

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 11, 2001

1. ROLL CALL

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Pamela Varni, Executive Director Legislative Affairs Agency, in the Capitol, Senate Finance Room.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members Green, Kott, Murkowski, Ogan, Porter, Rokeberg Berkowitz, Cowdery, Donley, Halford, Kelly, Pearce, Torgerson and Elton. Staff present were Varni, Cook, Ibesate, Schofield and Wyatt.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Executive Director, Pamela Varni called for nominations of Legislative Council Chair. Representative Porter moved to elect Representative Joe Green as Chair of Legislative Council. No other nominations were put forward. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pamela Varni handed the meeting over to Representative Green who called for nominations of Vice Chair.

Senator Halford moved to elect Senator Cowdery Vice Chair of Legislative Council. No other nominations were put forward. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2000 MEETING MINUTES

Representative Porter moved the minutes of the December 18, 2000 meeting be approved.

With no objection the motion was approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF LATE PER DIEM CLAIM (Hal Smalley)

Representative Porter moved an approval of a late per diem claim for Representative Hal Smalley

With no objection the motion was approved unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of monies from House Special Committee on World Trade and State Federal Relations Committee to House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism

In accordance with AS 24.20.140, the Council may direct the Executive Director to transfer amounts from one appropriation to another if the transfer is considered necessary to accomplish the work of the Council.

Representative Porter moved that per AS 24.20.140 Leg Council direct the Executive Director to transfer the remaining balance from the House Special Committee World Trade and State Federal Relations Committee funds to the House Special Committee Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism.

Executive Director, Pamela Varni stated that the remaining balance for transfer was \$66,000.

Discussion followed by Representative Berkowitz and Senator Cowdery.

Senator Cowdery explained that the Senate will be forming a World Trade Committee and would like to have the monies transferred to the Senate.

Discussion followed by Representatives Green, Porter, Rokeberg and Senator Elton regarding the use of funds, and the transfer of House funds to the Senate and the notice of transfer on agenda. Senator Halford explained that the Senate was forming the committee and he felt there was adequate funding available to fund a like amount to the committee.

An at ease was called.

The original motion that per AS 24.20.140 Leg Council direct the Executive Director to transfer the remaining balance from the House Special Committee World Trade and State Federal Relations Committee funds to the House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism was put forth.

With no objection the motion was approved unanimously.

5. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Representative Green explained that both he and Representative Ogan attended the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in December on the Katie John case and they have information for members who would want it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.