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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

March 13, 1958

Mr. Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director
Alaska Legislative Council
Box 2199
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Henry:

Enclosed is the "Findings of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Fiscal Problems for the Anchorage Independent School District and the City of Anchorage". The committee was formed in the early part of 1957. Based on its report, the School District proposed a sales tax which was defeated. Reference was made occasionally to this committee report during the campaign for the City sales tax which was defeated February 25, 1958.

At the moment the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a new committee to study the financial problems of this area insofar as additional taxes are concerned. This committee is just getting under way and is an extremely large one, headed up by John Croul, Jr., Box 153, Anchorage.

I expect to be at Nome for the hearings before the Legislative Council. I will look to your guidance in presenting any material before the Council, but it occurs to me that one point should be emphasized. I have obtained an impression that the financial problems of the Territory and the political subdivisions of the Territory are somewhat interrelated. It is unfortunate, I think, to find the Territory meeting its financial problems at the expense of the political subdivisions. Perhaps I am pessimistic, but in the closing days of the last session, I felt that the Legislature was desperately trying to achieve a balanced budget without caring particularly what the results might be to the political subdivisions of the Territory. It seemed to me that various tax proposals were

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ALASKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 28, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Sharp, City Manager
City of Ketchikan
P. O. Box 1110
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Bob:

The Legislative Council meets at Nome, Alaska on June 9-12. On the agenda at this meeting is the subject of taxes. The Executive Director of the Council, Henry J. Camerot has advised the League that an opportunity will be given for a League representative to appear at the time of hearing.

Mayor Anderson has suggested that I make arrangements to attend this meeting. The expenses involved may be shared by the League and the City of Anchorage.

It has been the position of the League, as I understand it, to make municipal tax problems known to the Governor's tax group and to the Legislative Council. It would seem that we should clarify our legislative program on this subject as early as possible. The proposed hearing provides an opportunity to make known to the Legislative Council, the position of the League. Since I am unsure of the extent to which we have developed the League program, I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may care to make. I think we should be prepared to take some position on the following:

1. Refund of gasoline tax.
2. Increase in the amount of refund on raw fish tax.
3. Return of the tax collected on wholesale liquor outlets within municipalities.
4. Refunds or sharing with the Territory, proceeds from natural resources (oil and gas leases).
5. Any other proposed refunds or sharing of taxes with the Territory.

7-10-58
March 21, 1958

National Alcoholic Beverage
Control Association
Suite 601
1000 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Alaska Legislative Council is planning to conduct hearings on the feasibility of the Territorial government (or, if good fortune prevails, the State of Alaska) engaging in the wholesale distribution and/or retail sale of alcoholic beverages. This hearing, set for Nome, Alaska, June 9 through 12 of this year, is part of an overall study intended to explore new sources of revenue and to analyze Alaska's present tax structure.

The Distilled Spirits Institute has been invited to send a witness who will, undoubtedly, expound on the disadvantages of a state monopoly. It is anticipated that other members of the liquor wholesale and retail trade in Alaska will also appear in opposition to the proposal.

I had hoped to have both sides fully explored by inviting a member of a State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission or of the National Association to appear and explain the arguments in favor of such legislation. I am now advised by Mr. Earl Wright, Director of the Wyoming Liquor Commission, that the National Alcoholic Beverage Control Association has no funds to send a representative to appear in Alaska and "In fact, it is the policy of our Association to absolutely keep away from any action which might be construed as attempting to affect legislation outside of our own group and, if such legislation should be adopted, we do not want to be accused of lobbying or trying in any way to upset any presently accepted practice."

The net affect of the above is that only one side of the proposal will be heard. If you have any suggestions on how I might remedy this off-center result I would very much

March 20, 1958

Mr. Alex Miller
312 - 11th
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Alex:

The Alaska Legislative Council is scheduled to convene in Nome on June 9 through 12, at which time it will hold hearings on, among other things, the feasibility of the Alaska Legislature enacting a wholesale liquor bill wherein the Territory would wholesale all liquor to the different retail outlets. It is my intention to invite a representative of those states engaged in the wholesaling and retailing of intoxicating liquors to appear before the Council and testify as to the reasons they believe such an act would benefit Alaska, particularly in the production of additional revenue.

