

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 19, 2008

9:05 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Lesil McGuire, Chair  
Senator Gary Stevens, Vice Chair  
Senator Hollis French  
Senator Lyda Green  
Senator Con Bunde

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 185

"An Act relating to sex offenders and child kidnappers."

MOVED CSSB 185(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 202

"An Act relating to expenditures in aid of or to implement the provisions of the federal Real ID Act."

MOVED SB 202 OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 185

SHORT TITLE: SEX OFFENDER/CHILD KIDNAPPER REGISTRATION

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) WIELECHOWSKI

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01/16/08	(S)	STA, JUD, FIN
02/07/08	(S)	STA AT 9:00 AM BELTZ 211
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02/12/08	(S)	STA AT 9:00 AM BELTZ 211
02/12/08	(S)	Scheduled But Not Heard
02/19/08	(S)	STA AT 9:00 AM BELTZ 211

BILL: SB 202

SHORT TITLE: PROHIBIT STATE SPENDING FOR REAL ID ACT

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) WIELECHOWSKI

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**WITNESS REGISTER**

SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 Juneau AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Presented SB 185 and SB 202.

KATHY MONFREDA, Chief  
 Criminal Records  
 Department of Public Safety  
 Anchorage AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 185.

RODNEY DIAL, Lieutenant  
 Alaska State Troopers  
 Ketchikan AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 185.

WHITNEY BREWSTER, Director  
 Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)  
 Anchorage AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Answered questions about SB 202.

KEVIN BROOKS, Deputy Commissioner  
 Department of Administration (DOA)  
 Juneau AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Answered questions about SB 202.

MIKE RSTER [Spelling not confirmed]  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor Of SB 202.

GARY LUND  
 Anchorage AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor Of SB 202.

FRANK TURNEY  
 Fairbanks AK  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor Of SB 202.

JOHN BRADING

Fairbanks AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 202.

DUFFY HALLADAY

Fairbanks AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 202.

DAVID AKEN

Fairbanks AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 202.

GLORIA DEROCERS

Fairbanks AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 202.

SCHAEFFER COX

Fairbanks AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 202.

STEPHEN FARRINGTON

Fairbanks AK

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke in favor of SB 202.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

**CHAIR LESIL MCGUIRE** called the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at [9:05:53 AM](#). Senators French, Stevens, Bunde, and McGuire were present at the call to order. Senator Green arrived later.

#### **SB 185-SEX OFFENDER/CHILD KIDNAPPER REGISTRATION**

CHAIR MCGUIRE announced the consideration of SB 185.

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SENATOR BUNDE moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for SB 185, labeled, 25-LS0985\M, Luckhaupt, as a working document. Hearing no objection, Version M was before the committee.

SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI, Alaska State Legislature, said he tried to incorporate the concerns of the committee and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create this compromise. Section 1 makes it a crime for sexual offenders to fail to register their internet address. Section 2 has some clean up language, and it also provides for registering email, instant

messaging addresses, or other internet identifiers. Section 3 requires registration within one day of getting an address. He noted the high level of compliance with the sexual offender registry. Section 4 reflects the concerns of the committee by making the list publicly available, but a person will need to type in the particular address to determine if it belongs to a registered sex offender. The language looks loose because of the term "may". There is a federal program starting, and it will be free and available to everyone and every state. If that program does not come online, and this bill requires DPS to sign on, there will be significant costs to create a new one. That is why the language is a little loose, but it is the intent of the DPS to have a database up and running.

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SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI said the next part is in response to Senator Stevens, and it will make this information available to internet service providers and security firms to assist them in identifying and preventing communications with registered sex offenders. It allows the department to do that. The department has the intent of getting the program running as soon as possible, but staff was concerned about finances and wants to wait for the federal software. So he decided Alaska will begin registering everyone by January 2009, and as sex offender reports become due, they will have to register their email addresses. The worst sex offenders will have to register quarterly, and the lesser offenders could possibly register later. That decision was made to keep costs down.

