

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL
RELATIONS

April 26, 2004
4:06 p.m.

TAPE(S) 04-2

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator John Cowdery, Chair
Senator Thomas Wagoner
Senator Donny Olson
Senator Gretchen Guess

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Gene Therriault
Senator Ralph Seekins

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

Sending a message of goodwill to President Chen Shui-bian, and reaffirming the Alaska State Legislature's 2003 resolution urging the United States Congress to support the granting of official Observer Status to the Republic of China and to support negotiation of a free trade agreement with the Republic of China.

MOVED CSSJR 34(WTR) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SJR 34

SHORT TITLE: TAIWAN STATUS AND PRESIDENT

SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF WORLD TRADE & STATE/FED
RELATIONS

04/22/04	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/22/04	(S)	WTR, STA
04/26/04	(S)	WTR AT 4:00 PM BELTZ 211

WITNESS REGISTER

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POSITION STATEMENT:

ACTION NARRATIVE

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^#SJR 34

CHAIR JOHN COWDERY called the Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Senators Olson, Wagoner and Cowdery were present. Chair Cowdery announced that the purpose of today's meeting is to congratulate the re-election of President Chen Shui-bian of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

SJR 34-TAIWAN STATUS AND PRESIDENT

MR. DANIEL CHEN, from [Indisc.] in Seattle, joined members via teleconference. He told members an inaugural celebration is planned for President Chen Shui-bian in early June and he hoped more delegates could attend.

MR. CHEN asked members, in order to avoid confusion between the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China, to add the words "on Taiwan" after the Republic of China on lines 3, 4, 7 and 14 of page 1 and on line 2 of page 3. He also asked that the same change be made on page 3, line 2, regarding sending a copy of the resolution to the Honorable Chen Shui-bian.

MR. CHEN extended an invitation to Senators Olson, Guess and Wagoner to visit Taiwan in early June and told Chair Cowdery that he plans to arrange another trip for 6 or 7 days the following year. He extended a greeting to all participants from the director general.

SENATOR WAGONER moved to approve SJR 34 with the abovementioned changes.

CHAIR COWDERY announced that without objection, the motion carried. He then thanked Mr. Chen and adjourned the meeting.

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