So that the Council can have the benefit of hearing the pros and cons surrounding this proposition, I would appreciate your advising me who, in your opinion, can best represent those persons or firms in Alaska now engaged in the wholesale liquor business. In other words, there will be only limited time available for public hearings at the next Council meeting and, therefore, I wish to invite those witnesses most fully qualified to present both sides of the issue. I have found that this is the best manner of equipping the Council members with necessary background information upon which to make their recommendations.

Incidentally, as one active in politics and government, you will be interested in knowing that we will also discuss revenue and taxes in general, and anticipate having witnesses appear on the following:

- the pros and cons of a Territory-wide sales tax
- the pros and cons of a Territory-wide property tax
- the pros and cons of adopting a luxury tax.

Your early reply to this will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Casarot
Executive Director

March 19, 1958

Distilled Spirits Institute
1132 Pennsylvania Building
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Alaska Legislative Council is scheduled to convene in Nome, Alaska on June 9 through 12, at which time it will hold hearings, among other things, on the feasibility of the Alaska Legislature enacting a wholesale and/or retail bill, wherein the Territorial Government would wholesale and/or retail all liquor consumed in Alaska. It is my intention to invite a representative of those states engaged in the wholesaling and retailing of intoxicating liquors to appear before the Council and testify as to the reasons they believe such an act would benefit Alaska, particularly in the production of additional revenues.

So that the Council may have the benefit of hearing the pros and cons surrounding this proposition, I am wondering if your organization, or institute, would care to send a witness to attend this hearing. Unfortunately, our invitation cannot include any fees, travel expenses, lodgings, hotel accommodations, or any other costs that might be incurred.

I recently noticed that you had published the fourteenth edition of "Summary of State Laws and Regulations Relating to Distilled Spirits". I would very much appreciate receiving a copy of this publication.

Your early reply to this invitation would be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Gamrot
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. T. C. Whiteside
Box 2360
Juneau

March 19, 1958

Mr. W. P. Thomas, Manager
Anchorage Businessmen's Assoc.,
217 Loussac-Sogn Building
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Thomas:

At our next Alaska Legislative Council meeting in Nome, scheduled for June 9 through 12, of this year, the Council will review one of its major studies called "Revenue and Taxation". At this moment it is not possible to predict a state of finances as they will exist when the Legislature next convenes in Juneau in 1959. However, we cannot wait until that time to appraise our present tax structure and to examine other sources which could contribute to the production of additional revenues to the Territorial Government.

For illustration purposes, the area of discussion will center around the feasibility of the Territory passing a law wherein it will be the sole wholesaler, or distributor, of intoxicating beverages to the retailers. We also wish to discuss the broadness of the present tax base; the pros and cons of a territorial-wide sales tax; the pros and cons of a Territorial-wide property tax; and the pros and cons of adopting a luxury tax.

On behalf of the Council, may I extend an invitation to you to attend and testify. Unfortunately, our invitation cannot include any fees, travel expenses, lodgings, hotel accommodations, or any other costs that might be incurred.

I feel that inasmuch as you represent a business group in Alaska it will balance off the anticipated witnesses appearing on behalf of Labor, the League of Alaskan Cities, and, possibly, the Territorial Government.

Your early answer to this will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Tamarot
Executive Director

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March 19, 1958

Mr. Jack McFarland
Box 478
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Jack:

The Alaska Legislative Council will consider the pros and cons of a Territorial-wide sales, property, and/or luxury tax, together with other possible sources of revenue, when it next convenes in Nome on June 9 through 12. It is anticipated that several witnesses, representing the Business interests, the Territorial Government and the Cities, will be on hand to testify. You are invited to send a witness on behalf of labor at this meeting to express their views.

