

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
April 27, 2001
10:55 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Drue Pearce, Chair
Senator John Cowdery, Vice Chair
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator Gene Therriault

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Johnny Ellis

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 135

"An Act relating to mental health information and records; and providing for an effective date."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

"An Act relating to insurance premiums for rental motor vehicles."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to fund the acquisition of high- resolution digital orthoimagery and digital elevation data for the entire state of Alaska.

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

HOUSE BILL NO. 72 am

"An Act relating to an assistant adjutant general for space and missile defense in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs."

ADOPTED SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE AND APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 135 - See HESS minutes dated 4/9/01 and Judiciary minutes dated 4/23/01.

HB 150 - See Labor and Commerce minutes dated 3/27/01 and Judiciary minutes dated 4/11/01.

HJR 19 - See Resources minutes dated 4/9/01.

HB 72 - See Finance Report dated 4/12/01.

WITNESS REGISTER

Mr. Elmer Lindstrom
Department of Health &
Social Services
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POSITION STATEMENT: Explained a change made to SB 135 in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Ms. Carol Carroll
Department of Military &
Veterans Affairs
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POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions about SCS HB 72(RLS).

ACTION NARRATIVE

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Number 001

CHAIRWOMAN DRUE PEARCE called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. Senators Phillips, Therriault and Pearce were present. The first order of business to come before the committee was SB 135.

#SB 135
SENATOR THERRIAULT asked what changes were made to SB 135 in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

MR. ELMER LINDSTROM, Special Assistant, Department of Health and Social Services, explained that the sole change was to the title.

SENATOR THERRIAULT moved to calendar all versions of **SB 135-MENTAL HEALTH INFO/RECORDS/COMMUNICATIONS** and its accompanying fiscal note. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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#HB 150
SENATOR PHILLIPS moved to calendar **HB 150-INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RENTAL VEHICLES**. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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#HJR 19

SENATOR PHILLIPS moved to calendar HJR 19-DIGITAL ORTHOIMAGERY AND ELEVATION DATA. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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#HB 72

CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE announced that a proposed Senate Rules Committee Substitute for HB 72-ASST.ADJUTANT GEN.: MISSILE/SPACE DEFENSE was before the committee.

SENATOR THERRIAULT moved to adopt SCS HB 72(RLS), Version F, as the working document of the committee. There being no objection, the motion carried.

MS. CAROL CARROLL, Administrative Services Division, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, explained the difference in the Senate Rules Committee version is the removal of the five-year sunset clause. General Oates advised her that the development and deployment of the space and missile defense system in Alaska could take at least seven years. He prefers that the bill have no sunset clause as that could send the wrong message to the federal government. This program is a joint effort between the state and federal government.

CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE said the position is funded with federal funds and it is her understanding that the federal government will not approve the continuation of the actual position once the national missile defense program is in place. She asked if the Senate Finance Committee was concerned that the state would not be able to carry that employee after the program is in place.

MS. CARROLL said that is correct.

SENATOR THERRIAULT noted that General Oates informed him yesterday that the name of the program has been changed to the national missile defense and space program so there is a possibility that the federal government may continue to fund that position for a longer term.

There being no further questions or testimony, SENATOR THERRIAULT moved to calendar SCS HB 72(RLS) with its attached fiscal note. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE announced that she expects to have the capital

budget and SB 93 on the calendar tomorrow and that a Senate Rules Committee meeting will be scheduled during session. She then adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.