

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
**SENATE RULES COMMITTEE**  
March 1, 2002  
10:35 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Rick Halford

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 206

"An Act relating to registration plates and parking permits for persons with disabilities and to illegal use of parking spaces for persons with disabilities."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 255

"An Act relating to exchanges of state land, interests, or property for other land, interests, or consideration; approving an exchange of land between the state and Gold Cord Development Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

SB 206 - See Transportation minutes dated 2/12/02.

SB 255 - See Resources minutes dated 2/8/02.

**WITNESS REGISTER**

Mr. Nico Bus  
Administrative Services Director  
Department of Natural Resources  
400 Willoughby Ave.  
Juneau, AK 99801-1724

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Explained the provisions of SB 255

Mr. Jerry Burnett  
Staff to Senator Green

Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Answered questions about SB 255.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIRMAN RANDY PHILLIPS** called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Present were Senators Therriault, Cowdery, Ellis and Phillips. The committee took up SB 206.

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SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar **SB 206-DISABLED PARKING AND REGISTRATION PLATES.**

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS noted that with no opposition, SB 206 with its accompanying fiscal notes will be calendared.

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#SB 255

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar **SB 255-LAND EXCHANGES: GOLD CORD DEVELOPMENT.**

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked for an explanation of the measure.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS noted the bill needs a technical correction and asked Mr. Bus to describe it to the committee.

MR. NICO BUS, Administrative Services Manager, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), explained that in the agreement between the state and the mining corporation, Section 18 requires legislative approval by the year 2001. The date needs to be changed to 2002. He explained that a lot of development is occurring at the Independence Mine in the Mat-Su area. DNR needs a little bit of the road for bus access and spoke to the mining corporation about a land exchange. The mining corporation agreed but the agreement will require legislative approval. The state will receive about six acres of land valued at about \$68,000 from Gold Cord.

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked if DNR will transfer acreage to the Gold Cord in exchange.

MR. JERRY BURNETT, staff to Senator Lyda Green, explained that in exchange, the state is providing the process to give Gold Cord

title to adjacent mining claims, which is valued at about \$6,500 less than the acreage.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS asked about the two Mat-Su Borough's resolutions supporting the land exchange, as they were not in members' packets.

MR. BURNETT said Senator Green's office never received copies.

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar SB 255 with the corrected date and its accompanying fiscal note.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS stated with no objection, the motion to calendar SB 255 carried. There being no further business to come before the committee, he adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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