Your early reply to this invitation would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director

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cc: Henry Hedberg



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May 23, 1958

Mr. Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director
Alaska Legislative Council
Box 2199
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Camarot:

My plans contemplate trips to Nome approximately every 45 days and I am delighted to arrange my schedule so that I can be in Nome on June 10th.

The program which you have outlined is a most ambitious one and on subjects that heretofore I had not given a great deal of thought. I am now doing a little research and will attempt to come to Nome prepared to learn a great deal about the activities of the Legislative Council.

Thank you very much for the invitation.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Rusing
Executive Vice President

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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
OF THE
TERRITORY OF ALASKA
ALASKA OFFICE BUILDING
JUNEAU

June 2, 1958

Mr. Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director
Legislative Council
Alaska Office Building
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Camarot:

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated April 28, 1958, wherein you advise that on June 9 through 12 the Legislative Council will discuss, at its meeting in Nome, matters pertaining to revenues and taxation. It is with regret that I am unable to attend this important meeting in person, so will comply with your alternate request for a statement identifying the present state of collection of revenues and a forecast of collections for the balance of the biennium.

Concerning the biennium July 1, 1957, through June 30, 1959, for purposes of the budget, estimated total gross collections of all taxes, license fees, and excise collected by the Department of Taxation was forecast at \$47,098,600.00. Reference is made to attached Schedule 'A'. It is to be noted that in the first eleven months of the biennium total collections amount to \$22,707,300.32 which represent 48.2% of the total estimated gross collections for the twenty-four month period.

Concerning the month of June 1958, it is estimated, from past collection records, that gross collections for the month will amount to approximately \$900,000.00. Adding estimated June collections to the total gross collections for the first eleven months of the biennium (\$22,707,300.32 plus \$900,000.00) amounts to \$23,607,300.32. This will mean that for the first half of the biennium actual collections will amount to slightly more than 50% of the total estimated collections for the twenty-four month period.

Had the 1957 fishing season equaled that of 1956 we would have ended the first twelve months with a surplus in the neighborhood of \$450,000.00.

Referring to Schedule "A" wherein collections from Income Tax for the first eleven months amount to \$9,376,807.77, there is expected an additional \$500,000.00 in June 1958, which will bring the grand total of collections of Income Tax to \$9,876,807.77 or just slightly below 50% of the total estimated for such tax. The slight deficiency in anticipated revenue of Income Tax for the twelve months can best be explained by what was termed by some as a poor construction year in the Anchorage and Fairbanks areas.

Your attention is invited to Schedule "B" which shows a breakdown of taxes collected by Judicial Divisions for the period July 1, 1957, through May 31, 1958. Your attention is further invited to Schedule "C" which shows a statement of gross collections for the period July 1, 1957, through May 31, 1958, as compared with the period July 1, 1956, through May 31, 1957. It is to be noted on Schedule "C" that of the taxes that showed a downward trend in total collections, the raw fish tax deficiency amounts to over 80% of all such taxes. The deficiency has been made up in other taxes such as Income Tax, Motor Vehicle registrations and liquor licenses.

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI, GOVERNOR

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
TAX COMMISSION

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March 12, 1958

Alaska Legislative Council
Box 2199
Juneau, Alaska

Attention: Henry J. Camarot, Executive Director

Gentlemen:

In response to your recent correspondence we advise that the State of Washington does not offer a specific tax incentive program for the benefit of new or existing industry although some features of our revenue plan are attractive to industrial development.

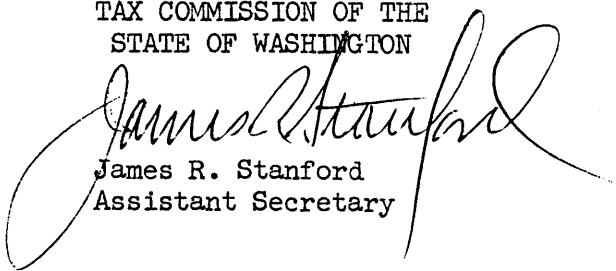
Washington enjoys an exceptionally low property tax because of a Constitutional limitation of 40 mills of assessed valuation. Neither individual income taxes nor corporation taxes are imposed by the State of Washington, a Retail Sales Tax constituting the principal revenue source at the state level supplemented by various other Excises including a Business and Occupation Tax and a privilege tax on public utilities.

