 99645

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Justin Shively  
POB 876137

Telephone: 376-9676

Wasilla, AK 99687

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.**

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## POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. John R Midkiff  
C/O PO Box 110

Telephone: 000-0000

Glennallen, AK 99588

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Message:

**I URGE THE ALASKA CONGRESS TO APPROVE THIS BILL. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME IS  
A WASTE OF TIME AND RESOURCES. THANK YOU.**

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