

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
**SENATE RULES COMMITTEE**  
March 4, 2002  
10:42 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All Members Present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 266

"An Act authorizing the commissioner of community and economic development to refinance and extend the term of a fishery enhancement loan."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 337

"An Act relating to eligibility for an exemption from municipal property taxes for certain seniors and disabled veterans."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

**PREVIOUS SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION**

SB 266 - See Labor and Commerce minutes dated 2/14/02, Resources minutes dated 2/25/02

SB 337 - No previous action to record.

**WITNESS REGISTER**

Ms. Deborah Grundmann  
Staff to Senator Ben Stevens  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Answered questions about SB 266

Ms. Marilyn Wilson  
Staff to Senator Donley  
Alaska State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Answered questions about SB 337

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIRMAN RANDY PHILLIPS** called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. Senators Cowdery, Therriault and Phillips were present. The committee took up SB 266.

#SB 266

SENATOR COWDERY asked if the purpose of **SB 266-FISHERY ENHANCEMENT LOANS** is to allow refinancing at a lower interest rate.

MS. DEBORAH GRUNDMANN, staff to Senator Ben Stevens, sponsor of SB 266, stated that is correct; it will allow fish hatcheries to take advantage of lower interest rates by refinancing existing loans.

SENATOR COWDERY moved to approve SB 266 for calendaring at the Chairman's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced that with no objection, SB 266 will be placed on today's calendar.

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#SB 337

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked, in relation to **SB 337-ELIGIBILITY FOR MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION**, if a person who is out of state for an allowable absence under the permanent fund dividend program would qualify for the municipal tax exemption.

MS. MARILYN WILSON, staff to Senator Donley, sponsor of SB 337, explained that SB 337 allows municipalities to use the same criteria for allowable absences for the permanent fund dividend for a municipal tax exemption.

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked if both the eligibility requirements and allowable absences would be the same.

MS. WILSON said that is her understanding.

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked if a person is out-of-state for medical services not available in-state could apply and receive a

dividend.

MS. WILSON said that is correct.

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked if this requirement applies only if a municipality decides to require it.

MS. WILSON said that is correct.

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar SB 337 at the Chairman's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS noted that with no objection, SB 337 will be calendared today. There being no further business to come before the committee, he adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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