

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT MEETING
HOUSE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS**

February 9, 2004

1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

HOUSE RESOURCES

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Co-Chair
Representative Beverly Masek, Co-Chair
Representative Bob Lynn
Representative Nick Stepovich
Representative Beth Kerttula

HOUSE OIL AND GAS

Representative Vic Kohring, Chair
Representative Beth Kerttula

MEMBERS ABSENT

HOUSE RESOURCES

Representative Cheryll Heinze, Vice Chair
Representative Carl Gatto
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative David Guttenberg

HOUSE OIL AND GAS

Representative Cheryll Heinze
Representative Jim Holm
Representative Lesil McGuire
Representative Norman Rokeberg
Representative Harry Crawford

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

BRIEFING FROM OIL PRODUCERS/NORTH SLOPE DRILLING ACTIVITIES

TAPES

04-3, SIDE(S) A & B [HOUSE RES TAPE]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

CO-CHAIR BEVERLY MASEK convened the joint meeting of the House Resources Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Oil and Gas at 1:05 p.m. Present from the House Resources Committee were Representatives Dahlstrom, Masek, Lynn, Stepovich, and Kerttula. Present from the House Special Committee on Oil and Gas were Representatives Kohring and Kerttula.

JAMES RUUD, Land Manager, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc., gave a presentation on oil exploration and production in Alaska. He used a color-coded map to illustrate the locations of current exploration operations and joint ventures. He talked about the cost and production of the ice roads used for reaching drilling sites; highlighted the company's efforts to attract new entrants to the state for oil exploration and production; described the challenges facing the oil industry in Alaska; and emphasized the need for fiscal certainty and stability in the state.

JACK BERGERON JR., P.E., Alaska Manager, Total E&P USA, Inc., provided information about the company's role in oil exploration and production in Alaska and around the world. He used a map to illustrate current exploration areas in the state, and said the company is in the process of drilling its first well in Alaska. Mr. Bergeron explained that the company takes environmental concerns seriously and has strict environmental policies. He emphasized the importance of logistics, and he highlighted the need for fiscal certainty in the state.

DAVID CHRISTIAN, Vice President, Land and Negotiations, Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Corporation, explained that the company is a new entrant for oil and gas development in Alaska. He talked about the company's ventures in Alaska and around the world. Mr. Christian said the company is proud of its safety and environmental standards, for which it has won several related awards. He relayed the importance of a stable economy and fiscal regime in the state.

There was a question-and-answer session in which members asked questions with regard to access, road development, and ways in which the state could facilitate further oil and gas exploration and development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committees took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committees, the joint meeting between the House Resources Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Oil and Gas was adjourned at 2:36 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.