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SENATOR STEVENS asked for a definition of instant messaging.

SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI said it was his intent to cover instant messaging addresses, and he defined the term.

SENATOR STEVENS asked if it was the same as a text message.

SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI said cell phones are not addressed in this legislation. It would come down to what an electronic address is. Internet communication identifiers include MySpace and Facebook, and their use by sexual predators has been a huge concern of those companies. Commissioner Walt Monegan thinks there are 16,000 sexual predators using the internet in Alaska.

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KATHY MONFREDA, Chief, Criminal Records, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Anchorage, said the identifiers include networking

sites like MySpace, gaming sites, and chat rooms. Text messaging will not be included because cell phones aren't on the internet.

SENATOR FRENCH asked if terms are explicit enough to cover those people who masquerade on MySpace and Facebook.

MS. MONFREDA said there may not be a way to prevent someone from using a false identifier or pretending they are someone else.

SENATOR FRENCH said predators masquerade as teenagers on MySpace. "Would not registering that alias ... on the internet be a violation of this law?" Does the alter ego get registered?

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MS. MONFREDA said those addresses must be reported.

CHAIR MCGUIRE asked if other states are experimenting with a type of bracelet that would send a signal if a person is interfacing with the internet.

MS. MONFREDA said she doesn't know if that is possible.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said, considering the sex offense recidivism rate, she hopes technology can keep these people away from children.

MS. MONFREDA said she has never heard of such.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said so we are just trying to keep people honest by registering.

SENATOR STEVENS said he understands electronic addresses, and he understands MySpace-type addresses, but he doesn't know what instant messages are.

MS. MONFREDA said it allows people to chat back and forth while they are doing other things on their computers.

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SENATOR STEVENS asked if that is the same as a chat room.

MS. MONFREDA said a chat room is where many people communicate.

CHAIR MCGUIRE explained that he can instant message with his Blackberry and send real-time instant messages. Chat rooms are different, and she assumed they are covered under the bill.

SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI said yes, as an internet identifier.

SENATOR STEVENS said someone could have hundreds of identifiers. Is it unenforceable?

SENATOR FRENCH said these people have been convicted of a sex crime and can be restricted. While some people may avoid the law, it will give another hook to catch them with.

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CHAIR MCGUIRE spoke of a conversation with Ms. Monfreda about another bill requiring sex offenders to register with the DMV. "And I think your point was, keep doing these little things, but it's not the 30,000-foot view."

MS. MONFREDA said her concern was that DMV and DPS are two separate departments.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said Ms. Monfreda had made the point that DPS has been doing a lot of work getting people to register, and what it needed is more resources, not necessarily more policies.

MS. MONFREDA agreed. There is already 90 percent compliance with the law, but tracking people is very labor intensive. There is a shortage of police officers statewide. It is hard to get law enforcement to go to a reported address, but they are still doing it. She provides a list each month of noncompliant offenders to all of law enforcement, including the troopers.

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CHAIR MCGUIRE said these things help highlight the issue, but the legislature needs to keep an eye on the resources. "We can make a lot of great policies, but if the resources are not there to carry them through..."

MS. MONFREDA said if an offender goes to DMV and is turned away, then they are still not registered.

RODNEY DIAL, Lieutenant, Alaska State Troopers, Ketchikan, said he supports SB 185 and likes the changes. The registrant list should not be readily available for exchange. Investigators know that most of the illegal information is spread through offender emails. The bill provides another tool, and it can be used during an investigation of another issue. An examination of computers may uncover the failure to register.

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SENATOR STEVENS moved the CS of SB 185, labeled 25-LS0985\M, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s). There being no objection, CSSB 185(STA) passed out of the Senate State Affairs Committee.

**SB 202-PROHIBIT STATE SPENDING FOR REAL ID ACT**

CHAIR MCGUIRE announced the consideration of SB 202.

SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI, Alaska State Legislature, said he has had discussions with the DMV, and the bill is straight forward. It is not intended to hinder the state's ability to detect forged licenses or to strengthen Alaska's licenses. The bill has a referral to the judiciary committee, and if there is a better technical way of writing it, that will be fine.

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SENATOR BUNDE said last week a testifier implied that anyone who opposes SB 202 is "good German" and has Nazi tendencies. Senator Bunde asked if two people can have different opinions and be good Americans. He said he resents the idea that he is deficient in his patriotism if he doesn't think like someone else. He sees two issues: one is the state helping fund a federal program. That is worthy of discussion. The second issue is using the driver's license as a national I.D. The last bill referred to a sex offender having a driver's license. "We surely want a valid driver's license in that case ... established under some verifiable criteria and not ... a false identity." He doesn't buy into the idea that Real I.D. is a black helicopter conspiracy - it is just part of the complex society that we live in.

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SENATOR BUNDE said Alaska can protest mightily, but if we cannot provide our citizens with a valid identification, Alaskans cannot get on an airplane or go into a federal facility. "We may have a temporary feel-good reaction to defying these requirements, but in the end I believe we would just cause our citizens to have unnecessary problems." He objects to the bill.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said the administration warned that there are things that DMV is doing that this bill might jeopardize.

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WHITNEY BREWSTER, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Anchorage, said Alaska has sought an extension to comply with the Real I.D. Act and it was granted. Over 40 states have submitted extensions. The extension will terminate December 31,

2009 unless Alaska shows it has met material compliance. She said compliance has 18 benchmarks, which should be in the committee packets. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) chose a phased-in approach. People under 50 will have to have the I.D.s by December 2014. For a person over 50, the date is 2017. That is far off and should allow people sufficient time.

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MS. BREWSTER said there are three levels of security: overt, which can be seen with the naked eye; covert, which is visible with commercially available equipment; and forensic, which is visible only to specialized equipment not commercially available. The DMV now has two levels of security on the license: overt and covert. If the card is not compliant, DMV would have to print clearly, on its face, that it may not be accepted by any federal agency for official purposes. It would have a special color to alert federal agents. The cards must have a full legal name, gender, date of birth, a unique number, a digital photograph, tampering prevention feature, a signature, machine-readable technology (like the bar code), date of transaction, expiration date, and state of issuance. Alaska licenses have those. The requirement that Alaska doesn't have is the person's principal residence address. Another requirement of Real I.D. is physical presence, and SB 215 just passed in this committee. Most states have passed legal presence bills. There are six that do not require legal presence, including Alaska. Real I.D. requires ongoing fraud training, and the DMV already goes through such training and would like to continue.

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MS. BREWSTER said the Real I.D. Act also requires the verification of source data by electronic means; DMV must verify a birth certificate electronically. States will be required to verify immigration documents through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement System (SAVE). If the information doesn't match that system, Alaska would not issue the I.D. The SAVE system is being tested, but it still may have some kinks. Alaska is not hooked up to that system. States also have to verify social security numbers with the Social Security Administration, and any non-match would not allow the Real I.D. to be issued. Alaska is hooked up to that system and does matches. The third system is the electronic verification of vital events. The state is not hooked up to that system.

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MS. BREWSTER said Alaska would also be required to verify the I.D. with other states to make sure that another I.D. had not

been issued. That system doesn't exist. There are grants available to create a hub so that the states can interact. Real I.D. would also require states to have a plan that would physically secure facilities. It would require employee background checks and periodic training. That plan would have to be approved through the DHS. She said the division does not have the necessary funding to fully comply with Real I.D. There are things that the division is doing and would like to continue doing, but the bottom line is that it will be back looking for money in order to comply with Real I.D.

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SENATOR BUNDE said under the current law a person moving from another state must give up their old license. Is there a period of time that they are required to get a new license?

MS. BREWSTER said yes, within 90 days, but a vehicle is only 30.

