

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

February 15, 2001
1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Randy Phillips, Chair
Senator Alan Austerman
Senator Loren Lemam
Senator John Torgerson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Bettye Davis

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 38

"An Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an effective date."

MOVED SB 38 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 38 - See Labor and Commerce minutes date 2/01/01.

WITNESS REGISTER

None

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIRMAN RANDY PHILLIPS called the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present were Senators Torgerson, Austerman, and Phillips. The committee took up SB 38. Senator Lemam arrived at 1:31 p.m.

#SB38

SB 38-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER

SENATOR TORGERSON moved SB 38 from committee with individual

recommendations and its accompanying fiscal note.

SENATOR LEMAN stated that he asked representatives of the Division of Insurance to look at a proposal he has been thinking about. He is concerned that SB 38 is a piecemeal approach to health care and, while he is sympathetic to those who need this type of coverage, he believes there are better ways to solve the problem. The Division of Insurance was unable to provide all of the information he asked for in this timeframe so, although he intends to pursue a more comprehensive solution, he recognizes it will be a challenge. He felt it is appropriate to move SB 38 out of committee at this time and he will "catch up" with it in the next committee.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS said he shares Senator Leman's thoughts on the bill. He announced, with no objection, the motion to move SB 38 from committee carried.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.