

LISA MURKOWSKI'S VULNERABILITY AND MY IMPROBABLE ELECTION TO HER SENATE SEAT

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We are the only couple in American history to get an entire generic wildlife act through a divided Congress, in a few months, to UNANIMOUS passage with 60 co-sponsors including 22 chairmen and the leadership of both parties, because we personified it. Neither father-daughter Murkowski nor Mark Begich, together with their spouses, have ever done anything like that for America, Alaska, and wildlife!

Is Lisa Murkowski very vulnerable in her bid for re-election to the U.S. Senate? You betcha! Can I as the most reluctant senate candidate in American history be elected to her seat? Yes, I can!

Father-daughter Murkowski have succeeded in accomplishing their dream of a Murkowski in the Alaska senior senate seat. They beat the Stevens father-son duo who desperately wanted to keep the Alaska senior senate seat in the Stevens family. They also made American history with Father Murkowski as Alaska governor appointing his daughter Lisa to his old senate seat from which he resigned in order to give her a leg up. For two years they served together with Father as governor and daughter as senator. That too was historic.

All of that proved to be very good for father-daughter Murkowski and not so good for Alaska or America. During the past few years it has become abundantly clear to thousands of Alaskans, many of them past Murkowski supporters like my wife Francoise and me, that father-daughter Murkowski are all about father-daughter Murkowski sitting in the Senate, especially the senior

senate seat now that they have achieved the Murkowski family dream, for as many decades as they can.

Three decades of Murkowskis from 1980 to 2010 is already too much Murkowskis for many Alaskans like Francoise and me. We are deeply disappointed in father-daughter Murkowski's 30-year failure to open ANWR especially when they could have so easily done so in 2002 with my NEW-ANWR legislation and Francoise and me (their own constituents and major donors to boot!) personifying it. At that time, "all the stars were aligned" with father Murkowski as Governor, daughter Murkowski as Senator, Bush as President, and Congress in Republican hands.

If ANWR had been opened in 2002 with my NEW-ANWR legislation, Alaska's oil pipeline (2/3rds EMPTY!) would today be full. The Alaska gas line would be a reality and not just a gas pipe dream. America would be better off with much more Alaskan oil and gas to help fuel our freedom. Wildlife would be better off with a multi-billion dollar National Endowment for Wildlife (NEW). Alaska would be far better off with a much larger Permanent Fund, much bigger dividends, larger budget surplus, more jobs, and booming economy.

But father-daughter Murkowski would NOT have been better off because with Alaska awash in ANWR oil and gas money, there would be NO need for senior senator daughter Murkowski doing Stevens-style appropriations pork. It was much better for father-daughter Murkowski to TALK ANWR and DO PORK! And that is the key element in the 30-year father-daughter Murkowski campaign hustle.

Will it work again? Maybe, but then again, maybe not! It didn't work for father Murkowski in 2006 when outsider Sarah Palin beat father Murkowski like a drum in his own Republican primary. Father Murkowski suffered the most humiliating defeat in Alaska gubernatorial history when he believed that he was invulnerable.

Daughter Murkowski thinks that she is invulnerable now as senior senator with millions of special interest campaign dollars to spend on ads to hustle Alaskans by telling them that she is "working on ANWR", - she just needs more time! Like another 6-year senate term, then another, and another – like her Dad.

But it's only February and there are 8 months left till November. She may do something really dumb, after all she is her father's daughter and father Murkowski managed to flush himself down the political tubes after 22 years as senator and 4 as governor.

Lisa Murkowski is a beautiful and elegant lady graced with the regal bearing of a Polish princess. She may do a Clinton. She could be caught by C-Span on a Washington steamy summer Saturday night with some sexy stud or studess spread-out on the Senate floor - and beat herself for re-election!

She could, but it is extremely unlikely because Lisa appears to be as good a family woman as her father Frank is a family man. Frank Murkowski has always been a great family man. However he was a failed senator and failed governor especially where it concerns opening ANWR that is far

and away the most important thing Frank could have done for America, Alaska, and wildlife in his 22 years as senator and 4 years as governor.

