

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 13, 2008
5:09 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Stedman called the Senate Finance Committee meeting to order at [5:09:17 PM](#).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chair
Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair
Senator Charlie Huggins, Vice-Chair
Senator Kim Elton
Senator Donny Olson
Senator Joe Thomas
Senator Fred Dyson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Charles Parker, President, Alaska Village Initiatives; Joan Nugent, Director of Business Development, Ketchikan General Hospital; Bruce Bowler, Coach Trainer

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Rick Vann; Laurinda Pepi; Sandra Matthews; Cynthia Smith; Daniel Smith; Richard Bornengo; Connie Vann; Pat Murray; Larry Willard; Mary Hughes, Anchorage, Chair, Board of Regents, UAA; Paul D. Kendell, Anchorage; John Duffy, MatSu Borough; Michael Carlson, Architect, McCool Carlson Green, Mat-Su; Bill Hudson, Mat-Su; Donna Krier, Pioneer Park Museum, Fairbanks; Luke Hopkins, FNSB Assembly Member, Fairbanks; Joe Hayes, UAFAA, Fairbanks; Nadine Winters, Fairbanks; Rick Caulfield, UAF TVC, Director, Fairbanks; Chad Roberts, Fairbanks City Council; David Miller, UAF Facilities Fairbanks; Paloma Harbour, Fairbanks, UAA; Ron Dixon, UAF, TVC; Joan Braddock, UAF, Fairbanks; Reed Morisky, Project Manager, UAF, Fairbanks; Alan Yauney, UAF, Maintenance Supervisor, Fairbanks; Bill Cox, Supervisor of Mechanics, UAF, Fairbanks; Linda Zanazzo, Director of Facilities, UAF; Walt Ebell, Anchorage, CEO of Old Harbor NC; Lindsey Forrest, President, UAS Student Government President; Mike Schultz, UAF, Fairbanks; Brian Barnes, Director of Arctic Building, UAF; Charles Denny, Mayor of Saxman; Chris Turletes, Anchorage, UAA; Gene Kowchee, Nome

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

The following overview was taken in log note format. Handouts will be on file with the House Finance Committee through the 25th Legislative Session, contact 465-6814. After the 25th Legislative Session they will be available through the Legislative Library at 465-3808.

SB 221 "An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

SB 221 was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

SENATE BILL NO. 221

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

TIME	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
5:10:59 PM Kasilof	RICK VANN	Spoke against a public boat launch through the Sole Creek Estates proposed by the Fish and Game on the Kasilof River. Road traffic would travel through the residential district.
5:12:45 PM	LAURINDA PEPI	Testified against the proposal that a boat launch would run through the Sole Creek Estates. The Kasilof River has limited ability for river boat traffic.
5:14:46 PM	SANDRA MATTHEWS	Testified against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River.
5:17:23 PM	CYNTHIA SMITH	Spoke against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River. She emphasized that there is no monitoring.
5:18:52 PM	DANIEL SMITH	Testified against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River. She noted it is also a road hazard.
5:19:52 PM	RICHARD BORNENGO	Spoke against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River. She pointed out that there are too many people.
5:20:29 PM	CONNIE VANN	Testified against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River. She said that this is a residential neighborhood.
5:21:26 PM	PAT MURRAY	Spoke against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River. She noted problems

		at the mouth of the river.
5:22:11 PM	LARRY WILLARD	Testified against the Fish and Game proposal to put a public boat launch at the Kasilof River. He said this could harm commercial fisheries and it is a safety hazard.
5:26:33 PM Anchorage	BRUCE BOWLER, COACH TRAINER	Testified in support of funding for an indoor shooting range.
5:26:38 PM	MARY HUGHES, ANCHORAGE, CHAIR, BOARD OF REGENTS, UAA	Voiced support for the regents capital budget for deferred maintenance.
5:28:21 PM	PAUL D. KENDELL, ANCHORAGE	Reminded all committee members that everything stems from the single family home. He spoke of multi-family hits from an economic downturn.
5:31:45 PM	JOHN DUFFY, MATSU BOROUGH	Testified in support of the funding of revenue sharing for Mat-Su in order to replace a school and landfill. He requested more money than was designated. He noted that there are dangerous roads and bridges that need repair so higher transportation funding is needed. He pointed out that local taxes are high but not enough is collected.
5:35:22 PM	MICHAEL CARLSON, ARCHITECT, MCCOOL CARLSON GREEN, MAT-SU	Encouraged the University funding request for deferred maintenance. He also encouraged continued Arena planning for Anchorage and supported the funding for the Valley Center for Art and Learning.
5:38:04 PM	BILL HUDSON, MAT-SU	Supported \$7.5 million for state funding for the Juneau State Museum.
5:40:46 PM Fairbanks	DONNA KRIER, PIONEER PARK MUSEUM, FAIRBANKS	Supported \$7.5 million for state funding for the Juneau State Museum. Spoke in support for all museums in Alaska.
5:42:05 PM	LUKE HOPKINS, FNSB ASSEMBLY MEMBER, FAIRBANKS	Supported transportation funding and \$15 million more to improve urban area roads. He said there is a need for more money than the federal highway money. He also stated support for university funding.
5:45:23 PM	JOE HAYES, UAFAA, FAIRBANKS	Deferred comments to Nadine Winters.
5:45:53 PM	NADINE WINTERS, FAIRBANKS	Supported \$10 million for the road service projects, \$15 million for the FMATS project, and funding for the

