

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 26, 2001

1:08 p.m.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Presentations

EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING ON ALASKA'S FISHERIES, FORESTS, AGRICULTURE, MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, AND SUBSISTENCE LIVELIHOODS; PROFESSOR GUNTER WELLER, CENTER FOR GLOBAL CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC RESEARCH CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, FAIRBANKS

DONLIN CREEK REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES UPDATE; CALISTA CORPORATION AND PLACER DOME CORPORATION

TAPES

01-14, SIDES A & B

01-15, SIDE A

CALL TO ORDER

CO-CHAIR DREW SCALZI called the House Resources Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

PRESENT

Committee members present were Representatives Masek, Fate, Green, Chenault, Stevens, Kapsner, Kerttula, and McGuire. Representatives Dyson, Davies, and Cissna also attended.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Global Warming

PROFESSOR GUNTER WELLER, Director, Cooperative Institute for Arctic Research, presented information attesting to the considerable climate-warming trend in Alaska over the last three decades and the impacts on the state's economy and natural resources. (See Attachment A, included in the committee packet.)

Donlin Creek Regional Infrastructure Presentation by Calista Corporation

RICHARD ROMER, First Vice President, Calista Corporation, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on roads, energy, and the Donlin Creek Exploration gold site: "Donlin Creek Regional Infrastructure Presentation." (See Attachment B, included in the committee packet.)

STAN FOO, Foo & Associates [lobbyist on behalf of Placer Dome U.S.], and BILL BIEBER, Camp and Logistics Manager, Calista Corporation, narrated a PowerPoint presentation: "The Donlin Creek Project - A Partnership Between Placer Dome, the Calista Corporation and the Kuskokwim Corporation." (See Attachment C, included in the committee packet.)

FRANK BETTINE, P.E. [Physical Engineer], consulting engineer, narrated a PowerPoint presentation: "Regional Energy Needs Study for Southwestern Alaska - Calista Region." (See Attachment D, included in the committee packet.)

JEFF OTTESEN, Statewide Planning Chief, Division of Statewide Planning, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), gave a project briefing on a transportation network analysis: "Ruby to McGrath/Donlin Creek Road." (See Attachment E, included in the committee packet.)

DAVE LEPAIN, Geologist, Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys, Department of Natural Resources, narrated a PowerPoint presentation: "Overview of DGGS' Holitna Basin Project: Gas for Donlin Creek?" (See Attachment F, included in the committee packet.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CO-CHAIR SCALZI announced the following bills were scheduled for the next committee meeting, March 7, 2001: HJR 12, SJR 7, and SB 72.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

CO-CHAIR SCALZI adjourned the House Resources Standing Committee meeting at 3:30 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.