

MINUTES
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
April 12, 2002
10:26 AM

TAPES

SFC-02 # 55, Side A

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Pete Kelly convened the meeting at approximately 10:26 AM.

PRESENT

Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair
Senator Lyda Green
Senator Gary Wilken
Senator Alan Austerman
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Donald Olson
Senator Loren Leman

Also Attending: There were no testifiers.

Attending via Teleconference: There were no teleconference participants.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

SB 219-FED/STATE NAVIGABLE WATERS COMMISSION

The Committee adopted a committee substitute and reported the bill from Committee.

#SB219

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219(RES)
"An Act establishing and relating to the Joint Federal and State Navigable Waters Commission for Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

This was the second hearing for this bill in the Senate Finance Committee.

Co-Chair Kelly stated he had concerns with the original version of the bill and spoke to a proposed committee substitute that addresses these concerns. One concern, he pointed out, is the stipulation that designates one seat on the Commission to an Alaskan Native. He surmised this language duplicates statutory language governing another commission. However, he commented, "I don't think the State has any business appointing by race."

Co-Chair Kelly relayed his second concern with the original legislation is that the number of appointments made by the Governor outnumbers the number appointed by the Legislature. He opined, "I don't think that the Executive Branch should be outnumbering the peoples' branch on any kind of commission."

Co-Chair Kelly informed the Committee that Section 3 of the proposed committee substitute delineates how the membership of the Commission would be appointed; three members appointed by the Governor, and two each by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Senator Green offered a motion to adopt CS SB 219, 22-LS0965\L, as a working draft.

Senator Hoffman objected for clarification. He noted Section 3(b) specifies individuals would be appointed to the Commission under the requirements of federal law and asked that if federal law requires appointment of an Alaska Native whether this would be done.

Co-Chair Kelly affirmed but qualified these members would represent the federal government seats on the joint Commission.

Senator Hoffman removed his objection to adoption of the committee substitute.

Without objection the committee substitute was ADOPTED.

Senator Green offered a motion to move CS SB 219 (FIN) from Committee with accompanying \$200,000 fiscal noted from the Department of Natural Resources.

There was no objection and the bill MOVED from Committee.

AT EASE 10:29 AM / 10:30 AM

Co-Chair Kelly noted the FY 03 operating budget would be heard the following week.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Pete Kelly adjourned the meeting at 10:31 AM