

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 16, 2001

3:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN ALASKA, SOLUTIONS THE STATE IS APPLYING;
OVERVIEW: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TAPES

01-01, SIDES A & B

01-02, SIDE A

CALL TO ORDER

REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON, Chair, convened the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee meeting at 3:05 p.m.

PRESENT

Committee members present were Representatives Dyson, Wilson, Coghill, Joule, Stevens, and Kohring. Senators Davis and Ward were also in attendance.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

CHAIR DYSON went over the House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee rules, the next meeting, and the committee's interest in sponsoring a bill.

KAREN PERDUE, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services, presented the first PowerPoint presentation in the HES committee room, which reviewed the last decade in Alaska, problems that face Alaska today, and how the department is addressing those problems.

NANCY DAVIS, Chief, Nursing Section, DPH, DHSS, presented an overview of the Division of Public Health. Using the PowerPoint, she showed pictures of the new public health facility in Anchorage, the history of public health in Alaska, and trends in Alaska public health.

DR. JOHN MIDDAUGH, Chief, Epidemiology Section, DPH, DHSS, presented an overview of the issues affecting epidemiology in Alaska and answered questions from the committee.

DR. BERNARD JILLY, Chief, Laboratories, DPH, DHSS, presented an overview of the threat of biological terrorism within the state of Alaska and answered questions from the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The continuation of the Division of Public Health overview will be held on January 18, 2001.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR DYSON adjourned the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee meeting at 5:30 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.