The Tax Advisory Council, appointed by Governor Rosellini to make an interim study of our revenue plan and to make recommendations to the 1959 Legislature, has adopted as one of its criteria that taxes should encourage the industrial development of the state. The Council is studying various means for revising the state tax structure so as to offer greater incentive to new or expanding industries and it is possible that its recommendations may include some form of a tax incentive program.

If the foregoing does not fully cover your point of inquiry please feel free to call upon us for additional information.

Yours very truly,

TAX COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON


James R. Stanford
Assistant Secretary

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ALASKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
JUNEAU, ALASKA



Office of the
Secretary of State

State of Florida

Tallahassee

May 29th, 1957

TO THE OFFICIAL ADDRESSED:

Dear Sir:

As directed by the Florida Legislature,
Regular Session 1957, I am transmitting herewith
a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 381, as
filed in this office.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Gray
Secretary of State.

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ALASKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 12, 1959

Mr. James Fitzgerald
City Attorney
P. O. Box 400
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Consideration is again being given to a Property Tax Act. Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have transmitted to the Attorney General this date. It raises only one of the questions that I foresee as a possible problem. I am not sure that it doesn't also offend or at least possibly cause some confusion when first class cities or boroughs become Home Rule political subdivisions. For this reason I would appreciate any comments you may have on this proposed bill.

I have also been asked to secure a copy of the Anchorage Uniform Assessment Code at the earliest time possible. Anything you can do in regard to furnishing me a copy, at least five copies thereof, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Cameron
Executive Director

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October 14, 1958

BOX 1199
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

GEORGE H. CORNELIUS
Real Estate Broker
Box 484
Kodiak, Alaska

The Legislative Council
Chairman on Taxation

Dear Sirs:

I would like to submit the following suggestion for whatever it may be worth:

That the State Legislature make provisions for the election of a State Tax Commissioner. His duties would be:

He would be charged with the collection of state taxes on licenses and privileges, consumers sales use taxes, and tax forfeiture. Under the above his duties should include enforcement of laws pertaining to assessment and collection of all state, county, or burrough, district and municipal property taxes; assistance to the Board of State Public Works in matters of utility assessments and revenue; and supervising, inspecting and auditing the accounts and records of all public offices of the new state. Appropriate provisions should be made for the election of one assessor for each of the counties or burroughs for a four year term of office. He may be able to succeed himself.

The salary of the Commissioner and other Assessors would be determined by the Legislature. The State Tax Commissioner should be authorized to remove any assessor from office for misconduct or neglect of duty in office. He should be empowered with the authority to obtain approval of State Board of Public Works to appoint competent persons to appraise property in the counties or burroughs in order that a more equitable distribution of taxes can be made.

To get the wheels rolling on the above I think it will also be necessary for the Commissioner to provide office space and facilities for the various committee's that will be working with him for several years. I would also like to suggest that the State Tax Commissioner should undertake a revaluation of the general property within the state, so far as his resources and facilities will permit. It would also help local tax assessors if the State Tax Commissioner would compile and issue a guide for state and local assessors, and conduct an in-service training school for the local assessors of the various counties or burroughs.

Respectfully Submitted

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May 17, 1958

Mr. Henry J. Camarot, Executive Director
Alaska Legislative Council
Box 2199
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Camarot:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th advising
of the agenda for the June meeting in Nome.

Our attorney, Mr. Wayne D. Calderwood will be
at the meeting to appear for the Association.
Mr. Calderwood states that Tuesday date is
satisfactory.

