

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 20, 2004

2:10 p.m.

**TAPE(S) 04-18**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator John Cowdery, Co-Chair  
Senator Thomas Wagoner, Co-Chair  
Senator Gene Therriault  
Senator Georgianna Lincoln

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Donny Olson

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 384

"An Act relating to a natural gas pipeline with a terminus at the Cook Inlet Basin."

MOVED CSSB 384(TRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 384

SHORT TITLE: ROUTE OF NAT GAS PIPELINE FUNDED BY RR

SPONSOR(S): TRANSPORTATION

03/31/04	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/31/04	(S)	L&C, FIN
04/06/04	(S)	TRA REFERRAL ADDED BEFORE L&C
04/15/04	(S)	TRA AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
04/15/04	(S)	Heard & Held
04/15/04	(S)	MINUTE(TRA)

**WITNESS REGISTER**

MS. MARY JACKSON  
Staff to Senator Thomas Wagoner  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided information on SB 384.

MS. LANDA BAILY  
Department of Revenue  
PO Box 110400  
Juneau, AK 99811-0400

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Testified that a zero fiscal note for SB 384 was anticipated.

MR. HAROLD HEINZE  
Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA)  
Anchorage, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Testified that he had no problem with SB 384 as amended.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

**TAPE 04-18, SIDE A**

**CO-CHAIR THOMAS WAGONER** called the Senate Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Lincoln, Therriault, Co-Chair Cowdery, and Co-Chair Wagoner.

**SB 384-ROUTE OF NAT GAS PIPELINE FUNDED BY RR**

The committee took up SB 384.

**CO-CHAIR WAGONER** told members the proposed amendment addresses wordsmithing that was mentioned during the previous meeting [4/15/05].

**CO-CHAIR COWDERY** introduced Amendment 1. [Amendment 1 is as follows:]

Amendment 1: Offered by Senator Wagoner

Page 1, lines 9 - 11, following "corporation," delete in its entirety and insert:

"except that any pipeline financed under this paragraph with a terminus in the Cook Inlet Basin must, where technically, economically, and environmentally feasible, follow the Alaska Railroad right-of-way for the portion of the project from the City of Fairbanks or from the point of a gas offtake valve on a pre-existing or proposed pipeline project, to the pipeline terminus in the Cook Inlet Basin."

CO-CHAIR WAGONER asked if there was any objection to the amendment. There was none. [Amendment 1 was treated as adopted.]

CO-CHAIR WAGONER explained Amendment 1 basically entails wordsmithing to address concerns that if the Railroad right-of-way isn't the best route to lay a pipeline in some places, deviating from that route may be necessary.

MS. MARY JACKSON, staff to Co-Chair Wagoner, reported that both Harold Heinze and Steve Porter have seen this language. She clarified that because the CS encompassing this change wasn't ready, the new language was in amendment format.

MS. LANDA BAILY, legislative liaison and special assistant to Commissioner Corbus, Department of Revenue, said Mr. Porter asked her to testify on his behalf to let the committee know he expects to have a fiscal note prepared and transmitted to the governor's office this evening; it will be drafted according to this language. He anticipates a zero fiscal note.

CO-CHAIR COWDERY commented that answered questions asked in the previous meeting.

MR. HAROLD HEINZE, Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA), testified via teleconference, noting he had reviewed the language with Steve Porter and agreed the CS would have a zero fiscal note; he didn't see any problem with the new language.

SENATOR GEORGIANA LINCOLN suggested that the new language might require a title change.

CO-CHAIR COWDERY moved to report [CSSB 384(TRA)] out of committee with individual recommendations; he asked for unanimous consent.

CO-CHAIR WAGONER asked if there was any objection. Hearing none, it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Co-Chair Wagoner adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.