

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 1, 2001
4:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator John Cowdery, Chair
Senator Robin Taylor
Senator Gary Wilken

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Jerry Ward, Vice Chair
Senator Kim Elton

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 218

"An Act relating to international airports revenue bonds and to the spending plan for the International Airports Construction Fund; and providing for an effective date."

MOVED CSSB 218(TRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 218 - No previous Senate committee action.

WITNESS REGISTER

Mr. Dennis Poshard
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POSITION STATEMENT: Supports SB 218

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIRMAN JOHN COWDERY called the Senate Transportation Committee meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Present were Senators Taylor, Wilken and Cowdery. The first order of business to come before

the committee was SB 218.

#SB 218

SB 218-AIRPORTS:BONDS/CONSTR.FUND/FACILITY CHARGE

CHAIRMAN COWDERY, sponsor of SB 218, informed the committee that he has received many calls from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) about ongoing problems at the Anchorage airport. In response to those calls, he changed the title of the bill and inserted language that requires more accountability. He then asked a representative from DOTPF to testify.

MR. DENNIS POSHARD, Special Assistant, DOTPF, thanked Chairman Cowdery for scheduling the bill and all of the work he has done on behalf of the Anchorage airport. He said DOTPF supports SB 218 and it supports the reporting requirements specified in the bill. SB 218 is straightforward; it will increase the bond authorization in order to bond the capital improvement project (CIP) program for the Anchorage airport, something the airlines have requested of DOTPF in the operating agreement negotiations.

MR. POSHARD told the committee the only modification to the bill he would note is that the total amount of \$452,900,000 can be reduced by \$5 million.

CHAIRMAN COWDERY asked if the total would be \$447,900,000.

MR. POSHARD said it should be reduced to reflect that figure. He explained that a \$5 million project will be funded out of AIP [Airport Improvement Project] funds.

SENATOR TAYLOR moved to amend page 1, line 8, by replacing \$452,900,000 to \$447,900,000. There being no objection, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN COWDERY noted there was no further testimony and he announced that he asked that the project manager be available to answer questions at the Senate Finance Committee hearing.

SENATOR TAYLOR moved to pass CSSB 218(TRA) from committee with individual recommendations and its attached fiscal notes. There being no objection, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIRMAN COWDERY adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.