

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
February 22, 2002
10:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Randy Phillips, Chair
Senator Rick Halford
Senator Gene Therriault
Senator Johnny Ellis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator John Cowdery, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 242

"An Act relating to concealed handgun permittees."
APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 260

"An Act relating to historic and antique motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date."
APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Urging the United States Congress to permit the use of tax exempt bonds to fund loans for veterans who served after 1976.
APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Relating to declaring March 2002 as Sobriety Awareness Month.
APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Relating to declaring April 6, 2002, as Alaska Tartan Day.
APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Authorizing a recess by the Senate for a period of more than three days.
APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 242 - See Judiciary minutes dated 2/11/02.

SB 260 - See Transportation minutes dated 2/19/02.

SJR 31 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/7/02 and 2/12/02.

SCR 22 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/7/02 and 2/14/02.

SCR 23 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/19/02.

WITNESS REGISTER

Mr. Darrell Thomas
Senate Judiciary Committee Staff
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POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions about SB 242.

Ms. Jennifer Yuhas
Staff to Representative Beverly Masek
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POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions about SB 242.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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Number 001

CHAIRMAN RANDY PHILLIPS called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Present were Senators Halford, Ellis and Phillips. Chairman Phillips announced that a Senate Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25. The committee first took up SB 242.

#SB 242

SENATOR HALFORD moved to calendar **SB 242-CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITTEES.**

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS asked if any states do not require fingerprint-based criminal record checks.

MR. DARRYL THOMAS, staff to Senator Taylor, sponsor of SB 242, said some states do not.

SENATOR THERRIAULT arrived.

MS. JENNIFER YUHAS, staff to Representative Masek, informed the committee that three states do not require fingerprinting for criminal record checks, however they do require extensive

background checks. The National Rifle Association (NRA) has testified that it is satisfied with the background checks.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS took a hand count of those in favor of calendaring SB 242 and announced that the motion carried, 4 to 0.
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#SB 260

SENATOR HALFORD moved to calendar **SB 260-HISTORIC/ANTIQU** **MOTOR VEHICLES** at the Chair's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS asked for questions or amendments. There being none, he took a hand count and announced the motion to calendar SB 260 carried with a 4 to 0 vote.
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#SJR 31

SENATOR HALFORD moved to calendar **SJR 31-TAX EXEMPT BONDS TO FUND VETERANS LOANS** at the Chairman's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced that a staff member from Senator Ward's office was available to answer questions. There being none, he announced that the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.
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#SCR 23

SENATOR HALFORD moved to calendar **SCR 23-ALASKA TARTAN DAY** at the Chairman's discretion.

SENATOR ELLIS asked why a sponsor introduces this resolution every year.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS said he does not believe this subject should be made a permanent part of the law. He said that former Senator Parnell originally introduced this resolution. Since Senator Parnell retired, he was asked because Eagle River hosts the highland Scottish games every mid-July.

SENATOR ELLIS asked if the requesting group would be satisfied with a citation honoring their deeds. He pointed out there is an expense associated with passing resolutions.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS responded that the group wanted Alaska Tartan Day established in statute but he has resisted that. He then announced with a 4 to 0 vote, SCR 23 would be calendared.
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#SCR 27

SENATOR HALFORD moved to calendar SCR 27-RECESS OF THE LEGISLATURE: LATE MARCH at the Chair's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced that with a 4 to 0 vote, SCR 27 would be calendared.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.