

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

February 25, 2003

11:04 a.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 Gatto, Chair
Representative Paul Seaton, Vice Chair
Representative Peggy Wilson
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative Les Gara
Representative Mary Kapsner

MEMBERS ABSENT

HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

All members present

HOUSE EDUCATION

Representative John Coghill

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

TAPES

03-17, SIDE(S) A & B [HOUSE HES TAPES]

CHAIR CARL GATTO called the joint meeting of the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Education to order at 11:04 a.m. Present at the call to order from the House Special Committee on Education were Representatives Gatto, Seaton, Wolfe, Wilson, Gara, and Kapsner. Present at the call to order from the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee were Representatives Wilson, Gatto, Heinze, Seaton, Wolf, Cissna, and Kapsner.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

KEVIN SWEENEY, Special Assistant, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development, made introductory and closing comments and answered questions from committee members.

MARK LEAL, Director, Division of Assessment and Accountability, Department of Education and Early Development, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Alaska Accountability Plan to the new federal education legislation 'No Child Left Behind Act' (NCLB). Mr. Leal responded to specific questions of legislators concerning the NCLB accountability plan and the process for approving the plan.

ERIC MADSEN, Ph.D., ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Administrator, Division of Teaching and Learning Support, Department of Education and Early Development, and administrator for the No Child Left Behind Act, gave an overview of recommended statutory language changes with current requirements, told the members why this is a challenge, and recommended remedies. He also answered questions from committee members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committees, the joint meeting between the House Health, Education and Social Services

Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Education and the was adjourned at 12:01 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.