

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

**SENATE RULES COMMITTEE**

April 9, 2002

10:36 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Johnny Ellis

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

#SB250

SENATE BILL NO. 250

"An Act extending the dates for assignment of performance designations of public schools and the dates for reports and monitoring based on those designations; and providing for an effective date."

SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

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SENATE BILL NO. 291

"An Act making supplemental and other appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

MOVED CSSB 291(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

MOVED SCR 26 OUT OF COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20(MLV)

Relating to declaring September 11, 2002, as a Day of Remembrance.

MOVED CSHCR 20(MLV) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

SB 291 - See Finance minutes dated 2/14/02, 2/22/02, 3/14/02, 3/15/02 and 3/27/02.

SCR 26 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/28/02.

HCR 20 - See State Affairs minutes dated 3/19/02, 3/26/02 and 4/2/02.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

**TAPE 02-6, SIDE A**

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**CHAIRMAN RANDY PHILLIPS** called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. Senators Cowdery, Therriault, Halford and Phillips were present. Chairman Phillips announced the committee would not take up SB 250 today. Senator Ellis arrived shortly afterward.

#SB 291

SENATOR HALFORD moved to adopt the proposed Senate Rules Committee Substitute (CS) to **SB 291-SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK** as the working document of the committee.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS explained the changes made in the Senate Rules version as follows:

- Section 10 of the Senate Finance version contained \$2 million for tourism marketing; that was deleted and replaced with \$50,000 for the redistricting board;
- \$125,000 was added to Section 6 for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for expenses related to immediate responses to the September 11 terrorist attacks; and
- \$240,000 of federal receipts was added to Section 11 for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Anchorage bowl long-range transportation plan (AMATS).

SENATOR COWDERY asked how much the redistricting board has spent to date.

SENATOR HALFORD said its budget was about \$350,000, of which about \$34,000 remains. That amount is not enough to cover staff costs for this month and the meeting this week, which will cost about \$15,000. The \$50,000 should cover the cost of the upcoming meeting and two more.

SENATOR COWDERY asked how much money the redistricting board has already obligated.

SENATOR HALFORD estimated about \$600,000 and he thought the obligations as a result of the lawsuits may exceed \$2 million.

SENATOR ELLIS asked the Chairman to elaborate on the amount appropriated for homeland security.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS referred to Section 6 and explained that \$125,000 of general funds has been appropriated to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for the initial response costs for the September 11 attack.

SENATOR ELLIS asked if that request was denied by the Senate Finance Committee.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS said he wouldn't classify it as being denied, rather it was submitted late. He noted \$125,000 is half of the amount requested.

SENATOR ELLIS asked, "And there were the hundreds of thousands of dollars that were expended by other agencies of government in the aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup> that you've considered and rejected or - I'm just trying to get a handle on ...?"

SENATOR HALFORD noted those requests are not part of the fast track supplemental appropriation.

SENATOR THERRIAULT said it is his understanding that the DMVA had very little "wiggle room" in its overall budget so it would have to start cutting programs. He believes many other budget requests are still under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee but not for placement in this bill.

SENATOR ELLIS asked the Chairman to elaborate on the third item.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS indicated it contains \$240,000 of federal receipts for the Municipality of Anchorage for the AMATS long-range plan. That money was included at the request of the Mayor and will give the Municipality a two to three month head start on the AMATS process.

SENATOR HALFORD noted his motion to adopt the committee substitute was adopted by unanimous consent and moved CSSB 291(RLS) for calendaring at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no objection, CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced it would be calendared.

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#SCR 26

SENATOR HALFORD moved to calendar SCR 26-AVALANCHE AWARENESS

MONTH and its attached zero fiscal note at the Chairman's discretion.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced that with no objection, SCR 26 would be calendared.

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#HCR 20

SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar HCR 20-SEPT 11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE and its accompanying zero fiscal note at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no objection, CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS announced the motion carried.

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SENATOR ELLIS requested the Chairman to consider providing 24-hour notice of legislation to be calendared when possible so that the Minority and the public will have more advance notice.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS noted that the Senate Rules Committee agenda is posted by 4:30 p.m. on the previous day.

SENATOR ELLIS said that is at the end of the business day.

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked if it is Senator Ellis's preference to "stack up" the Chairman's authorization.

SENATOR ELLIS said he believes it would be healthier for the process and enhance the Chairman's management of the schedule if at least one day's notice was given. He felt it might prevent the Minority from objecting to advancement of bills on the floor because it has not had time to review all bills. He thought it would be mutually beneficial to the Minority and Majority.

CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS said he will consider the question.

There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.