

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

January 15, 2002  
8:15 a.m.

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

OVERVIEW: MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP OATES, ADJUTANT GENERAL -  
TERRORISM DISASTER POLICY CABINET; EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION

**TAPES**

02-1, SIDE(S) A & B  
02-2, SIDE(S) A

**CALL TO ORDER**

REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CHENAULT, Chair, called the House Special  
Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs meeting to order at  
8:15 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Committee members present were Representatives Chenault, Masek,  
Murkowski, Cissna, and Hayes. Other legislators present were  
Representatives Foster, Dyson, Wilson, Lancaster, Coghill, and  
Stevens, and Senators Austerman, Davis, and Leman.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

MAJOR GENERAL PHILLIP OATES, Adjutant General/Commissioner,  
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, addressed  
legislators' concerns about the types of security-related  
decisions required in Alaska; he referred to not only the  
terrorist attacks [in Washington, D.C., and New York City] on  
September 11, 2001, but also numerous terrorist activities in  
the past few decades. He presented and discussed at length a  
handout titled "State of Alaska, Terrorism Disaster Policy  
Cabinet, Executive Summary and Financial Information," dated  
November 12, 2001; he asked Chair Chenault to decide whether to  
release confidential portions not made available to the public  
at the hearing.

MAJOR GENERAL OATES also provided a handout from the department's Division of Emergency Services titled "Homeland Security Budget Presentation," as well as an article in the Fall 2001 issue of National Guard Review titled "MG Phil Oates Looks at Unique Missions for the Guard."

GARY L. HAYDEN, Director, Construction, M&O, Southeast Region, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, answered legislators' questions relating to his department.

JAY LIVEY, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health & Social Services, answered legislators' questions relating to the ability to deal with smallpox and anthrax if used as biological weapons; regarding smallpox, he emphasized the low risk but huge consequences.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements other than a reminder that the hearing would continue the following day.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIR CHENAULT adjourned the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs meeting at 10:05 a.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.