

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND
VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

October 23, 2003
1:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair
Representative Beverly Masek, Vice Chair (via teleconference)
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Representative Sharon Cissna
Representative Max Gruenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Hugh Fate
Representative Bruce Weyhrauch

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Representative Kevin Meyer
Representative Les Gara
Representative Harry Crawford
Representative Eric Croft

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: LEARN ABOUT AND EXAMINE THE PROCEDURES, STANDARDS OF CARE, PERSONAL SAFETY, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CARE PLANS FOR RESIDENTS OF ALASKA PIONEERS' HOMES WITH A CASE STUDY EMPHASIS ON MILITARY VETERANS

TAPES

03-11, SIDE(S) A & B
03-12, SIDE(S) A

CHAIR BOB LYNN convened the meeting of the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs at 1:20 p.m. Representatives Lynn, Masek (via teleconference), Dahlstrom, Cissna, and Gruenberg were present at the call to order. Representatives Meyer, Gara, Crawford, and Croft were also in attendance.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

MARTY MARGESON, legal representative to William Margeson, testified on his behalf regarding grievances issued on the quality of care received at the Anchorage Pioneers' Home.

RON COWAN, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Department of Revenue, testified, giving a brief overview regarding his role in investigations in general, and with William Margeson in particular.

SUSAN ARMSTRONG, Deputy Long Term Care Ombudsman, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Department of Revenue, testified.

LISA CARESS-BEU, Senior Advocate for the Center for Advocacy and Rights of the Elderly (CARE), testified. She stated her affiliation with Mr. Margeson and elaborated on his subsequent grievances with the home.

[David Frain, administrator of the Anchorage Pioneers' Home, Division of Alaska Longevity Programs, and John Vowell, director of the Division of Alaska Longevity Programs, were invited but absent.]

The committee discussed the possibility of future legislation to improve the grievance process, with emphasis on the linkage between the long-term care ombudsman and the licensing board.

Public testimony followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The meeting was recorded. A copy of the tape(s) and witness register(s) 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.