

A column by Sen.

Ted Stevens



Regulatory reform big issue in Congress

Regulatory reform is a big issue in Congress these days—and one which unfortunately has made little progress though there are some signs of hope.

There is no other state in the country where the negative effect of over-regulation and other forms of excess government intervention is so apparent as Alaska. To begin with, we have hundreds of trillions of cubic feet of natural gas, tens of billions of barrels of oil, billions of dollars worth of minerals, vast timber and hydroelectric resources, and yet these resources are still virtually untapped.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, designed for densely populated areas of the Lower 48, have threatened 3,500 jobs in Southeast Alaska because one of our mills there might be forced to close. At the same time, another law on the books which does not take into account the special needs of the Alaska timber industry has been interpreted so as to effectively prohibit clearcutting as a harvesting method, thereby threatening the viability of the entire industry.

Alaskan Natives were given title to their land in 1971 through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, but the land won't be conveyed for 20 years due to surveying, patenting, and other legal problems.

It's long overdue for Congress to review the layrinth of inappropriate, inapplicable and sometimes inexplicable federal regulations which clutter the books and our lives and stand in the way of energy independence and free enterprise.

The regulatory process has in fact brought us very close to having the development of our resources, both onshore and offshore, come to a grinding halt.

One interesting example which illustrates this is the fact that the British discovered oil in their North Sea three years after North Slope oil was discovered in Alaska—but the British have gotten their oil to market already, while our won't be available until 1977.

What's particularly sad is that we could have had that oil by the time the Arabs pulled their embargo on us. The first pipe was delivered at the dock—and I watched it come in—in 1969. From that time to this, foreign oil has gone from \$1.75 per barrel to over \$15 per barrel.

This problem is using our resources efficeintly also applies to our minerals. The Office of Technology Assessment, an advisory arm of Congress, recently did a study on the impact of federal regulations on mineral accessibility. The assessment found that of all the land in Alaska, only five per cent is open to hard rock mining, 69 per cent is totally closed, five per cent is highly restricted, and 21 per cent is moderately restricted. At a time when we face a severe shortage of minerals and metals, this makes no sense at all.

D-2 lands pose another mammoth effort to increase federal regulations and to close off massive amounts of Alaskan land. There are proposals before Congress now to withdraw from 83 million to 125 million acres of land and make it almost inaccessible to Alaskans and to prevent the development of much of the resources in these areas.

Along with not being able to develop minerals and natural resources on d-2 lands, or to allow transportation of minerals from areas enclosed by the lands, Alaskans could be prevented from fishing, hunting, and camping in d-2 areas.

For this reason, we must look long and hard at the implications of whatever proposals come before Congress that will affect the future of this land and provide for the orderly and wise use of this land—not just lock it up and throw away the key.

One of the most upsetting examples of the effect of

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Jackson's speech . . .

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the Alaska State Operated Schools, created the AUBSD (until June 30, 1976), regional attendance areas, community school committees, insured the election of REAA boards at the regional level, and provided them with local control powers such as determining curriculum, and many others.

However, I would like to comment that it required the cooperative effort of hundreds of people and many of you are here today.

I'm really optimistic about the future of this system. This one combined with the new vice president for Rural Education Affairs can make an exceptional team in making the delivery system responsive to our needs.

A team that can respond to such things as:

(1) Implementing the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. There is an immediate need for land managers, land planners, geologists, attorneys, auditors, accountants, clerical personnel and many, many others.

(2) Implementing Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act. The law provides the authority to contract much of the activity of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service. There will be immediate needs for doctors, nurses, administrators, accountants, contract compliance officers, program planners and developers, and many, many others.

(3) Implementing Senate Bill 35, which created regional education attendance areas. Due to the passage of that act, there is an immediate need for board members, teachers, administrators, janitors, accountants, curriculum developers, and many, many others.

(4) Construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline, Alaska gasline, and activity on the Outer Continental Shelf will require our trained manpower from truck drivers to welders.

At this point, our trained and educated manpower are at a breaking point. It will require this "team effort" to insure

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Photo contest

JUNEAU—Wildlife photographers are invited to enter their best works in the fourth annual Alaskan Wildlife Photo Contest sponsored by the Department of Fish and Game.

The contest offers cash prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the best three photos in black and white and color print categories. A grand prize of \$100 will also be given for the photo judges best-of-show.

Photos must be received by Nov. 1, 1976. Entries must have been taken in Alaska and must show live fish or wildlife in a wild, natural outdoor setting. All species are eligible.

Entries must be mounted on 16-inch by 20-inch mat board and must be at least 8 inches by 10 inches.

Entry blanks with full details will be available in July at Department of Fish and Game offices and at photo shops throughout the state. They also may be obtained by writing to the Information-Education Section, Department of Fish and Game, Support Bldg., Juneau.

The Alaska Big Game Photo Contest, established by the 1975 Alaska Legislature, will not be held this year as no funds were provided for it.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment, and performing all work on Project TGF-071-1(35), Richardson Highway, Dock to 6-Mile and Airport Spur Road described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, July 15, 1976 in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project will consist of grading and paving on 10.4 miles of the Richardson Highway and Spur Road near Valdez, Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 6,000 tons of Selected Material; 1,000 tons of Crushed Aggregate Base, Grading "C"; 20,000 tons of Class I Hot Asphalt Pavement; 1,300 tons of Asphalt Cement, AC-5 and 600 tons of Asphalt Cement, AR-40; 267 tons of CSS-1 Cationic Emulsion for Tack Coat; 7,500 tons of Open-Graded Friction Course; and miscellaneous items of work.

