

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT MEETING
HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

January 28, 2003

3:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Representative Peggy Wilson, Chair
Representative Carl Gatto, Vice Chair
Representative Cheryll Heinze
Representative Paul Seaton
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative Sharon Cissna
Representative Mary Kapsner

HOUSE EDUCATION

Representative Carl Gatto, Chair
Representative Paul Seaton, Vice Chair
Representative Peggy Wilson
Representative John Coghill
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative Les Gara
Representative Mary Kapsner

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Representative James Holm
Representative Gary Stevens
Senator Bettye Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION
RE: NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

TAPES

03-01, SIDE(S) A & B [HOUSE HES TAPES]

03-02, SIDE(S) A

[Approximately 10 minutes of the hearing was not recorded due to technical difficulties; however, hard copies of the presentation are available.]

CHAIR PEGGY WILSON called the joint meeting of the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Education to order at 3:04 p.m. Present at the call to order from the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee were Representatives Wilson, Gatto, Seaton, Wolf, and Cissna. Representatives Heinze and Kapsner arrived as the meeting was in progress. Present at the call to order from the House Special Committee on Education were Representatives Gatto, Wilson, Seaton, Coghill, Wolf, and Gara. Representative Kapsner arrived as the meeting was in progress. Other legislators present were Representatives Holm and Stevens, and Senator Davis.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

ED McLAIN, Ed.D., Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development, gave an overview of the federal education reform legislation, the so-called No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Dr. McLain gave a brief history of federal and state reform efforts. He highlighted the mammoth size - 1,200 pages - and scope of the new legislation by touching on specific areas of interest and concern. These areas included the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the major focus of NCLB, Alaska's commitment to NCLB goals, needed statutory and regulatory revisions and timelines, NCLB's accountability system, and sanctions for schools with Title 1 funding.

ERIC MADSEN, Ph.D., Title 1 Administrator, Teaching and Learning Support, Department of Education and Early Development, continued the overview by highlighting other states' plans to meet NCLB's requirements, the State of Alaska's development and approval of Alaska's NCLB plan, challenges facing Alaska, school improvement sequences to meet NCLB's requirements, and Choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) requirements. He also briefly reviewed set-asides and parent notification of school improvement, minimum requirements and timelines for paraprofessionals and certified teachers, and the Department of Education and Early Development's guidance to school districts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIR WILSON announced that on Thursday, January 30, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 124 there will be another meeting on No Child Left Behind during which Ken Meyer, Legislative Liaison to State Elected Officials, U.S. Department of Education, will be attending to address questions on NCLB.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the joint meeting between the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Education was adjourned at 5:00 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.