So far, Lisa has followed in her father's failed footsteps for the past 8 years in his same senate seat. She showed her true colors which turned out to be as green as grass in 2009 by joining with Greener-than-grass Mark Begich to introduce their "ANWR No Surface Occupancy Western Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act" (ANSOWACPDESA) legislation and attach it to the infamous global-warming "Cap and Trade" bill. (Note: for more on ANSOWACPDESA please see my "Loose Change Lisa" video on my website at www.tedandfran.com)

The most telling three letters of ANSOWACPDESA are N. S. O. – No Surface Occupancy. Why not? All of Alaska is wild; ANWR is no "Serengeti of the North"! For 29 of the past 30 Murkowski senate years, Father-daughter Murkowski repeatedly said that drilling for oil INSIDE ANWR could be done responsibly. And they were right! Why this revealing turn-around? Why is Lisa agreeing with Greener-than-grass Begich, and all of the other greenie extremists saying that ANWR can only be drilled from OUTSIDE? Why access only 10% of the oil? That's not only wrong, that's nuts!

There are two obvious reasons why. First, Lisa really believes the greenie nonsense that man is responsible for global-warming. She is green. She is even making a big show of fighting the EPA so that only she and her fellow greenie senators like Begich can regulate greenhouse gases. Lisa has shown how green she really is by abandoning her fellow Alaskans who know full well that ANWR can be responsibly drilled from INSIDE ANWR, and 100% of ANWR abundant oil and gas should be produced. Indeed, Alaska has been doing it for more than 30 years now just a few miles west of ANWR at Prudhoe Bay, and responsibly produced 14 BILLION barrels of oil!

The second self-serving reason is that Lisa wants to continue TALKING ANWR for another 30 years and DOING pork, especially now that she is senior senator. She doesn't want to fill the oil pipeline, she wants Alaskans to need her and her pork.

While it is exceedingly unlikely that Lisa will do a Clinton (too bad, it would be funnier than Willie in the White House!) she is super-vulnerable on ANWR. She has 8 months to open ANWR with ANSOWACPDESA. Good luck Lisa!

She also has 8 months to drop that green turkey and join with me and open ANWR by introducing my ANRA- Alaska Natural Resources Act that also creates the NEW – National Endowment for wildlife, and using Françoise and me to personify both. I am not holding my breath because I think that Lisa setting aside her famous Murkowski stubbornness and senate arrogance and joining with us to do what is clearly best on ANWR is even less likely than her doing a Clinton.

In the end it is up to Alaskans to decide whether Lisa will be re-elected or not. Despite her ANWR failure, they may cut Lisa some slack. Or they may be fed up with the Murkowski ANWR hustle of "We're working on it" and then insulting Alaskans by introducing ANSOWACPDESA. If Alaskans are just as disappointed with the daughter's ANWR failures in November as they were with her

father's failures in 2006, then my "improbable" election to her seat can be very easily accomplished in this digitally-connected age.

I will not sell myself to special interests for huge amounts of campaign money. I am running, only for one term, to open ANWR in the most beneficial way for my country, my state, and wildlife. I am uniquely qualified to do that. It's true that I am very reluctant to return to Washington - once was enough for me. I would rather stay home in Alaska and help Lisa open ANWR. Nevertheless, I will reluctantly go if my fellow Alaskans want to send me. And once there, I will enthusiastically work as hard as I can to open ANWR with the NEW.

As for all of the other issues, I will represent Alaska to the best of my ability in the U.S. Senate. Mark Begich is sitting in the senate, and he barely made it through high school. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Boston University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

I have nearly 70 years of life's hard experience. Along with my wife of nearly 50 years, I founded the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. We got that legislation through a divided Congress, in a few months, with 60 co-sponsors including 22 chairmen and the leadership of both parties to UNANIMOUS passage! Neither Father-daughter Murkowski nor Mark Begich, together with their spouses, ever did anything like that. Not to worry, I will do just fine in the senate. I will put Alaska before myself. I will serve only one term. I will make my contribution to the betterment of Alaska and leave, so that other Alaskans can make theirs!

If Alaskans want to replace Lisa with me they can spread the word about me by e-mail, cell phone, Facebook, texting, twitter, and tweet at no cost in a matter of days during the last weeks of the campaign when people actually focus on the election. Improbable? Sure, but It can happen and I will wake up the day after the election pleasantly surprised at being so honored by my fellow Alaskans. In America, and especially in Alaska politics, anything is possible - no matter how IMPROBABLE!

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