

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT MEETING
SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL
RELATIONS
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL
TRADE AND TOURISM
March 29, 2004
4:06 p.m.

TAPE(S) 04-1

MEMBERS PRESENT

SENATE WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS

Senator John Cowdery, Chair
Senator Gene Therriault
Senator Donny Olson

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM

Representative Cheryll Heinze, Chair
Representative Pete Kott
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Representative Vic Kohring
Representative Sharon Cissna

MEMBERS ABSENT

SENATE WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS

Senator Ralph Seekins
Senator Gretchen Guess
Senator Thomas Wagoner

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM

Representative Lesil McGuire, Vice Chair
Representative Harry Crawford

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

^USDA INTERNATIONAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

TAPES

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

CO-CHAIRS JOHN COWDERY and **CHERYL HEINZE** convened the joint meeting of the Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations and the House Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Tourism at 4:06 p.m. Present were Senators Cowdery, Therriault, and Olson, and Representatives Heinze, Coghill, Kott, Cissna, Dahlstrom and Holm.

The first presentation was by Mr. Robert Tse, representing the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) with the USDA. Mr. Tse explained to the committee the role of the FAS in U.S. international trade.

Mr. Tse then explained Alaska's global position in terms of exporting agricultural products, including timber and seafood. Mr. Tse explained that Alaska is responsible for 40-60 percent of U.S. seafood exports.

Mr. Tse continued his presentation with a more detailed explanation of Alaska's role in agricultural trade exports.

Following Mr. Tse, Mr. Doug Farquhar of the National Conference of State Legislatures presented information on the role of and interaction between state legislatures and the federal law that deals with international trade, such as GATT, WTO, NAFTA, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 5:10 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 Senate Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2870, 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.