

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
January 21, 2003
11:42 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Gene Therriault, Chair
Senator Ben Stevens
Senator Gary Wilken
Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Bettye Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT

All Members Present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Consideration of the Committee on Committees report.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR GENE THERRIAULT called the Senate Committee on Committees meeting to order at 11:42 a.m. All members were present. He announced that each member was provided a copy of the Committee on Committees report containing the suggested make-up of the standing committees. He told members that he discussed his concern about the lack of regional representation of the membership of the standing committees with Senator Ellis and with the majority caucus, particularly on the Senate HESS Committee, which is made up of legislators from urban areas.

SENATOR ELLIS acknowledged that the minority caucus specifically discussed the lack of rural representation on the Senate HESS Committee. However, the minority caucus continues to fully support its recommendation to place Senators Guess and Davis on the Senate HESS Committee.

CHAIR THERRIAULT informed members that he suggested that Senator Guess serve on the Senate State Affairs Committee, rather than Senator Bettye Davis, in an effort to distribute the workload among members more evenly. He said that suggestion was not meant to be a slight to Senator Davis who has been seated on two other standing committees. If Senator Guess did not serve on the Senate

State Affairs Committee, Senator Davis would have served on three committees while Senator Guess would have served on one.

SENATOR ELLIS said the minority caucus recommended Senators Davis and Hoffman as members of the Senate State Affairs Committee and maintains that recommendation, although he understands Chair Therriault's point about an even distribution of the workload.

SENATOR STEVENS moved to adopt the Committee on Committees report, dated January 21, 2003, which reads as follows:

SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Wagoner, Chair
Senator Austerman
Senator Taylor
Senator Lincoln
Senator Elton

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Senator Green, Co-Chair
Senator Wilken, Co-Chair
Senator Austerman
Senator Bunde
Senator Stevens
Senator Hoffman
Senator Olson

SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Senator Dyson, Chair
Senator Green
Senator Wilken
Senator Davis
Senator Guess

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Senator Seekins, Chair
Senator Ogan
Senator Therriault
Senator Ellis
Senator French

SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Senator Bunde, Chair
Senator Austerman
Senator Seekins
Senator Davis
Senator French

SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Senator Ogan, Chair
Senator Wagoner, Vice-Chair
Senator Dyson
Senator Seekins
Senator Stevens
Senator Elton
Senator Lincoln

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Cowdery, Chair
Senator Stevens
Senator Therriault
Senator Ellis
Senator Guess

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Taylor, Chair
Senator Dyson
Senator Cowdery
Senator Guess
Senator Hoffman

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Senator Cowdery, Chair
Senator Wagoner
Senator Therriault
Senator Lincoln
Senator Olson

CHAIR THERRIAULT announced a brief at-ease. When he reconvened the meeting, he announced that with no objection to Senator Steven's motion, the Committee on Committees report was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIR THERRIAULT adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.