

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 21, 2003

1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Lesil McGuire, Chair
Representative Tom Anderson, Vice Chair
Representative Jim Holm
Representative John Coghill
Representative Les Gara
Representative Max Gruenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Ralph Samuels

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEWS: DEPARTMENT OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

[For the regular meeting minutes, see the 2:10 p.m. minutes for this date.]

TAPES

03-10, SIDE(S) A & B

CHAIR LESIL MCGUIRE convened the meeting of the House Judiciary Standing Committee at 1:05 p.m. Representatives McGuire, Anderson, Holm, Coghill, and Gara were present at the call to order. Representative Gruenberg arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

GREGG D. RENKES, Attorney General, Department of Law (DOL), presented an overview of his litigation experience, relayed his support of negotiating teams, and remarked on the importance of understanding the commercial and big-company interests in any large litigation/tax case. He spoke on the importance of seeking out the advice and expertise of other attorneys, networking with attorneys general across the nation, and understanding the legislative process. He also responded to questions regarding negotiation tactics.

WILLIAM TANDESKE, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety (DPS), presented an overview of his top priorities for this year: prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault; increasing the quantity and quality of background checks on teachers, coaches, and so forth; and providing support in the smaller communities. He spoke on workforce needs and development issues, and responded to questions regarding homeland security.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

The House Judiciary Standing Committee took an at-ease at 2:08 p.m. in order to prepare for the regular meeting. [For the regular meeting minutes, see the 2:10 p.m. minutes for this date.]

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.