All work shall be completed in 175 Calendar days.

In accordance with requirement set forth by the "Federal Highway Administration," the following provisions are made a part of all advertisements for highway construction contracts:

"bidders must submit certifications stating whether or not they intend to subcontract a portion of the work and, if so, that they have taken affirmative action to seek out and consider minority business enterprises as potential subcontractors. Each bidder intending to sublet part of the contract work shall make contact with potential minority business enterprise subcontractors to affirmatively solicit their interest, capability, and prices, and shall document the results of such contacts. A bidder's failure to submit this certification or submission of a false certification shall render his bid nonresponsive."

Certification form (14-60) and a Directory of Minority Business Enterprises will be included with the bidding documents.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Road Design Engineer, P.O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99802 at a charge of \$10.00 (non-refundable) for each assembly. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: State of Alaska, Department of Highways. Plans may be examined at Department of Highways Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez.

H.D. Scougal
Acting Commissioner of Highways

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PUBLIC HEARING
ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
BARROW, ALASKA
FILE NUMBER: GA-22-76
PLACE OF HEARING: New North
Slope Borough Office Building,
Barrow, Alaska.
DATE OF HEARING: July 6, 1976,
7:30 p.m. SUBJECT OF HEARING:
Public Hearing on the following
ordinance which has been introduced
for consideration by the Assembly of
the North Slope Borough.
ORDINANCE 72-3-3

AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE
TERM OF OFFICE OF
BOROUGH ASSEMBLYMEN
Ordinance 72-3-3 is a code ordinance
which amends and establishes in Sec.
2.04.010, the term of office of
assemblymen to comply with the
borough Charter.
DATED: June 17, 1976.

LLOYD AHVAKANA
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

Pub.: June 23, 1976.

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FILE NUMBER: GA-23-76
PLACE OF HEARING: New North
Slope Borough Office Building,
Barrow, Alaska.
DATE OF HEARING: June 29, 1976,
7:30 P.M.

SUBJECT OF HEARING: Public
Hearing on the following ordinance
which has been introduced for
consideration by the Assembly of the
North Slope Borough.

ORDINANCE 76-7A

AN ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR THE
TRANSFER OF \$607,100.00
FROM THE BUDGETARY RESERVE
TO THE BUDGET FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

Ordinance 76-7A is a non-code
ordinance transferring \$607,100.00
from the Budgetary Reserve to the
Department of Public Safety, for the
purpose providing funds for the
department's activities.

DATED: June 17, 1976.

LLOYD AHVAKANA
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

Pub.: June 23, 1976.

Notice is hereby given that the Office
of the Lieutenant Governor under
authority vested by AS 15.10.020,
proposes to adopt and amend
regulations in Title 6 of the Alaska
Administrative Code to implement AS
15.10.010 through 15.10.100 as
follows:

KETCHIKAN (DISTRICT 1)—Cape
pole Precinct (Amended), Clover Pass
Precinct (Amended), Craig Precinct
(Amended), Hydraburg Precinct
(Amended), Hyder Precinct
(Amended), Kasaan Precinct (New),
Labouchere Bay Precinct (New),
Metlakatla Precinct (Amended), Myers
Chuck Precinct (Amended),
Pennock-Gravina Precinct (Amended),
Point Baker Precinct (Amended),
Thorne Bay Precinct (Amended),
Tuxekan Precinct (Repealed),
Twelvemile Arm Precinct (Repealed).

WRANGELL-PETERSBURG
(DISTRICT 2)—Angoon Precinct
(Amended), Excursion Precinct (New),
Funter Bay (Amended), Glacier Bay
Precinct (New), Gustavus Precinct
(Amended), Kake Precinct (Amended),
Kupreanof Precinct (New), Rowan Bay
Precinct (New), Scow Bay Precinct
(Amended), Stikine Precinct
(Amended), Tenakee Precinct
(Amended).

SITKA (DISTRICT 3)—Elfin Cove
Precinct (Amended), Jamestown Bay
Precinct (Amended), Lisianski Precinct
(Amended), Malaspina Precinct (New),
Port Alexander Precinct (Amended),
Rowan Bay Precinct (Repealed),
Yakutat Precinct (Repealed).

KENAI-COOK INLET (DISTRICT
13)—Diamond Ridge Precinct
(Amended), Fritz Creek Precinct
(Amended).

WADE-HAMPTON (District
18)—McGrath Precinct (Amended),
Takotna Precinct (New).

FAIRBANKS (DISTRICT 20)—North
Pole No. 1 (New), North Pole No. 2
(New).

Notice is also given that any person
interested in any present written
statements or arguments relevant to the
action proposed to the Lieutenant
Governor's Office, Pouch AA, Juneau,
AK, 99811, before July 13, 1976.
Copies of said regulations are available
at this same address. Notice is also given
that any person interested may present
oral or written statements or arguments
relevant to the action proposed at a
hearing to be held at the Elections
Office, 211 E 5th Ave., Anch., AK, at
2:00 P.M., on July 13, 1976. The
Lieutenant Governor's Office, upon its
own motion or at the instance of any
interested person, may at the hearing or
after it adopt the above proposals
substantially as set out above without
further notice, June 10, 1976.

LOWELL THOMAS, JR.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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