SENATOR BUNDE noted that the only thing that the DMV doesn't already do [that the Real I.D. Act requires] is put a residence address on, and that shouldn't be costly. The costs would come from the various data exchange systems.

MS. BREWSTER agreed. There will also be the cost of any security changes to the DMV buildings. She roughly estimates a cost of \$2 million. There are other agencies that Real I.D. will impact, like the vital statistics database.

SENATOR STEVENS asked if the state intends to eventually comply.

MS. BREWSTER said if Alaska had not sought an extension, it would have had to comply with Real I.D. by May 11, 2008. The extension goes through the end of 2009, but the state didn't commit to comply or not to comply. Many states passed legislation prohibiting compliance and still got the extension.

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MS. BREWSTER said if Alaska gets a second extension, it will then have to promise to comply.

SENATOR FRENCH asked about federal funds to pay for compliance.

MS. BREWSTER said there are funds available from the DHS. Alaska has not requested nor received any federal funds.

SENATOR FRENCH said there may be ways to make Alaska I.D.s more secure that would be worth pursuing, but they may not be in

compliance with the Real I.D. Act. Those are things that are worth spending state money on, "but I keep going back to the fundamental idea that if the federal government wants us to do certain things, to get in compliance with their rules, they should pay for it."

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SENATOR BUNDE said the airports are now looking at I.D.s under a black light. He asked how many times the state has changed its driver's license to make it more secure from fraud.

MS. BREWSTER said she doesn't know, but in 2004 the state moved to the digital driver's license -- a vast improvement. "We would like to be able to continue to implement best practices and make improvements to our documents."

SENATOR BUNDE asked if there was a value in adding resident addresses to the licenses.

MS. BREWSTER said it may help law enforcement, and the information is captured anyway. There is an exception for victims of domestic violence, she noted.

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SENATOR BUNDE said the state issues a similar card for those who do not drive that can be used as an I.D.

CHAIR MCGUIRE asked her about legislative opinions on Real I.D. When the DMV makes decisions about driver's license requirements, "do you look to Real I.D., and if so, do you reflect on discussions that the legislature had last year, or in other places, rejecting the concept of Real I.D.?"

MS. BREWSTER said she has reviewed testimony on the Real I.D. She considers the statements from the legislature. She also looks at existing law and best practices from other states. The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators puts out best practices. All those things are considered.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said she wants a review meeting on this, but there are so many strongly held viewpoints. Some people are concerned that DMV has gone ahead with implementing the underlying tenets of Real I.D. over the objections of the legislature. It is a fine line to walk regarding what makes a driver's license better and what is a direct effort at complying with a federal mandate that some disagree with.

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SENATOR GREEN said Mr. Kevin Brooks testified that the state did not intend to implement the Real I.D. Act.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said she wants to draw attention to the chatter in the halls. It is controversial and she wants to send a clear message, whichever it might be.

KEVIN BROOKS, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administration (DOA), said the division has not charged ahead with the Real I.D. Act. It only recently briefed the governor and just got the rules last month. "We have not been just charging ahead on this; we're trying to responsibly run the DMV." Regarding HB 3 and legal presence, there was concern that the department had gone ahead and implemented regulations, and that is not true. The regulations were years in the making. They were clean-up regulations for when the DMV moved from the Department of Public Safety to the DOA. Efforts often seem to have ties to requirements of the Real I.D, but it couldn't be further from the truth. He spoke of a case that was dismissed.

CHAIR MCGUIRE asked if it was dismissed on a technicality and lack of standing on the part of the plaintiff. She thought there was no substantive ruling.

MR. BROOKS said that is true.

MR. BROOKS said there was mention of money for scanners. The DMV uses scanners regularly, but the question is about data storage. "We haven't spent the money; we've told people we weren't going to spend the money until the issue was cleared up."

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CHAIR MCGUIRE said she appreciates it and is just raising the issue. "With the scanners in Senator Steven's resolution on the federal level, the concern is that some of the folks in Real I.D. have envisioned the scanners as a human tracking devices, and I think that's the concern you are hearing ... in the building about scanners."

