

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

April 8, 2002

10:38 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. 140

"An Act relating to regulation and licensing of certain water-power development projects."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 338

"An Act making certain individuals convicted of crimes ineligible for permanent fund dividends and relating to certain payments of compensation from the crime victim compensation fund; and providing for an effective date."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 356

"An Act relating to the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to issue general and individual permits for waste disposal; and providing for an effective date."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33(MLV) am

Expressing gratitude to President George W. Bush, to the President's cabinet, to the men and women of the United States armed forces, and to the United States Congress and declaring support for the war on terrorism and for the President's effort to support democracies and promote peace worldwide.

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44(RES) am

Strongly urging the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and appropriate federal officials to support the construction and operation of the Alaska Highway Natural Gas

Pipeline route.

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 140 - See Resources minutes dated 3/21/01 and 2/8/02 and Finance Report dated 4/4/02.

SB 338 - See Finance Report dated 4/02/02.

SB 356 - See Resources minutes dated 4/3/02.

HJR 33 - See State Affairs minutes dated 3/19/02.

HJR 44 - See Resources minutes dated 4/3/02.

WITNESS REGISTER

Mr. Richard Schmitz
Staff to Representative James
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions about HJR 33 for the sponsor

ACTION NARRATIVE

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Number 001

CHAIRMAN RANDY PHILLIPS called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. Present were Senators Cowdery, Therriault, Ellis and Phillips. The first order of business to come before the committee was SB 140.

#SB 140

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar SB 140-SMALL WATER-POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS with its attached fiscal notes at the Chairman's discretion.

SENATOR ELLIS objected.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced the motion carried with Senators Therriault, Cowdery and Phillips voting in favor and Senator Ellis voting against.

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#SB 338

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar SB 338-IPFD/ CRIME VICTIMS COMP/CHILD SUPPORT with its accompanying fiscal notes at the Chairman's discretion.

SENATOR ELLIS objected.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced the motion carried with Senators Therriault, Cowdery and Phillips voting in favor and Senator Ellis voting against.

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#SB 356

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar SB 356-GENERAL PERMIT FOR WATER /WASTE DISPOSAL with its accompanying fiscal notes at the Chairman's discretion.

SENATOR ELLIS objected.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced the motion carried with Senators Therriault, Cowdery and Phillips voting in favor and Senator Ellis voting against.

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#HJR33

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar HJR 33-SUPPORT WAR ON TERRORISM & SUPPORT PEACE at the Chairman's discretion.

SENATOR ELLIS objected and expressed concern about the use of the word "war" since Congress has not officially declared a war. He asked if another word could be substituted and whether that is a point of concern for anyone else.

SENATE THERRIAULT informed members that when the Senate State Affairs Committee heard HJR 33, it was his feeling that the term "war on terrorism" is the phrase used by the general population.

SENATOR ELLIS asked if it is being used as a commonly used phrase and not in reference to an official war declared by Congress.

MR. RICHARD SCHMITZ, staff to Representative James, sponsor, explained that it is the term used by President Bush and it has become a lexicon, similar to the war on drugs. He said he believes it is meant to apply to the total process, whether it be the military action in Afghanistan or diplomacy.

SENATOR ELLIS thanked Mr. Schmitz for the clarification and removed his objection.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced HJR 33 would be calendared.

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#HJR 44

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar HJR 44-ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE ROUTE with its accompanying fiscal notes at the Chairman's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced that with no objection, the motion carried. With no further business to come before the committee, he then adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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