

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
February 8, 2001
10:47 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator John Cowdery, Vice Chair
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator Gene Therriault
Senator Johnny Ellis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Drue Pearce, Chair

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9
Relating to the development and deployment of the National Missile
Defense System.

APPROVED SJR 9 FOR CALENDARING

SJR 12(TITLE AM)

Urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to
eliminate the marriage penalty.

APPROVED SJR 12 FOR CALENDARING

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to declaring March 2001 as Sobriety Awareness Month.

APPROVED SCR 2 FOR CALENDARING

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SJR 9 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/6/01.

SJR 12 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/6/01.

SCR 2 - See HESS minutes dated 1/29/01.

WITNESS REGISTER

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POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions about SJR 9

ACTION NARRATIVE

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Number 001

VICE-CHAIR COWDERY called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:47 a.m. Present were Senators Phillips, Therriault, Ellis and Cowdery.

#SJR9

VICE-CHAIR COWDERY announced **SJR 9-NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM** to be up for consideration.

SENATOR ELLIS asked if the national missile defense system proposal has been proven to work.

MR. PAUL ROETMAN, staff to Senator Leman, sponsor of SJR 9, said there is a design for a national missile defense system but it has not been deployed and is not yet operational. The system as designed may change. SJR 9 shows general support for the concept that all 50 states should be protected from ballistic missiles; it does not endorse a specific system.

SENATOR ELLIS noted that Alaska favors a land-based system while President Bush favors a sea-based system. He asked if SJR 9 makes a value judgment about either system.

MR. ROETMAN said it does not.

SENATOR PHILLIPS moved to calendar SJR 9. There being no objection, **VICE-CHAIR COWDERY** noted the motion carried.

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#SJR12

The next order of business to come before the committee was **SJR 12-ELIMINATE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY**. There being no questions or discussion, **SENATOR PHILLIPS** moved to calendar SJR 12. Without objection, the motion carried.

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#SCR2

The committee took up **SCR 2-SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH**. There being no questions or discussion, **SENATOR PHILLIPS** moved to calendar SCR 2. Without objection the motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, VICE-CHAIR COWDERY adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.