MR. BROOKS said he can wave his wallet with a chip in it to enter his office. There is concern that a similar chip will be in driver's licenses. The scanners the DMV is talking about are desktop document scanners.

SENATOR STEVENS said the extension is temporary without committing to the program. "But that is a real come-to-Jesus

moment, because as she has said ... if we ask for another extension, we have to show that we are making material advances." He asked how Alaska gets to that point. There are a lot of legislators around the country that oppose it. They have focused on the issue of not paying for it. "Even if the feds said we will pay for everything, there's still going to be people who say we don't want to do it anyway." He asked how Alaska is preparing for that next step.

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MR. BROOKS said that is the point of the dialogue. A second extension implies that the state is going forward. Alaska is already in compliance in many ways but not with the data sharing and linking, which is the key part. He only received the final rules last month. Alaska will be working with other states, the National Governors Association, and the congressional delegation. He will come back to discuss what has been learned - even during the interim if the legislature wants that.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said the legislature can be a conduit to continuing the discussion.

MR. BROOKS said state legislative groups can help as well.

SENATOR FRENCH asked if the administration has a position.

MR. BROOKS said no, but it does not want to compromise any best practices. The built-in safeguard is the lack of money to comply, so the administration will need to return for funding.

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MIKE [unknown last name] said 17 states have passed legislation opposing Real I.D. and 15 have pending legislation. Why such a strong reaction to a driver's license? Because the Real I.D. is un-American. It would make Stalin proud. Our founding fathers embraced freedom even though they realized it could bring terrorism. People have always been willing to die and kill for a cause, but founders saw the incredible benefits that transformed this country into something never seen before. America offered freedom and real opportunity. Stalin's paranoia is legendary, and DHS is acting the same way. DHS needs to feel in control of everyone. The I.D. is an internal passport with a person's most private information, including birth certificates, driving records, and social security numbers. It will be remotely accessible to police and hackers. It will be accessible without a search warrant. It is different from the state license in that the "feds" are taking over and creating networks in order to

monitor and track the movement of citizens. It is not a government of a free country, but a government right for abuse.

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SENATOR BUNDE said the witness doesn't live in Alaska, and "we don't give a damn how they do it outside."

GARY LUND, Anchorage, said he is against SB 202. He said he speaks Spanish and is aware of illegal immigration. He said there are 5,000 illegal immigrants in Alaska. Last week one was sentenced to 11 years in federal prisons for cocaine. One stabbed and paralyzed a Native woman several years ago. In Delta Junction a man sold false agricultural statements to 60 illegal aliens for \$3,000 each. Every day 12 Americans are murdered by illegal aliens, 13 die in traffic accidents with drunken illegal aliens, and 8 American children are molested by illegal aliens. The state has to identify people until the federal government does something about it.

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FRANK TURNEY, Fairbanks, said he loves his country but he doesn't trust it. He likes the freedoms given to him by the creator. George Mason would not sign the Constitution because it didn't protect people against the government. The Real I.D. Act violates the fourth amendment rights to privacy. This new Orwellian driver's license will be imbedded with identifier data and will rape rights to privacy, creating a socialistic/fascist country with no checks and balances. "I support 202 to halt any expenditures that will pay for the importation of the so-called I.D. act for Alaskans." That includes federal money as well. It is time to stand up for the fourth amendment. He said to look at Montana as a good example. Interior Alaska groups have passed resolutions opposing the act.

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JOHN BRADING, Fairbanks, spoke against state funding for the Real I.D. Act. He proposed the stronger language in Montana. The act is "another relentless long train of abuse and assault on our U.S. freedoms." It is an instrument of totalitarianism that manipulates people into servitude. Travel is inalienable and existed before government. If the Real I.D. Act is implemented, "we the people" become "we the cattle people." It will start a vicious system dedicated to "robbing and abusing us." Not taking a stand would be a gross failure to defend the constitution. It will have hidden consequences.

