

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND TOURISM**

March 21, 2002

1:10 p.m.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: PACIFIC NW ECONOMIC REGION RE: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
REGIONAL PARTNERS

TAPES

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CALL TO ORDER

REPRESENTATIVE LESIL McGUIRE, Chair, called the House Special
Committee on Economic Development, Trade and Tourism to order at
1:10 p.m.

PRESENT

Committee members present were Representatives McGuire, Green,
Morgan, Dyson, Crawford, Guess, and Rokeberg.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

BARRY PENNER, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), British
Columbia; Vice President Canada, Pacific NorthWest Economic
Region (PNWER), thanked the committee for allowing the
opportunity to address various members of the legislature and
introduced the rest of the delegation. Mr. Penner commented on
various issues that are similar in Alaska and British Columbia.
He offered to work together to try to increase tourism between
the two regions. He informed members that he was willing to
help write a resolution to the Canadian government regarding
cross-border issues.

MATT MORRISON, Executive Director, Pacific NorthWest Economic
Region, mainly discussed PNWER and how it affects the regional
members. Mr. Morrison talked about legislation in Washington
State that will help in homeland and binational security. He
also discussed the upcoming PNWER meeting in June, addressing
the various topics that will be discussed.

SUKUMAR PERIWAL, Senior Policy Analyst in the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, spoke briefly about British Columbia's role in PNWER and its anticipated involvement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR McGUIRE adjourned the House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade and Tourism meeting at 1:59 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was recorded and handwritten log notes were taken. A copy of the tape(s) and log notes may be obtained by contacting the House Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2214, and after adjournment of the second session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature this information may be obtained by contacting the Legislative Reference Library at (907) 465-3808.