

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT

January 15, 2004

12:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Ralph Samuels, Chair
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Vic Kohring
Representative Beth Kerttula
Representative Reggie Joule, alternate

Senator Gene Therriault, Vice Chair
Senator Ben Stevens
Senator Gary Wilken
Senator Lyman Hoffman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Con Bunde
Senator Lyda Green, alternate

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS
AUDIT REQUESTS

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

RON SOMERVILLE, Member
of the Board of Game
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented briefly on navigable waters and
RS 2477s.

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 04-1, SIDE A
Number 0001

CHAIR RALPH SAMUELS called the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Representatives Samuels, Hawker, Kohring, Chenault, and Kerttula were present at the call to order. Representative Joule and Senators Therriault, Ben Stevens, Wilken, and Hoffman arrived as the meeting was in progress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2003. There being no objection, the minutes from the meeting of December 12, 2003 were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Number 0025

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential audit reports under AS 24.20.301. There being no objection, the committee went into executive session at 12:10 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUELS brought the committee back to order at 12:50 p.m.

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Number 0059

CHAIR SAMUELS announced that the Joint Committee on Budget and Audit has contracted with ISER [Institute of Social and Economic Research] to review the methodology used for The American Institutes for Research Alaska School District Cost Study report which will come out on January 30, 2004. Mr. Tuck from ISER will make a presentation of that report by the first week in February.

Number 0138

CHAIR SAMUELS said that the veterans' home contract had been let to ASCG [Arctic Slope Consulting Group], a conglomeration of the groups that had the previous veterans' home contract, and stated that progress was being made in that area.

AUDIT REQUESTS

Number 0200

SENATOR THERRIAULT made a motion for the final audits for the Special Education Service Agency - sunset audit, and the audit on the Department of Environmental Conservation Village Safe Water Program to be released to the appropriate agencies for response. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Number 0400

RON SOMERVILLE, member of the Board of Game, stated that he didn't have any more [information] than the committee had in the monthly Report of Expenditures and Progress from Tina Cuning, Nav/Access Program Manager, Department of Fish and Game. He commented on the 20 rivers in the Tenana Region, but reserved the rest of his testimony until Ms. Cuning could be contacted via teleconferencing.

The committee took an at-ease from 12:51 p.m. to 12:53 p.m.

Number 0410

CHAIR SAMUELS, after noting the unsuccessful attempt to contact Ms. Cuning, stated that he would obtain the information from Ms. Cuning and distribute it to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.