DUFFY HALLADAY, Fairbanks, said a national I.D. goes against the Constitution, which says that citizens have the right to travel freely. There were no license plates or I.D.s for the covered wagons because people had the right to travel. "Already in place, people are identified by six items: state driver's license, social security, internal revenue..., finger prints, passports, and visas. I say enough is enough." A national I.D. is not the way to go. He asked for stronger language in SB 202.

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DAVID AKEN, Fairbanks, said he is here to stand up for the freedoms for his children and his wife. Germany had a national I.D. system and it was abused by Hitler and used against the Jewish people. He thinks that same abuse can happen in America.

GLORIA DEROCHEERS, Fairbanks, asked what ever happened to the fourth amendment: "the right of the people to be secure in their person, houses, papers, and effects shall not be violated." The legislature has sworn to protect the Constitution and Bill of Rights. It will be interesting to see which legislators "walk their talk." The Real I.D. Act is an attack on liberty. "We are supposed to be a republic." The sole purpose of our government is to protect the rights of its citizens. This national database will not make people safer; it puts every American's entire life on one accessible hard drive. Someone can break in and get bank, health, credit card, gun, and social security information. "When I refuse a Real I.D. card I will be denied the right to work" as well as open a bank account, board an airplane, drive her truck, and access federal property. The scariest part is that the agency will not prevent the use of the card by private parties for non-government purposes. All the sensitive data on the card will not be encrypted. A fourth grader will be able to read the card. Those who give up essential liberty for temporary safety deserve neither, as Benjamin Franklin said. She said to pursue Montana's plan of completely rejecting the Real I.D. She said a friend wrote her testimony, but she agrees with it.

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SCHAEFFER COX, Fairbanks, said he supports SB 202. America was a young and free nation, and it was a seed of human creativity watered by freedom and prosperity that made it the envy of the world overnight. It is now surrounded by the threat of terror and by threats of the government pulling funding from roads and airports if the state doesn't use the Real I.D. Homeland Security cannot deliver on the promise of keeping citizens secure. There is a small benefit to the Real I.D. Act against almost certain abuse. It is too great of a power to hand over to

successors. "We are not willing to sell off our freedoms that were bought with blood and riches for the small price of roads and airports or any other federal funding that is of no use to a people who are no longer free." "If you support the Real I.D. in your heart, and cannot accept it as a matter of principal, I commend you. You have my support and the support of those I represent." ... "If, on the other hand, you have given token opposition as you sell off our liberty, little by little, to maintain federal funding of programs that will be of no consequence to a people who are no longer free, then may your cowardly disservice to us all weigh heavily on you conscience."

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STEPHEN FARRINGTON, Fairbanks, said he is "very, very disappointed in my Republicans for not supporting this bill." It is disturbing that they have the strongest opposition to SB 202.

CHAIR MCGUIRE asked who he is referring to.

MR. FARRINGTON said Senator Bunde.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said he referred to more than one.

MR. FARRINGTON said there will be a state convention in March for Republicans. Most people come to Alaska for privacy. He said the sponsor statement for SB 202 is beautiful, but the body of the bill is weak. There are many people preparing for civil disobedience to refuse the Real I.D Act, and he asked the legislature to set an example.

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SENATOR FRENCH moved SB 202 from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s). There being no objection, the motion carried.

SENATOR BUNDE objected. He said there was a lot of heartfelt testimony, and he will respect those opinions if those testifiers respect his. "I don't hew to the Communist party line, the Nazi party line, or the Republican party line." He makes judgments based on common sense. It is American to disagree without finding the other person evil or stupid.

A roll call vote was taken. Senators McGuire, French, and Stevens voted for SB 202, and Senator Bunde voted against it. Therefore SB 202 passed out of committee on a vote of 3:1.

There being no further business to come before the committee,  
Chair McGuire adjourned the meeting at [10:25:22 AM](#).