Sincerely,

W. P. Thomas

W. P. THOMAS
Manager

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July 2, 1958

Mr. Bill Ray
190 South Franklin
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Bill:

You are invited to submit any comments, views or recommendations with respect to the feasibility of having the Territory or State of Alaska engage in the exclusive wholesaling of alcoholic beverages. As I have orally advised you, we are most desirous of facts and would appreciate your doing anything possible to assist us in compiling information and data explaining the pros and cons of such an undertaking.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Gamrot
Executive Director

HJC/mw

June 30, 1958

Mr. James Fitzgerald
City Attorney
Box 400
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

On behalf of the Council may I express my deepest appreciation for the excellent presentation made by you before the Legislative Council in its study devoted to "Revenue and Taxation". Your presence at the Nome meeting was most welcome and I am confident that you impressed the individual Council members with the problems faced by the different municipalities of Alaska with respect to matters of a fiscal nature. Any additional data that you may wish to submit to the Council in brief form can be forwarded to this office.

Sincerest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Casarot
Executive Director

HJC/m

cc: Mrs. Lucy Nick
Executive Secretary
League of Alaskan Cities
Box 1764
Palmer, Alaska

-- June 30, 1958

Mr. Bill Moran
Executive Vice President
First National Bank
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Bill:

When the Alaska Legislative Council was in Nome this month Mr. El Rusing, President of the Alaska National Bank, Fairbanks, Alaska, testified on the Council's study relative to "Revenue and Taxation". Thereafter, Mr. Rusing informally advised me that the Alaska Bankers Association had proposed a new banking code which it apparently intends to have presented to the next Alaska Legislature. Mr. Rusing queried me whether the Legislative Council was the proper interim agency to review and perhaps recommend such a measure for passage. I advised him that it was.

At a subsequent executive session, and upon the motion of Representative Jim von der Heydt, the Council directed me to make a preliminary report on the proposed code at the next Council meeting, which will be held in Kodiak, Alaska, October 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Mr. W. T. "Dutch" Kegley of the First National Bank, Juneau, Alaska, has given me a copy of the recommended measure and Mr. Max Wilde, who is presently in Juneau, has given me some preliminary explanations as to those sections offering changes in Alaska's existing banking laws.

I find that the Council is greatly aided when witnesses appear before it and, in an unhurried moment, testify and explain the reason or need for a particular bill, and/or review the legal objectives intended. For this reason, I would like to suggest -- and formally invite -- the Alaska Bankers Association to have a representative appear on their behalf at the Kodiak meeting and lend such information and explanation as may be necessary. Unfortunately, the Council is without funds to absorb any of the witnesses' costs of transportation,

June 30, 1958

Mr. H. G. Vesper
President
Western Operation
Standard Oil Company of California
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Vesper:

I wish to acknowledge your telegram of June 7, 1958, which I received while in Nome, and to express my deep appreciation for your quick response to my queries. The Alaska Legislative Council was most interested in your remarks. I anticipate the occasion may again arise when further information on the industry's activities will be sought and I trust I can again call upon you for current data. However, be assured that I will endeavor to allow more time for you to submit an answer.

Any comments, recommendations or suggestions that you may have relative to existing or future legislation, whether on revenue or other matters, is invited. I am confident that Alaska, through its legislators, is desirous of a better understanding of the problems faced by a relatively new industry in Alaska, and in assisting it where possible.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director

HJC/um

June 25, 1958

Mr. Edward J. Rusing
President
Alaska National Bank
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rusing:

This is to express the appreciation of the members of the Council and myself for your informal presentation of personal views on taxation and other matters while the Alaska Legislative Council was in session at Nome.

The Council is always eager to have the views of citizens interested in public affairs, and your comments were particularly interesting.

You might like to know that subsequent to your appearance, the Council directed the staff to review the Alaska Banking Association's proposed changes to the present banking law and to make a preliminary report thereof at the Kodiak meeting in October. "Dutch" Hagley and Mr. Wilde (who is presently in Juneau) will confer further with me on this matter at a scheduled luncheon date this coming Friday.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director

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May 14, 1958

Commerce Clearing House, Inc.
214 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

Gentlemen:

I recently discovered in our Library a book entitled "Tax Systems", 13th Edition, 1952, published by the Commerce Clearing House, Inc.

