



Alaska State Legislature

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March 23, 2011

Re: Response to question in House Finance Committee

Dear Commissioner Butcher:

During the morning House Finance Committee meeting on March 17, 2011, I asked you to provide a complete list of meetings and participants relating to the drafting of HB 110 (the exact wording is attached).

On March 21, your office provided to the Finance co-chairs responses to several questions asked in the committee. For the one you numbered (11) you provided the following: "Provide the names of persons that the Department of Revenue Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner met with to discuss possible changes to the oil and gas production tax and when those meetings were held." And then, "The Department is currently working on this response."

If you'll look at the attached transcript you'll see that you have mischaracterized my question. Please answer my question as I asked it. In addition, we are moving at a rapid clip on HB 110, so I would like an answer to the question in the attached transcript while the bill is still being considered in the Finance Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Doogan".

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(10:04:18 AM)

House Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday 3/17/11, 8:05 AM

Representative Doogan stated that he "wanted a list of the meetings that were held by yourself [Commissioner Butcher], any of the people at this table, any of their predecessors, and anybody in the governor's office, on this question. I want to know when they met and who was at the meetings. I understand that somebody might offer a privileged defense to the contents of the meetings, so I'm not asking for those, but I want to know who was talking about stuff and when they were talking about it."

Commissioner Butcher reported he would relay the information to the governor's office. He asked whether Representative Doogan also wanted a list of Native Corporations, as it was a broad group, not limited to just a handful of folks that the department was eliciting opinions from.

Representative Doogan stated that he wanted "a list of everybody involved, anybody you talked to and when you talked to them."