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MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary to SCR 2 with amendment
(Work Order Nos. 27-LS0031\A.1 & 27-LS0031\M)

TO: Senator Bettye Davis
Attn: Tom Obermeyer

FROM: Doug Gardner
Director

You requested a sectional summary for the enclosed proposed language amending section 4 of SCR 2, a bill relating to proposed amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the presiding officer pro tempore. You may rely on my prior memo for a sectional summary of sections 1 - 3 of SCR 2. At your request, I am enclosing a blank amendment and a blank committee substitute.

As a preliminary matter, a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

In the proposed amendment and blank committee substitute, section 4 amends Uniform Rule 4 by establishing that, in the absence of both the regular presiding officer (Speaker of the House) and the absence of the majority leader, the presiding officer pro tempore previously elected in Uniform Rule 1(b) serves as the presiding officer pro tempore. The result of the language amending section 4 of SCR 2, is that the presiding officer pro tempore elected at the start of the first session of a legislature, in addition to the presiding officer pro tempore's duties set out in Uniform Rule 1(b), will continue for both sessions to serve as a "backup" in the absence of the regular presiding officer (Speaker of the House) and majority leader.

If you have additional questions, please advise.

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Enclosures