If there is a later edition or editions of this same publication I would appreciate receiving a copy immediately by air freight, together with the invoice (in triplicate), to be charged to the Alaska Legislative Council.

If there is more than one subsequent edition I only wish to receive the latest. In no event is it necessary to send the 13th edition to which I refer above.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Gassrot
Executive Director

HJC/mw

May 14, 1958

Mr. Edward J. Rusing
President
Miners and Merchants Bank
Nome, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rusing:

The Alaska Legislative Council is scheduled to meet in Nome this June 9 - 12, at which time it will begin its first hearing on that study devoted to taxation and sources of revenue for the operation of the Alaska government. It is my understanding that you are well versed in fiscal matters and that your knowledge of the Territorial government exceeds that of most persons.

Specifically, we are interested in covering the following topics:

1. An analysis and examination of Alaska's present tax structure;
2. A brief comparison of Alaska's tax structure with that of other states, as to the basic tax laws from which each derives its major revenues and the respective tax rates charged thereunder; and
3. The pros and cons of new tax measures and other recommended sources of revenue. In this regard, I wish your views on the
 - (a) feasibility of enacting a property tax measure;
 - (b) feasibility of enacting a sales tax measure;
 - (c) feasibility of enacting a luxury tax measure;
 - (d) feasibility of enacting a wholesale liquor law, wherein the Territory would have the exclusive right to wholesale intoxicating beverages in Alaska; and
 - (e) other available sources or means of securing revenue for the Territory.

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HENRY J CAMEROT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 127

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ALASKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, CARE OF NORTH STAR HOTEL NOME
IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF JUNE 4, OUR VIEWS ON THE
NUMBERED CATEGORIES ARE --

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2- STANDARD HOPES FOR CONTINUED DRILLING ACTIVITY. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON OTHER COMPANIES PLANS.

3- PRODUCTION FACILITIES CAN BE ESTABLISHED ONLY AFTER SUFFICIENT RESERVES ARE PROVEN TO SHOW THAT THE EXPENSE IS WARRANTED AS IN OTHER AREAS. WE BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE TO HAZARD A GUESS AS TO TIMING OR TYPE AT THIS TIME.

4- ESTIMATED VOLUME TO WEST COAST IMPOSSIBLE ESTIMATE PRESENT TIME. TAKES YEARS TO BUILD UP PRODUCTION VOLUME. IN THIS CASE SUFFICIENT RESERVES ON WHICH TO BASE A FORECAST ARE NOT YET ASSURED. 5 ALASKA REFINERY IS A QUESTION THAT CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY AFTER EXPLOGATION AND DEVELOPMENT HAVE ESTABLISHED THE EXISTENCE OF PROVEN RESERVES FAR GREATER THAN ANY PRESENTLY KNOWN TO EXIST. WE REQUEST THAT ANY PROPOSED TAXATION ON OIL INDUSTRY AS AN INDUSRY BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY TO AVOID AN UNATTRACTIVE SITUATION THAT MIGHT DETER EXPANSION

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Alaska Legislative Council
Mr. Henry J. Camarot, Executive Director
Post Office Box 2199
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Camarot:

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 1958, ordering one copy of TAX SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD, 14th Edition.

We discontinued publication of the above title when our supply of the 13th Edition was exhausted. Accordingly, it will be appropriate for you to cancel your order for this title.

We look forward to the opportunity to be of further service to you in the future in connection with other of our publications.

Very truly yours,

COMMERCE CLEARING HOUSE, Inc.

C. W. Christiansen
Cash Item Department
Manager

CWC/dhb

May 14, 1958

Mr. James Fitzgerald
City Attorney
P. O. Box 400
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Jim:

This is to advise you that the Alaska Legislative Council meeting in Nome is definitely scheduled for June 9 through 12.

