

Bartlett Explains Time Zone Bill

WASHINGTON - In order to clear up apparent confusion created by the Uniform Time Act of 1966, Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett issued a statement explaining the impact of the bill on Alaska.

Senator Bartlett said that the act, which goes into effect April 1, 1967, divides the nation into eight time zones. Each time zone is 15 degrees of longitude in width. Because of the size of Alaska and because the distance between degrees of longitude narrows as the north pole is approached, three time zones fall within the boundaries of Alaska.

On April 1, Alaska, which now has one official time and several unofficial times, will observe Yukon Standard

Time in southeast Alaska, Alaska-Hawaii Standard Time in central Alaska (including Fairbanks and Anchorage) and Bering Standard Time in western Alaska. Going from east to west, if it is noon in Seattle, it will be 11 a.m. in southeast Alaska, 10 a.m. in Anchorage and Fairbanks and 9 a.m. in Nome, Bartlett pointed out.

The act provides that all states observe daylight saving time between the last Sunday in April and the last Sunday in October unless the state legislature passes a law stating that the entire state will remain on standard time. There can be no mixing of daylight and standard time within a state, Bartlett continued.

The Senator reported that he has co-sponsored an amendment to the time act which would allow legislatures of states which have more than one time zone to decide the question of going on daylight saving time on the basis of individual time zone rather than on the basis of the entire state.

"For example," Bartlett said, "if the amendment were enacted the Alaska legislature could declare that southeast Alaska go on Yukon Daylight Saving Time between the last Sunday in April and the last Sunday in October while the rest of the state remains on standard time for the entire year." Bartlett said that the amendment faces rough going in Congress, particularly in the House.

The Senator reported that he had received correspondence from a number of Alaskans requesting that southeast Alaska be allowed to go on Pacific Standard Time.

"Evidently there is some

confusion that a bill has been introduced to allow southeast Alaska to go on Pacific Standard Time. No such bill has been introduced," he said.

Bartlett continued, "The normal way for a community to seek a change in a time-zone boundary has been to petition the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has established procedures for dealing with such petitions. Usually, petitions come from towns or villages near the edge of a time zone. The ICC conducts hearings to learn the feelings of persons in the community and to determine the justification for adjusting the boundary.

"If any move is instigated to petition for changing southeast Alaska from Yukon to Pacific Standard Time, I think it would be wise, because of the size of the area, for the State Legislature to pass a resolution stating its support for the proposal. Expressions of support also should be sought from the Governor, the governing bodies of all communities affected, and civic, labor and business groups in southeast Alaska," Bartlett said. "It is important the petition have widespread support."

He added that after March 1, petitions for time-zone changes should be filed with the new Department of Transportation.

Gromoff Takes Entrance Exams

Elary Gromoff Jr., 17, from St. Paul Island, is taking entrance examinations for entry to West Point.

He is believed to be the first Pribilof Islander appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was appointed by Sen. E.L. "Bob" Bartlett.

If he is accepted, he will leave for West Point July 1. His four years of training there would end with his graduating as a second lieutenant.

A "straight A" student at Mt. Edgecumbe, Gromoff will graduate from that school on May 26. He has also attended Chemawa in Oregon after graduating from the school on St. Paul Island.

Skagway Honor

Competing against all cities and towns in the nation Skagway, Alaska won Honorable Mention in the National Cleanest Town Contest in Washington, D.C. February 21.

Representing Skagway at the festivities which were held in the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler-Hilton Hotel were Mrs. Vic Sparks, a charter member of the Skagway Womens Club, Mrs. Mary Heidelberger of Skagway and Mrs. Margery Goding Smith of Washington, D.C.

Skagway also won the first state-wide Civic Citation in their category signed by the Governor of Alaska during 1966.

Skagway's participation in the state-wide Alaska Purchase Centennial Cleanup "Operation Big Sweep" was led by Major Ed Hanousek, who was the first official in Alaska to issue a Proclamation making 1966 Beautification Year for Skagway.

The Skagway Womens Club spurred by Mrs. Mark Lee, Beautification Chairman, organized a block-by-block campaign to clean up their city for visitors expected for our Centennial Year. Citizen participation was practically 100%.

So much fervor was shown in this city's cleanup that a man with a cast on his foot, whittled the cast down to fit a boot so he could help. Another woman found a crumpled up ten dollar bill amongst the debris during cleanup.

Inasmuch as in the old pre-war days Skagway held the title "Flower City of Alaska" it can also now proudly claim to be the "Cleanest City in the State."

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What Saith the Scriptures?

FOR HE IS OUR PEACE
Ephesians 2:14

* The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

The joy and the confidence of the believer consists not in any thought of peace he has made with God, but in the "peace by Jesus Christ," received when the saviour Himself is received, and not to be disturbed by any reflection upon the imperfection or doubtful character of anything that he himself has done. And the sinner is to be exhorted, not to make his peace with God, but to enter into a peace already made, by believing in Him upon whom was the chastisement of our peace. "Therefore having been justified by faith we have peace with God."

Romans 5:1. Have you taken Christ as Your Saviour and do you have peace?

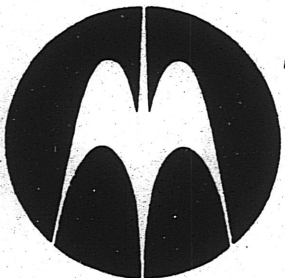
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