

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
July 12, 2002

1. ROLL CALL

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Senator Cowdery, Legislative Council Vice-Chair, in the Anchorage 2nd floor Conference Room via-teleconference.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members: Green (late arrival), Berkowitz, Murkowski, Ogan (via-teleconference), Porter, Rokeberg, Cowdery (via-teleconference), Donley, Halford (via-teleconference, late arrival), Stevens, Torgerson (via-teleconference), and Elton (via-teleconference). Members absent: Kott and Kelly. Staff present were: Varni, Cook, Collins, Ibesate, Luckhaupt, Price, Warena, Schofield and Popely. Others present were: Dale Bonduant and Bob Erwin.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2002 MINUTES

Representative Porter moved the minutes of the June 24, 2002 meeting be approved.

YEAS: Murkowski, Ogan, Porter, Rokeberg, Berkowitz, Cowdery, Torgerson, Stevens and Elton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Green, Kott, Donley, Halford and Kelly

The motion passed 9 - 0.

3. FY 03 LEGISLATURE UNALLOCATED REDUCTION OF \$200,000

Pam Varni, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs Agency informed the Council that the \$200,000 unallocated reduction spread to the Legislature's budget would need to be decided by the end of July because of OMB deadlines to show the authorized budget for FY 03. Spreadsheets were provided per the Council's

request as to the amount of lapsing funds for FY 02. It was explained that the Legislative Operating Budget received the largest decrease in funding for FY 03 and should not be hit again with the unallocated reduction.

Representative Green arrived and took over as Chair.

Discussion followed.

Speaker Porter moved the Unallocated Reduction come from the following areas: \$100,000 from LB&A Committee Expenses, \$55,100 from Administrative Services deleting the Information Assistant – Immigration Specialty position and \$44,900 from the Legislative Council Chair.

YEAS: Green, Murkowski, Ogan, Porter, Rokeberg, Cowdery, Torgerson, Halford and Stevens

NAYS: Berkowitz, Donley and Elton

ABSENT: Kelly and Kott

The motion passed 9 – 3.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Green introduced Mr. Bob Erwin and Mr. Dale Bondurant, with the Alaska Constitutional Legal Defense Conservation Fund. Mr. Dale Bondurant testified on the constitutionality of the rural subsistence priority and would like Legislative Council to pursue a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Further discussion followed.

Chair Green recommended that Legislative Council delay any action till the next Council meeting so that the majority attorney can review this case.

Senator Donley moved that the Katie John case be brought up at the next Legislative Council meeting. Senator Donley recommended that Ted Popely prepare a proposal in a written motion form showing amount of dollars and specific details of the proposal so that the Council could vote up or down on the proposal/motion.

There was no objection made.

Senator Halford joined the meeting via teleconference and Representative Murkowski left the meeting.

Senator Halford made the motion to allow the Salmon Task Force the authority to contract up to \$50,000 with the agreement/approval of the Presiding Officers and Chair of Legislative Council.

YEAS: Green, Murkowski, Ogan, Porter, Rokeberg, Berkowitz, Cowdery, Donley, Torgerson, Halford, Stevens and Elton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kelly and Kott

The motion passed 11 - 0.

5. ANCHORAGE OFFICE SPACE APPROVAL – RFP #380

Senator Donley made the motion that Legislative Council go into Executive Session to review RFP #380. Pam Varni, Executive Director, requested that staff to Legislative Council and appropriate Agency staff in Juneau be able to remain in Executive Session; Mike Warena, Wen Ibesate, Gayle Collins, Karla Schofield, Tam Cook, Linda Hay, Jan Price, and Jerry Luckhaupt.

YEAS: Green, Ogan, Porter, Rokeberg, Berkowitz, Cowdery, Donley, Halford, Stevens and Elton

NAYS: Torgerson

ABSENT: Kelly, Murkowski and Kott

The motion passed 10 - 1.

Legislative Council came out of Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:37a.m.