You will be requested to appear Tuesday, presumably during the morning session, and present the views of the League of Alaskan Cities. Specifically, we are interested in the following:

1. An analysis and examination of Alaska's present tax structure;
2. A brief comparison of Alaska's tax structure with that of other states, as to the basic tax laws from which each derives its major revenues and the respective tax rates charged thereunder; and
3. The pros and cons of new tax measures and other recommended sources of revenue. In this regard, I hope to have able witnesses presenting their *with your* views on the
 - (a) feasibility of enacting a property tax measure,
 - (b) feasibility of enacting a sales tax measure;
 - (c) feasibility of enacting a luxury tax measure;
 - (d) feasibility of enacting a wholesale liquor law, wherein the Territory would have the exclusive right to wholesale intoxicating beverages in Alaska, and
 - (e) other available sources or means of securing revenue for the Territory.

May 12, 1958

Mr. R. L. Faubert
Odom Company
300 Colman Building
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Faubert:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 1958, wherein you advise that the Odom Company is "giving serious consideration to having a representative" at the Nome meeting this June 9 through 12. You also state that: "If it is your desire that we let you know who the representative will be in advance of the meeting we will be happy to do so."

It is not necessary that your representative be identified, however, I would very much appreciate a definite decision as to whether you will have a representative there so that I can make certain that whoever he is he will be afforded sufficient time in a tightly scheduled meeting to testify and present the position of your company, and perhaps other wholesalers, with respect to the feasibility of enacting a monopoly state wholesale liquor bill.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director

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May 13, 1958

Mr. W. P. Thomas
Manager
Anchorage Businessmen's Association
217 Loussac-Sogn Building
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to advise you that the Alaska Legislative Council meeting in Nome is definitely scheduled for June 9 through 12.

You will be requested to appear Tuesday, presumably during the morning session, and present the views of your Association.

Specifically, we are interested in the following:

1. An analysis and examination of Alaska's present tax structure;
2. A brief comparison of Alaska's tax structure with that of other states, as to the basic tax laws from which each derives its major revenues and the respective tax rates charged thereunder; and
3. The pros and cons of new tax measures and other recommended sources of revenue. In this regard, I hope to have able witnesses presenting their views on the
 - (a) feasibility of enacting a property tax measure,
 - (b) feasibility of enacting a sales tax measure,
 - (c) feasibility of enacting a luxury tax measure,
 - (d) feasibility of enacting a wholesale liquor law, wherein the Territory would have the exclusive right to wholesale intoxicating beverages in Alaska, and
 - (e) other available sources or means of securing revenue for the Territory.

April 28, 1958

Mr. C. W. Snedden
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
Box 710
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Snedden:

It is my understanding that you have considerable information on those monopoly states who are engaged in the whole-sale and retail liquor business. This is a matter which will be discussed by the Alaska Legislative Council at its next meeting this June 9 through 12 in Nome, Alaska. Accordingly, I would very much appreciate receiving such data as you may have.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Gamrot
Executive Director

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April 28, 1958

Mr. A. Shyman, Manager
Alaska Distributors Company
911 Western Ave., Maritime Bldg.
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Shyman:

The Alaska Legislative Council is scheduled to hold hearings in Nome, Alaska this June 9 through 12, at which time it will primarily concern itself with that study devoted to "New Resources and Revenues". Among the several subjects for discussion will be the feasibility of the Territory of Alaska engaging in the selling of liquor and beverages as a wholesale, and perhaps retail, Monopoly State.

The Council is desirous of having representatives of the public, the liquor industry and possibly from a monopoly state, appear and submit such factual data as may be available, together with any appropriate recommendations. Accordingly, you are invited to attend the hearings and testify or submit such data as may be determined to be of assistance to the Council.

I regret the Council cannot pay any travel expenses, fees or other remuneration or expense to witnesses appearing before it. However, be assured the Council will be very appreciative of your cooperation and will regard your participation as most important in its formulation of future legislation.

