

Senate District G

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OCCUPATION: Retired math teacher, business owner and legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 47 years in Anchorage and Elmendorf

EDUCATION:

Goldsboro High School, 1961-65 – College Preparatory Diploma

Alaska Methodist University, 1965-69 – BA Mathematics

UAA, 1970-71 – Secondary Teaching Certificate

UAA, 1973-99 – various graduate level classes in education

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska State House of Representatives
Chair, Military and Veterans Affairs
Vice-Chair, State Affairs
Vice-Chair Health, Education and Social Services
Joint Armed Services
Resources
Ways and Means
Legislative Ethics
Education Funding Taskforce

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

President, Anchorage Education Association
Chamber Military Committee
Anchorage Retirement Management Board
Anchorage Public Safety Advisory Commission
President (twice), Northeast Community Council

OTHER:

Proud son of a retired 24 years Air Force E-8. We lived all over the U.S., England, and Guam. Father proudly served as crew member of a C 47 during Berlin Airlift.

STATEMENT:

Alaska is on the cusp of prosperity or financial disaster. The choice lies with those willing to make the hard decisions for Alaska. With the current state budget calculated on oil prices of over \$100 per barrel and current prices at under \$90, we are headed for trouble. The legislature must take immediate steps to encourage increased oil production. Unless we address increased production, we will be unable to solve funding issues in education, public safety and social services.

I lived in Alaska before oil was discovered on the Slope. We paid a state income tax and an annual school tax. There were no PFD checks, no energy subsidies, no revenue sharing, and very few capital projects. I experienced the economic disaster of the 80's when Alaskans were losing their jobs and homes, banks closed, businesses disappeared and there was an exodus from Alaska. **We don't need to return to those days!** We need legislators willing to make the tough decisions and put Alaska back on the road to prosperity. **I will do that.**

With energy prices continuing to rise, it is critical that an in-state natural gas line be constructed. It is time to break the stalemate and move forward with a gas line. The lower 48 is flush with cheap natural gas. Development and marketing of Alaska's gas resources must be re-evaluated and options other than a pipeline through Canada must be pursued. We have studied and talked long enough. **It is time to act.**

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