

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM**

February 3, 2004
10:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Cheryll Heinze, Chair
Representative Lesil McGuire, Vice Chair
Representative Pete Kott
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Representative Vic Kohring
Representative Sharon Cissna
Representative Harry Crawford

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HEARING ON THE JOINT ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

TAPES

04-3, SIDE(S) A & B
04-4, SIDE(S) A

CHAIR CHERYLL HEINZE convened the meeting of the House Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Tourism at 10:06 a.m. Representatives Heinze, McGuire, Kott, Kohring, Dahlstrom, and Cissna were present at the call to order. Representative Crawford arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

MIKE BARRY, Chair, Joint Energy Policy Task Force, presented the task force's report on the Railbelt, emphasizing the findings and recommendations therein.

H.A. "RED" BOUCHER, Chairman, Board of Directors, Chugach Electric Association; Vice Chairman, Joint Energy Policy Task Force, spoke on the need for strong cyber security, especially when dealing with utilities, which could be a choice target for

cyber terrorists and hackers. Mr. Boucher recommended several methods to reduce or eliminate the risk of attack.

BECKY GAY, Project Manager, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) and Alaska Energy Authority (AEA); Staff, Joint Energy Policy Task Force, spoke on the task force's report and answered questions relating to her interpretation of the report's findings and possible future expansions to the report.

BERNIE SMITH, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and Alaska Energy Authority, supplied supporting commentary and offered to answer questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

The House Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Tourism meeting was recessed at 12:02 p.m. until Thursday, February 5, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was recorded and handwritten log notes were taken. A copy of the tape(s) and log notes may be obtained by contacting the House Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2214, and after adjournment of the second session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature this information may be obtained by contacting the Legislative Reference Library at (907) 465-3808.