		University Biological Science Building.
5:48:04 PM	RICK CAULFIELD, UAF TVC, DIRECTOR, FAIRBANKS	Supported renewal of University funding for the Tanana Valley Campus Center. He requested \$8 million for the Phase 2 renovation.
5:49:32 PM	CHAD ROBERTS, FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL	Supported transportation funding.
5:50:22 PM	DAVID MILLER, UAF FACILITIES FAIRBANKS	Supported \$120 million for university funding.
5:51:53 PM	PALOMA HARBOUR, FAIRBANKS, UAA	Supported the university deferred maintenance request.
5:53:05 PM	RON DIXON, UAF, TVC	Supported the \$8 million request for the Tanana Valley Campus.
5:54:07 PM	JOAN BRADDOCK, UAF, FAIRBANKS	Supported funding for biology teaching labs. He voiced support for the BIOS building.
5:57:03 PM	REED MORISKY, PROJECT MANAGER, UAF, FAIRBANKS	Supported University funding and the BIOS building.
5:57:22 PM	ALAN YAUNEY, UAF, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, FAIRBANKS	Supported University funding and the deferred maintenance. Supported waste line repairs funding.
5:59:26 PM	BILL COX, SUPERVISOR OF MECHANICS, UAF, FAIRBANKS	Supported the BIOS building. He said he wants to set up water projects.
6:01:16 PM	LINDA ZANAZZO, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, UAF	Supported University funding and deferred maintenance and the Tanana Valley school project.
6:02:42 PM	WALT EBELL, ANCHORAGE, CEO OF OLD HARBOR NATIVE CORPORATION	Testified in support of small parcel acquisitions from the Exxon Valdez settlement.
6:03:49 PM	CHARLES PARKER, PRESIDENT, ALASKA VILLAGE INITIATIVES	Supported Project Code Red funding to 24 communities to fight fires. This is the most cost effective program existing and protects millions of dollars in personal property and people.
6:07:30 PM	JOAN NUGENT, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,	Spoke to the capital projects that are not in SB 221. Ketchikan and Saxman need funding for local projects. She was looking for funding for smaller

	KETCHIKAN GENERAL HOSPITAL	communities, especially the local hospital.
6:10:02 PM	LINDSEY FORREST, PRESIDENT, UAS STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT	Supported building maintenance throughout the University. The deferred maintenance is the largest problem with students especially in housing. She also supported the deferred maintenance funding.
6:14:00 PM	AT EASE:	
6:21:05 PM	RECONVENED:	
6:22:49 PM	MIKE SCHULTZ, UAF, FAIRBANKS	Supported the UAF deferred maintenance funding.
6:23:14 PM	BRIAN BARNES, DIRECTOR OF ARCTIC BUILDING, UAF	Supported new capital for the BIOS building for the University. He also supported the deferred maintenance funding.
6:26:39 PM	CHARLES DENNY, MAYOR OF SAXMAN	Supported funding for smaller communities. He was also looking for funding for the community center in Saxman.
6:28:01 PM	CHRIS TURLETES, ANCHORAGE, UAA	Supported UAA facilities funding. He spoke as a former staff, alumni, and parent. He also supported funding for deferred maintenance.
6:30:56 PM	GENE KOWCHEE, NOME	Supported funding for health and social services. He also supported additional education funding.
6:33:18 PM	AT EASE	
6:33:57 PM	RECONVENED	

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.