

## What others say...

### *Faiks praises Tundra Times*

To the editor:

It has been a pleasure to read the *Tundra Times* during this legislative session. It is absolutely imperative that members of the Legislature keep track of what is happening on a statewide basis.

The decisions we make affect all Alaskans on a statewide basis. I find your newspaper an excellent resource to keep me informed.

It has been a pleasure to work with Sen. John Binkley and Sen. Willie Hensley this session. We have been working together to deal with issues

such as the prevailing wage rate problem, fetal alcohol syndrome awareness and treatment and the Alaska Fisheries Management Commission.

Both Sen. Binkley and Sen. Hensley are extremely hard working and are very concerned with meeting the needs of their districts.

Again, it has been a pleasure to read the *Tundra Times*. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Sen. Jan Faiks  
Juneau

### *Big money knows no boundaries*

To the editor:

The ruling class cannot rule without the consent of the governor, and I deeply resent the fact that we who intend to present rebuttal to an endless flock of tame pigeons extolling the blessings of salmon farming will have to wait a week before we get a chance to be heard.

These bills have been introduced by a consortium of unthinking people that have no regard for the more than 20,000 voters that make their living from fishing ocean-going wild salmon stocks in the clean, pure environment of the Gulf of Alaska and adjoining waters.

If this monstrous bill is crammed down our throats we will retaliate in every way possible.

First, by taking political revenge on the sponsors of these identical bills. Then, by every legal means at our disposal. If that fails, civil disobedience, sabotage and violence will be done. Because we will never give in to the curse that has been visited on the decent people of British Columbia by a few dishonest politicians and the moneyed people of Japan, Norway, and South Africa.

The truly big money of the world knows no boundaries and pays

allegiance to a \$1,000 bill waving gently in the breeze. What the Japanese failed to do with warfare has now been accomplished by turning our rotten monetary system against us.

Before we know what was happening, the Japanese money interests moved in and bought controlling interests in 80 percent of the processing plants in Alaska. So now the Alaska salmon industry is held in bondage by our Japanese mentors.

We go fishing when they give the word, and the season ends when they give the command.

Salmon farming expansion had to be stopped in Norway because of the filth from salmon excrement polluting the water and causing highly contagious viruses to attack the juvenile salmon, causing the farmers to use huge amounts of antibiotics to save all the stocks from destruction. Then the government stopped further expansion. Even when they have no wild stock to protect like we have.

This dumping of tasteless, immature salmon has undermined the price structure that we have nurtured so carefully with quality control and millions of dollars in advertising.

Sincerely,  
Al Brookman Sr.

### *Nuclear resolution passes House*

To the editor:

On April 15, House Joint Resolution 4, with its new title — "Relating to a nuclear weapons-free zone in the Arctic, the sub-Arctic and the world" — passed the House floor by a vote of 30 to 4.

The resolution's previous title read, "Relating to a nuclear free Arctic, sub-Arctic and Alaska."

After a two-year battle and seven amendments, many individuals and organizations statewide have succeeded in letting their representatives know that they would like Alaska free of nuclear weapons. Additional support came with the successful passage of last August's Proposition 83-01, establishing a nuclear weapons freeze

as the policy of the State of Alaska. This ballot proposition passed in the state by a 54 percent margin.

The main portion of the bill remains intact by establishing a nuclear weapons free zone in the Arctic and sub-Arctic. Though the deletion of Alaska was made and an addition of the "world" was put in its place, a new "Whereas" strengthens this resolution stating, "...the ratification of a multi-lateral and verifiable nuclear-free Arctic and sub-Arctic treaty represents a creative and meaningful first step toward establishing a nuclear-weapons free world, which is the ultimate intent of this resolution."

This resolution aids in preventing

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nuclear war by initiating and promoting efforts to:

- Encourage verifiable bilateral and multi-lateral agreements and treaties between the United States, the Soviet Union and other nations establishing the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions, and the entire world, as a nuclear weapons-free zone.

- Obtain verifiable bilateral and multi-lateral agreements and treaties between the United States, the Soviet Union and other nations to ban nuclear weapons from the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions and the entire world.

- Prevent all parties, including the military, from disposing of radioactive and nuclear wastes and materials in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions.

- Obtain verifiable bilateral and multi-lateral agreements and treaties

between the United States, the Soviet Union and other nations to prevent nuclear weapons testing or the placement of nuclear weapons-related devices in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions and the entire world.

- Promote and encourage the location of the next USA/USSR summit conference to be in Alaska so that world attention and concern might be drawn to the environmental concerns of the Arctic and sub-Arctic areas.

The United States, the Soviet Union and 24 other nations have already ratified a treaty which makes the Antarctic into a Nuclear Free Zone. Now it is time for Alaska to enact a similar treaty which covers the Arctic and sub-Arctic.

The recent vote was an overwhelming bipartisan gesture reflecting the sentiment of Alaska's people. The Inuit Circumpolar Conference, peace ac-

tivists from SANE/Alaska and local people throughout the state organized an effective grassroots campaign. When state legislators hear more from constituents about arms control than normal state affairs, they — even some of the most outspoken opponents of this resolution — voted for it in the end.

The Fairbanks chapter of SANE/Alaska, stated, "A Nuclear Free Arctic agreement could be used to enhance the global security we will enjoy as Europe starts the process of denuclearization. We hope the Senate endorses the resolution in time to send it to our leaders as they finalize the Euromissile treaty." Shortly after this vote, Secretary of State George Schultz announced a new Soviet proposal to remove intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

According to Ed Davis,

SANE/Alaska spokesman, "The chances of starting an accidental nuclear war increase as distances between the Superpowers' land-based arsenals decrease. With the proposed agreement, we could have 100 missiles in Alaska and 100 warheads in Siberia aimed at each other. That is senseless and dangerous. Humanity would clearly be better off if our negotiators include the Nuclear Free Arctic concept in the Euromissile Treaty negotiations."

I want to thank all of you that have sent in public opinion messages or letters expressing your support for HJR 4. Your continued support will be needed as this resolution still is considered in the Senate.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Niilo Koponen  
Juneau