

SENATE BILL REPORT

SCR 8422

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 14, 1994

Brief Description: Directing the secretary of state to coordinate and form an advisory committee for Klondike gold rush centennial events.

SPONSORS: Senators M. Rasmussen and Erwin; by request of Secretary of State

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Skratek, Chairman; Sheldon, Vice Chairman; Bluechel, Cantu, Erwin, M. Rasmussen and Williams.

Staff: Jack Brummel (786-7428)

Hearing Dates: February 2, 1994

BACKGROUND:

Washington's earliest history as a state was marked by its serving as a source of supplies for the fortune seekers of the Klondike gold rush. Today, Washington continues to offer services to thousands of tourists who pass through to British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, and the state of Alaska.

SUMMARY:

The Legislature directs the Secretary of State, in conjunction with an advisory committee, to coordinate centennial events in 1996, 1997 and 1998 commemorating the Klondike gold rush with the state of Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The celebration of 75 years of the Klondike gold rush enhanced our trade relations with Canadian provinces and brought tens of thousands of tourists through the state of Washington. This resolution will ensure the state appropriately commemorates the Klondike gold rush.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Ralph Munro, Secretary of State; Willie Russell, National Park Service; Putnum Barber, Evergreen State Society

