

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

May 2, 2007

5:58 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative John Coghill, Chair
Representative John Harris
Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Ralph Samuels

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Anna Fairclough
Representative Beth Kerttula
Representative David Guttenberg

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Urging the United States Congress to intervene to eliminate or reduce the planned parcel post and bypass mail rate increases adopted by the United States Postal Service because of the severe effect the rate increases will have on rural Alaska.

- MOVED HJR 20 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HJR 20

SHORT TITLE: BYPASS MAIL RATE INCREASE

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) NELSON

04/25/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/25/07	(H)	STA
04/27/07	(H)	STA REFERRAL REMOVED
05/01/07	(H)	STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
05/01/07	(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
05/02/07	(H)	RLS AT 5:00 PM CAPITOL 106

WITNESS REGISTER

KATE SANGSTER, Staff
to Representative Mary Nelson
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Speaking on behalf of Representative Nelson, sponsor, explained HJR 20.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR JOHN COGHILL called the House Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at [5:58:22 PM](#). Representatives Coghill, Harris, Johnson, and Samuels were present at the call to order.

HJR 20-BYPASS MAIL RATE INCREASE

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CHAIR COGHILL announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20, Urging the United States Congress to intervene to eliminate or reduce the planned parcel post and bypass mail rate increases adopted by the United States Postal Service because of the severe effect the rate increases will have on rural Alaska.

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KATE SANGSTER, Staff to Representative Mary Nelson, Alaska State Legislature, speaking on behalf of Representative Nelson, sponsor, explained that HJR 20 simply urges the congressional delegation to examine and intervene in the proposed bypass mail rate increase, which is also a parcel post rate increase. The aforementioned increase is scheduled to go into effect on May 14, 2007.

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REPRESENTATIVE SAMUELS moved to report HJR 20 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying zero fiscal notes. There being no objection, HJR 20 was reported from the House Rules Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Rules Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at [5:59:53 PM](#).