

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT MEETING
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE
February 12, 2001
1:20 p.m.**

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW BY DEPT. OF LAW: INDIAN LAW AND STATE/TRIBAL RELATIONS

TAPES

01-16, SIDES A & B

01-17, SIDE A

[Please note these are House Judiciary Standing Committee tapes.]

CALL TO ORDER

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN COGHILL, Chair, House State Affairs Standing Committee, called the joint meeting of the House Judiciary Standing Committee and the House State Affairs Standing Committee to order at 1:20 p.m.

PRESENT

Committee members present were Representatives Coghill, Rokeberg, Ogan, Meyer, Fate, Wilson, Berkowitz, Kookesh, Crawford, and Hayes. Other legislators present were Representatives Morgan, Kapsner, Joule, and Murkowski.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

BRUCE BOTELHO, Attorney General, Department of Law, presented the overview and answered questions regarding Indian laws and their history.

D. REBECCA SNOW, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (Fairbanks), Department of Law, assisted with the presentation and answered questions regarding Indian laws and their history.

Provided as handouts were the following materials: outline of presentation; Section 1302 of Indian Civil Rights Act; A short history of the federal recognition of tribes in Alaska and the

evolution of the state's position; Native entities within the State of Alaska recognized by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs; news release from the United States Department of the Interior; 25 CFR part 151, Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, acquisition of title to land in trust; memo to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs from the solicitor; letter to Director Virden from Attorney General Bruce Botelho; Public Law 280 (Criminal) Section 1162; Public Law 280 (Civil) Section 1360; the Governor's Administrative Order No. 186; draft of the Millennium Agreement; State-Tribal Relations Team web site; letter to Governor from Senator Stevens, Senator Murkowski, and Congressman Young regarding Administrative Order; Governor's response to letter from Alaska's congressional delegation; press release from Governor; memo from Joe Williams to tribal leaders; State Tribal Relations Team; Achieving Alaska Native Self-Governance, Executive Summary from final report, The Economic Resource Group, Inc.; Urban Rural Unity Study, Commonwealth North; and other available articles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIRMAN COGHILL announced that present via teleconference were Mayor Sol Atkinson of Metlakatla, and Don Mitchell and Joe Williams of Saxman IRA (Indian Reorganization Act).

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR COGHILL adjourned the joint meeting of the House Judiciary Standing Committee and the House State Affairs Standing Committee at 3:00 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.