I would appreciate a reply to this invitation at your earliest convenience so that an agenda may be prepared in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director

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*Identical letter sent to all
on 4/29/58*

April 21, 1958

Mr. Charles B. Buscher
Executive Secretary
National Alcoholic Beverage Control Assoc.
Suite 601
1000 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buscher:

In your letter of March 24, 1958, you advised that the Executive Committee of the NABO Association would meet on April 13, and that you had included on the agenda my request that a representative of NABO Association be authorized to appear to discuss the argument in favor of the state controlling the wholesale distribution of intoxicating beverages.

I am very interested in the Executive Committee's decision and would appreciate being advised as to whether or not you, or a representative, will be able to attend the Alaska Legislative Council's meeting this June 9 - 12.

As mentioned earlier I sincerely regret that we are without funds to pay the speaker for any expense incidental to appearing, including travel, per diem, hotel accommodations, etc.

In any event, any publication or information you may have setting forth the arguments in favor of such a measure would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Camarot
Executive Director

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April 21, 1958

Licensed Beverage Industries Inc.
155 E 44th Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sir;

The Alaska Legislative Council has scheduled a hearing to be held in Nome, Alaska June 9 - 12, 1958, for the purpose of exploring other sources of revenue for the Territory. Among the several matters which will be analyzed is the feasibility of a measure permitting the wholesale distribution of intoxicating beverages through a State Liquor Control Commission. At the moment, I am attempting to set up an agenda which will include witnesses fully versed on the above subject who can appear and testify on both sides of the issue. I am advised that your Association can perhaps lend the Council support in its study by sending a qualified person to speak on this issue.

Unfortunately, the Council is without funds to pay the speaker or his expense incidental to his appearance, including his travel, per diem, etc.

In any event, if you are aware of any study, survey, or other publication, which directly or indirectly deals with this matter under consideration, and particularly the arguments opposing such a measure, would you be so kind as to identify it by name and where it may be obtained or forward it to this office if there is no charge.

Thanking you for any assistance you may render in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Casaret
Executive Director

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PRESENTATION BEFORE THE ALASKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING IN NOME, ALASKA, THE WEEK OF JUNE
9, 1958

BY LEWIS M. DISCHNER, JR., VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
ALASKA TERRITORIAL FEDERATION OF LABOR,
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GENTLEMEN:

I AM HERE TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE YOUR AUGUST COUNCIL IN REPLY TO AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO, BY YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR. HENRY CAMAROT, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU, "ALASKA AND ITS TAXING PROBLEMS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE."

MR. CAMAROT IN HIS INVITATION STATED: "I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY THIS STUDY AS BEING MADE FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF HAVING PERTINENT INFORMATION ON HAND SO THAT NEW TAX MEASURES OR OTHER PARALLEL REVENUE LAWS MAY BE ADOPTED ONLY IF IT IS FOUND BY THE NEXT LEGISLATURE THAT THEY ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPLEMENT THE TERRITORY'S INCOME."

Reference and Question 2(b).

3. (b) Feasibility of levying a sales tax measure.

Now as far as the desirability of levying a sales tax measure. There will be some differences of opinion amongst the member cities of the league as to whether a territorial sales tax should be levied. As far as the City of Anchorage is concerned this tax would be welcome and the City of Juneau feels that Juneau would not oppose it. The city of Ketchikan has advised me through its Mayor, Robert Sharp, that Ketchikan would oppose a territorial sales tax. Let's look at some factors that have been raised.

The city of Juneau has pointed out some technical problems arising now involving the collection of their sales tax and it is true that there are some difficulties. When the sales tax was recently passed in the State of Alaska we had an opportunity to examine the tax and it was strongly opposed by many of the cities. This has caused us to look rather closely at how a sales tax may operate. Most of the problems with a sales tax in Anchorage, in fact, have been solved and would arise. We will have some problems in the city of Juneau and Ketchikan. The city of Juneau has a sales tax and it is true that there are some difficulties.