

Rep. John Holm's Press Release

The passage of the House Budget of 344.7 million dollars is an act of almost unbelievable irresponsibility. It is irresponsible for two viewpoints. First and foremost, it will take over one hundred million dollars of what is left of our nest egg to fund this monstrosity. This budget is funded by less than 50% of recurring revenues. What a way to recklessly spend when we haven't even started to lay one piece of pipe yet. Secondly, it is irresponsible because approximately 20 million dollars of the budget is in a big goody bag for all the good little boys who voted right to take home to their constituents. Unfortunately, Anchorage and the Bush Legislators got the gravy and Fairbanks only got a few bones. Other than the U of A construction by the way, their budget was cut by the process of trying to move the main campus to

Anchorage. But other than the U of A campus construction, we got about the same as Juneau out of this goody bag. Anchorage got three times as much and the bush got more than six times as much as the Fairbanks area. Northern and Western Alaska got the biggest chunk, of course. That is pure blackmail as far as I'm concerned for Representative Hohman, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Fairbanks really got the shaft. Instead of any bacon this year, while the non-taxpaying bush got the kitchen sink.

If politicians are going to buy their re-election this year by squandering money, the least they can do is divide it up more equitably, amongst those who work and pay the taxes in this state. I oppose the passage of this boondoggling, over inflated, and wasteful slush fund called a budget.