

Senate District O

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AGE: 68

PLACE OF BIRTH: Pylesville, Maryland

NAME OF SPOUSE: Dorothy C. Wagoner

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Dawn, Denise

OCCUPATION:
Retired, Small Businessman, Commercial Fishing

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 43 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Kenai – since 1969

EDUCATION:
Pomeroy High School, 1960; Eastern Washington University, 1966, B.A.; 1969 B.A. Education; UAA, 1980, Master's Education/Administration

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska Senate, 2003-present. Committees: Chair, Community & Regional Affairs 2003, member 2004-present; Member, Transportation 2003, Co-Chair

2004; Vice-Chair Resources 2003-04, Chair 2005-06, Member 2007-08; Co-Chair 2011-12; Member Legislative Council 2003-06; Member, World Trade and State Federal Affairs 2005-present; Vice-Chair State Affairs 2005-06. Kenai City Mayor 3 years, Kenai City Council 3 years, Alaska Postsecondary Committee 3 years.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Owner, Wagoner's Seamless Flooring 1967-1968; owner, Wagoner's flooring 1971-1975; owner, Peninsula Flooring Center 1986-1993; vocational education coordinator, business manager/budget officer, dean of vocational education, dean of instruction, Kenai Peninsula Community College.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Charter Member Kenai Rotary Club, Past President and Board Member Kenai Chamber of Commerce, Advisory Board Salvation Army, Elks #2425, NRA

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Fishing, Lapidary Arts

STATEMENT:

My political philosophy encompasses the beliefs of a Republican who is fiscally conservative, but moderate when funding education. Our children are the future of the state. Every student in Alaska deserves the best education we can afford.

Alaskans need good paying jobs to provide for their families. A large part of the formula involves a strong education. A second part of the formula is a strong economy. Good jobs come with economic expansion, but there won't be economic expansion without keeping a lid on our operating budget. Corporations and companies who can create jobs for Alaskans won't invest in a state with huge budget gaps.

Our long-term fiscal policy must be addressed, including criteria for capital projects; basic budget discipline. First and foremost, we should save as much as possible. We shouldn't fund projects just because we have a surplus, we need to save first and consider future operating costs. I will also work diligently to put in place some spending caps; so our budgets are sustainable and we stop placing growing financial burdens on our children.

A primary goal of mine in the upcoming session is to work with Governor Parnell on oil and gas taxation that both stimulates our economy and provides for increased production. We must do something to fix the current problem – it's absolutely critical.

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