

The Rokeberg Legislative Questionnaire

Sand Lake - Spenard - Taku/Campbell - Turnagain

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the New Year begins, my wife, Gayle, and I hope you enjoyed a happy holiday season, and we want to extend our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year. As the 2001 Legislative session starts, Alaska again faces many important questions: what to do about repeat drunk driving offenders, natural gas, tribal sovereignty, and the budget are few of the many issues we will concentrate on this session. This questionnaire is part of my continuing effort to stay in touch and learn what's on your mind. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this questionnaire to me by **March 7, 2001**. Also check out the Majority Republicans Web site at <http://www.akrepublicans.org>. Thank you for your help.

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1. How many voters are in your household? _____
 (If you wish, you may copy this questionnaire or indicate a difference of opinion in the margin.)
2. The 20th & 21st Alaska Legislatures, despite many hours of public hearings and other discussions, did not "solve" the subsistence dilemma. This issue may face us again this session.
 - a. Do you want a subsistence constitutional amendment on the next (2002) general election ballot? Yes ___ No ___
 - c. Do you support a "rural priority" in any proposed amendment? Yes ___ No ___
 - d. Do you feel that subsistence for all Alaskans should be a priority? Yes ___ No ___
 - e. Do you believe that the ANILCA legislation (federal law) should be changed to agree with Alaska's Constitution rather than changing our Constitution to accommodate federal law? (Please select one)
 Change ANILCA _____
 Change Alaska Constitution ___
 - f. In times of shortage (as determined by the Department of Fish & Game), should Alaskans who depend on fish and game resources for food have a priority? Yes ___ No ___
3. Should legislative sessions be held in Anchorage rather than Juneau? Yes ___ No ___
4. Should the Legislature delay implementation of the high school competency exam, which is currently scheduled to be used for students graduating in 2002? Yes ___ No ___
 If "yes", why: _____
 How long a delay? _____
5. During the past year, Alaskans have experienced many instances where repeat offender drunk drivers have caused death or injury to other Alaskans.
 - a. Do you support lowering the legal blood alcohol content from the current .10 to the federally mandated .08? Yes ___ No ___
 - b. Alaska law currently provides that a third drunk driving charge within five years is a felony. This allows some repeat offenders who do not have a DWI charge in five years to escape a felony charge when they are charged a third time outside the five-year period. Should this provision in law be eliminated thus making a third or subsequent DWI charge a felony? Yes ___ No ___
 - c. Should fines and jail sentences be increased for repeat drunk driving offenses? Yes ___ No ___
 - d. Should a first-time drunk driving charge where the offender's blood alcohol level is .20 or over automatically be a felony? Yes ___ No ___
 - e. Should Alaska establish a special court to deal more closely with drunk drivers? Yes ___ No ___

6. Should public funds be spent to provide free legal assistance in civil cases to low income Alaskans (such as services currently provided by Alaska Legal Services)? Yes___No___
7. The state Department of Transportation has suggested realignment of the Alaska Railroad tracks to the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to accommodate the new railroad depot. Should the alignment disrupt existing traffic patterns? Yes___No___
OR
Should any alignment be designed to accommodate access to Northwood both north and south of International Airport Road? Yes___No___
8. Do you think the Department of Natural Resources should sell to Alaskans more than 20,000 acres per year (current average is 5,000)? Yes___No___
9. Alaska used to have a pioneer road program. The purpose of this program was to build basic roads to open up an area for community or resource development and for settlement. These roads were not standard two-lane paved highways but gravel roads sufficient for travel. Should Alaska reinstitute such a program? Yes___No___
10. Over the last few years children needing special education have been "mainstreamed" and brought into classrooms. Do you think that this program is working to benefit both the child needing special education and the other students in the classroom? Yes___No___
11. Should the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) be open to environmentally-sound development? Yes___No___
12. Should the length of the legislative session be shortened from 120 days to:
90 days Yes___No___
60 days Yes___No___
13. Alaska's Constitution mandates that 25% of oil and mineral leases, royalties and bonuses are deposited into the principle of the Permanent Fund. In 1980, the Legislature increased this to 50% on all new leases. If we repealed this law and went back to the original 25%, an extra \$29 million a year would be generated to help close the fiscal gap and the impact on the dividends would be minimal. Do you support changing the law back to the Constitution's 25%? Yes___No___
14. The Governor is asking for an additional \$16.9 million for the University of Alaska budget for the next fiscal year. Do you support this increase? Yes___No___
15. Should the State ask voters to consider general obligation bonds to fund construction of roads, schools and buildings and deferred maintenance at the 2002 election? Yes___No___
16. One of my top priorities is the development of a long-range financial plan for Alaska. Do you agree that this should be accomplished by the 22nd Legislature? Yes___No___
17. Should any long-range financial plan include multiple revenue sources and a "trigger" of a \$1 billion balance in the Constitutional Budget Reserve fund (CBR) -- the trigger would then put in play the collection of funds from the multiple revenue sources? Yes___No___
18. What revenue sources should be considered? _____
19. Should the people vote on the plan before it is put into effect? Yes___No___

20. Should the Permanent Fund Dividend program be phased out in a manner similar to the Alaska Longevity Bonus (i.e., establish a certain date and everyone qualifying by that date will continue to receive a bonus while those establishing residency after that date will not)? Yes____ No____
21. Should the amount of the Permanent Fund Dividend be capped? Yes____ No____
22. The Governor has made it a policy of the State to recognize the 227 "tribal governments" in Alaska. Do you believe that this is good policy for the State? Yes____ No____
23. The Governor and Alaska Native leaders are currently working on an agreement setting forth the recognition of tribal sovereignty in Alaska. Currently the parties seem to be at a stalemate as some of the Alaska Native leaders do not want to recognize the State of Alaska as a sovereign entity.
- a. Do you feel that the State should enter into such an agreement? Yes____ No____
- b. If the State is going to enter into such an agreement, should each of the tribal entities recognize the State as a sovereign entity itself? Yes____ No____
- c. Before the final signing of such an agreement, should all the people of Alaska be made aware of and have a chance to comment on the agreement? Yes____ No____
24. Should Alaska follow the lead of other states in amending our Constitution and/or laws to eliminate race-based preferences? Yes____ No____
25. Do you support a constitutional amendment to allow a voucher system for schools in Alaska? Yes____ No____
26. If constructed at its current location, should any replacement facility for Alaska Psychiatric Institute include a wing for mentally ill prisoners? Yes____ No____
27. Should any gas pipeline route for North Slope natural gas provide for a spur line to the Cook Inlet area? Yes____ No____
28. What do you think is the most important issue or problem facing Alaska and/or our district? _____

- How would you address this issue? _____

29. I will be working on an e-mail legislative newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy of this, please indicate your e-mail address here: _____
30. Have you visited the Republican Majority's web page before reading this survey? Yes____ No____
31. Comments: Use this space to send me your additional comments: _____

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. Your views are important to me.

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