

If I were a judge in a long black robe...

Dear Editor,

*If I were a Judge in a long black robe,
With a stern disposition and patience of Job,*

*Should I have to rule on Legislative Due,
I would refer to Alaska Constitution, sec. 5,
Art. II.*

*Here quoted a portion, titled, "Disqualifications"
It seems to restrict the greedy Politicians.*

*... During the term for which elected and for
one year thereafter, no Legislator may be nom-
inated, elected or appointed to any other office*

*or position of profit which has been created, or
the salary or emoluments of which have have
been increased, while he was a member ..."*

*The Constitutional intent is not clear,
I think it restricts members for one year.*

*There used to be "Statesmen" to serve our
Country.*

*Today the interest is Politics, Patronage and
Monetary.*

Jim Frey, Sr.
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When will we wake up and be counted

To the Editor:

When, oh when are the people of Alaska going to wake—stand up and be counted! How long are you going to put up with Juneau and the little-boy capers we've been seeing and reading about?

Folks, you'd better find time to stop, and think, about our state and what these politicians are doing with your money, what they are gleaning from their political maneuvers! Do you think for one minute they would give you the time of day? All they need is to butter you up around election time.

Wake up, we can't at this critical time afford to sit back and let them do this to us.

They need to realize who we, the voters, are! Quit letting them soft-soap! We aren't even bosses of our own monies!

Here are some reminders. Twice we voted for a capital move—and we let them get by with it!

They build roads with our money to their cabins, homes, etc. This last raise they received! They ask us to take pay cuts, take lower wages. We do, and what happens? They cut money from the policemen—the troopers. So where is our protection if the police do not have manpower? They take money allotted to one thing and put it where it does them more good than the voter!

We'd be better off voting for some man off the street—give the poor guy some of the gravy Juneau gets from us.

Watch and see if Juneau doesn't get new buildings. Sheffield gets his airplane. Big parties thrown at the capital with our money. Some poor devil cheated out of his property!

We ought to be ashamed, to let some one like these politicians manipulate us! Are we going to do something about it? When?

We used to take care of our elderly better than we do now. Come on, Senior citizens. Make your feelings known. You put up with hardships developing this land and they scrape off the cream.

We have a beautiful state here and no one really cares. Come on, folks. Let's move on this one! Show them we can't be maneuvered anymore.

And there's Tony Knowles—sure, we need nice theaters, so forth, but we also need our alleys and streets cleaned up. Why can't we be the Alaska people talk about—the tourists who think our country here is beautiful! We need to start some petitions to clean up the capital and its inhabitants.

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