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Minutes / Counter

.53	15	Background as Mayor of Haines, interested in gaining statehood to decrease problems like absentee landlords.
1.58	38	Involved in mining, timber, and fisheries.
2.48	50	Promoted self-government.
3.12	58	Finds Borough government bad, more governments involved, more trouble. Lobbyist at Convention.
4.40	80	Would simplify government, uses Seattle, Wash. and King County as examples.
5.10	90	Prefers simplified framework of unicameral legislature.
6.43	114	Resources--need a good framework to manage.
7.15	122	He is for protection of Fish and Game.
8.26	138	He thought balance at Convention was off, too much emphasis on mining. Needed more on wild-life and fish.
9.58	159	Land problems haunt us from problems inherent in Constitution.
10.24	164	Never envisioned the extent of the Native land claims.
13.40	203	"Outside" never understands Alaskan problems--we have been a serfdom, and still lack state's rights.
16.09	232	Tennessee plan of sending people to Wash., D.C. to explain Ak. was effective.
17.19	245	Bob Bartlett--very effective, liked man.
19.21	267	People need more interest in the government.
20.06	274	State has been reckless with its money. He has doubt in legislature's integrity at times.

- 21.25 288 State has made great progress in education.
- 22.51 302 "Where did the \$900 million go?"
- 23.46 311 Reapportionment--still provides no help for Arctic and Northwest areas, Anchorage will still dictate.
- 29.26 363 His name at the Convention was "Shoepack."
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- .23 11 Has learned since '50's never to trust the federal government.
- 2.17 46 Among problems Ak. will face will be large Co.'s looking for cheap power from the state.
- 3.11 62 Present legislatures are giving a bad impression to the Outside over poor spending practices and organization.
- 4.09 77 It is and was hard to anticipate booms, such as the oil--timber was big then, is low now.
- 6.21 111 He is violently opposed to another Convention--it will open up a can of worms.
- 7.03 121 Existing structure of Constitution is adequate, especially compared with a severely changed one such as that of California.
- 8.17 138 In the Future, seek to put the finest people into office, over all else.
- 10.06 163 For future resources, pursue reforestation, fish hatcheries as successful as those now, and a better mining program, like that of Canada, with its subsidies to miners.
- 13.31 205 Federal controls look better for the future, with Reagan's plans, and James Watt, Sec. of Int.
- 15.46 231 Legislatures rest on the quality of the people serving. Implementation of laws depends on people in office. Present structure is sufficient.
- 18.38 262 Catherine Nordale, his old English teacher. Likely source of good ideas.

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