

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

June 5, 2008

2:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bill Wielechowski, Co-Chair
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Co-Chair
Senator Bettye Davis
Senator Charlie Huggins
Senator Gary Wilken
Representative John Coghill
Representative Bob Lynn
Representative Bob Roses
Representative Andrea Doll

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Albert Kookesh
Representative John Harris

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Decoration of Honor Budget Approval

- HEARD

Presentation on "The Emerging Arctic--A New, Maritime Frontier"

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

No witnesses to record

ACTION NARRATIVE

CO-CHAIR BILL WIELECHOWSKI called the Joint Armed Services Committee meeting to order at [2:34:59 PM](#). Representatives Coghill, Lynn, Roses, Doll, and Dahlstrom and Senators Davis, Huggins, and Wielechowski were present at the call to order. Senator Wilken arrived as the meeting was in progress.

CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI noted that the presentation on "The Emerging Arctic--A New, Maritime Frontier" was postponed.

Decoration of Honor Budget Approval

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CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI noted that the Joint Armed Services Committee conceived and created the Alaska Declaration of Honor through HB 244, in 2007. The fiscal note that passed along with that bill provided \$55,000: \$5,000 for the design and \$50,000 for the medals. He said Representative Dahlstrom worked with artist Jon Van Zyle, who donated his time to help design the medal. Co-Chair Wielechowski reviewed that staff had solicited quotes in producing the Alaska Declaration of Honor, in accordance with Alaska's Procurement Act, and the Alaska Mint Company was the successful offeror. Co-Chair Wielechowski said the committee members each have a copy of the medal design, which has been vetted by the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs and approved by all who have seen it thus far. He said the estimated cost per medal is \$100-\$125. The two other components of the design - the Birchwood box and uniform ribbon - have not yet been given a final estimate, he said. Co-Chair Wielechowski stated, "We believe the final price will be less than \$250, as projected by the committee in the 2007 fiscal note, so we will be able to purchase enough for the ceremony." He said any extras that are purchased with the \$50,000 budget can be stored for a future ceremony.

CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI said today the committee needs to approve the award and expenditure of funds, to purchase the Alaska Declaration of Honor medals, to the Alaska Mint Company, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. He said this funding will lapse on June 30, 2008, unless obligated by the committee.

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SENATOR HUGGINS moved that the Joint Armed Services Committee direct the chair to enter into a contract with The Alaska Mint - not to exceed \$50,000 - to purchase metals for the Alaska Declaration of Honor program.

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CO-CHAIR WIELECHOWSKI asked if there was any objection. There being none, he announced that the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Joint Armed Services Committee meeting was adjourned at [2:38:41 PM](#).