



Alaska State Legislature Legislative Council Minutes

JANUARY 3, 2008

1. ROLL CALL

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Senator John Cowdery, Chairman, Legislative Council, in the Anchorage LIO, 2nd Floor Conference Room and via teleconference.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members: Cowdery, Elton (via teleconference), Hoffman (via teleconference), Stevens (via teleconference), Wilken (via teleconference), Coghill (via teleconference), Samuels, Stoltze, Wilson (via teleconference), and Guttenberg (via teleconference). Absent members were Davis, Green, Dahlstrom, and Harris. Staff present: Varni, Schofield, Ibesate, Chenoweth, Makinster, and Lesh. Also present was Jim Fosler, Attorney.

2. AMICUS BRIEF

Senator Stevens moved that Legislative Council go into Executive Session per Uniform Rule 22. Open and Executive Session (b)(3) discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be confidential. He asked that Jim Fosler, Legislative Council Attorney; Pam Varni, Executive Director of the Legislative Affairs Agency; and Ryan Makinster, Legislative Council Staff, remain in the room.

Legislative Council went into Executive Session.

Legislative Council came out of Executive Session.

Representative Wilson dropped off the teleconference.

Senator Stevens moved that Legislative Council retain legal counsel, at the Chair's discretion, to draft and file an amicus curiae brief in support of the respondents in *Exxon Shipping Co. v. Baker*, case S. Ct. No. 07-219 pending certiorari review before the United State Supreme Court. I further move that the named party on the brief be the "Legislative Council on behalf of the Alaska State Legislature" and any former Governors who wish to sign the brief and who are deemed by counsel to increase the persuasiveness of the brief.

YEAS: Cowdery, Elton, Hoffman, Stevens, Wilken, Coghill, Samuels, Stoltze, Guttenberg

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Green, Dahlstrom, Harris, Wilson

The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.