

# Some Example

There is no one emotion or attitude that comes to mind when we start to consider the recent actions of the Alaska House of Representatives and Senate.

For those unfamiliar with their recent actions, we are referring to the House's refusal to meet in joint session to vote on confirmation of Gov. Bill Sheffield's cabinet.

The House representatives, you may recall, 'didn't want to vote on one cabinet appointee so they adjourned the session and made themselves scarce. It took Alaska State Troopers and considerable money to bring enough legislators to the floor of the House in order to hold the confirmation vote.

This is tacked on to an undistinguished session fraught with charges of wiretapping and bugging and all sorts of other horrible yet sadly humorous activities.

As we talk with people and read editorials from throughout the state and look at political cartoons which refer to this whole affair we constantly hear the words "clowns," "boobs", game-playing, etc., spoken about our legislators.

And, we will admit to using some of those phrases ourselves.

So, it is safe to say that there is a little old-fashioned contempt felt in some circles for Alaska's finest.

Now we hear that the Legislature is going to sue to challenge the action that forced them to attend the confirmation. And we get angry because it is the money that belongs to the people of the State of Alaska that those ninnies will be spending to challenge the mere fact that they fought a political power battle and lost.

So we are angry on top of contemptuous.

And we are mindful that we will not probably vote for anyone again who had anything to do with this whole affair.

But, most of all we are sad and disappointed that the people we elected to be our legislative leaders have let us down so badly.

We sent them to Juneau to do a job — that of making laws and appropriating money to make our lives better in this state and they spent their time — our time, really — and OUR money playing games.

And now they want to spend more of OUR money to play legal games to fight the fact that they lost those games.

We know that in a year or two much of the alleged high-minded reasons for this whole escapade will be forgotten. Most people will only remember that 'the boobs in the Legislature had to be arrested to attend a session of the Legislature.'

We wonder what our children think about this whole thing. Or if they are so disgusted with politics in general that they no longer care about such things.

Is that any way for our leaders to act?

Is that the sort of example we want to set?