

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE**

Fairbanks, Alaska

July 20, 2009

9:48 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Jay Ramras, Chair
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Vice Chair
Representative John Coghill
Representative Max Gruenberg
Representative Lindsey Holmes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Carl Gatto
Representative Bob Lynn

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Representative Peggy Wilson (via teleconference)
Representative Woodie Salmon
Representative Paul Seaton (via teleconference)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CONFIRMATION HEARING(S)

Lieutenant Governor

Craig Campbell - Fort Richardson

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No Previous Action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

CRAIG E. CAMPBELL, Commissioner
Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs (DMVA);
Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard;
Appointee, Lieutenant Governor
Fort Richardson, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified as appointee to the position of lieutenant governor.

TROY DUNN, Lieutenant Colonel (retired)
United States Air Force (USAF)
North Pole, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified during the confirmation hearing for Craig Campbell as lieutenant governor.

MITCHELL HRACHIAR
Homer, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified during the confirmation hearing for Craig Campbell as lieutenant governor.

JERRY MCCUTCHEON
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified in opposition to the confirmation of Craig Campbell as lieutenant governor.

RHONDA BOYLES
Fairbanks, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified in support of the confirmation of Craig Campbell as lieutenant governor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR JAY RAMRAS called the House Judiciary Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. Representatives Ramras, Dahlstrom, Coghill, Gruenberg, and Holmes were present at the call to order. Representatives Wilson (via teleconference), Salmon, and Seaton (via teleconference) were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION HEARING(S)Lieutenant Governor

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REPRESENTATIVE RAMRAS announced that the only order of business would be the consideration of Craig Campbell to the position of lieutenant governor.

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CHAIR RAMRAS explained that, by request of Speaker Chenault, this would be an informational confirmation hearing.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG directed attention to AS 24.25.060, and moved that Mr. Campbell testify under oath. He pointed out that this could be the only hearing in the House of Representatives, and the only opportunity to receive this information.

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL objected.

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CHAIR RAMRAS offered his belief that no designee had ever been placed under oath during a confirmation hearing, and stated that he did not want to set a precedent.

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REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES opined that an approval from this confirmation hearing was in lieu of a general election, and she seconded the motion to testify under oath.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG pointed out that testifying under oath "emphasized the solemnity of the occasion." He observed that only once before during Alaska's history had a non-elected person been sworn in as governor or lieutenant governor.

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CHAIR RAMRAS reminded everyone that any voting would only include members of the House Judiciary Standing Committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL offered his belief that public confirmation demonstrated that this was an "open process," hence there was no increased value to being under oath.

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CHAIR RAMRAS recalled that the prior House Judiciary Standing Committee confirmation hearings had not placed the designee under oath.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM concurred with Chair Ramras. She suggested the committee move forward without requiring an oath.

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A roll call vote was taken. Representatives Gruenberg and Holmes voted in favor of a motion to ask the designee to testify under oath. Representatives Ramras, Coghill, and Dahlstrom voted against it. Therefore, the motion failed by a vote of 2-3.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG mentioned that he might move to schedule an additional hearing with another committee. He expressed concern that this hearing procedure differed from that of the Senate.

CHAIR RAMRAS observed that the intent of this hearing was to allow an opportunity to present Mr. Campbell to the public.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG voiced the possibility of sending additional questions directly to Mr. Campbell.

CHAIR RAMRAS requested that the House Judiciary Standing Committee members also receive a copy of those questions.

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CRAIG E. CAMPBELL, Commissioner, Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs (DMVA); Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard; Appointee, Lieutenant Governor, explained that he was under consideration for the position of lieutenant governor.

CHAIR RAMRAS mentioned that this confirmation hearing precluded the swearing in ceremony as acting lieutenant governor, and was then subject to confirmation by the full legislature on August 10, 2009.

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MR. CAMPBELL testified that he has been commissioner of the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) for more than 6 years. He acknowledged that he was honored to be nominated for this position and that this process differed from prior confirmation processes.

MR. CAMPBELL clarified that, as of July 26, 2009, he would be "the acting lieutenant governor pending full confirmation." He allowed that until the full confirmation process, he would not

have all the responsibilities and authorities of the office. He opined that this would preserve the integrity of the executive - legislative process, as it did not assume confirmation. He expressed his comfort with the differing roles in the process, and welcomed the opportunity to become lieutenant governor.

CHAIR RAMRAS explained that although he had voted against the confirmation of Commissioner Schmidt as lieutenant governor designee, he looked forward to voting for Mr. Campbell. He noted that the acting attorney general designee was also awaiting confirmation. He endorsed the current confirmation process that now "showed appropriate deference to the legislative branch." He expressed satisfaction that there was now "order out of what was some degree of chaos in the last couple of weeks."

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL, observing that communication was a necessity, asked what communications had taken place between Mr. Campbell and Lieutenant Governor Parnell a propos to the duties and expectations for the lieutenant governor.

MR. CAMPBELL reflected that he and Lieutenant Governor Parnell "were on the same agenda politically" and disclosed that he would perform roles beyond those normally delegated to the lieutenant governor, possibly including homeland security and emergency management, trade, education, and veterans' affairs.

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL pointed out that election law was not an easy area of law. He asked whether Mr. Campbell had advocated a position on any of the upcoming initiatives.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that he had not. He related that his service on the Anchorage Assembly had trained him to achieve an understanding before he made decisions. He stated his desire to "find the balance of what's right." He reflected that he would be working closely with legislators to understand the desired direction of their constituents in order to determine the wording for initiatives and referendums. He suggested that wording could often become a political issue, and it was his role to make sure it was a legal referendum. He predicted that there would be an increase in dialogue between the legislature and the lieutenant governor, to ensure the "right decisions."

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CHAIR RAMRAS disclosed that he had sought a commitment from past attorney general designees to study the cost of fuel in rural Alaska. He asked for a commitment from Mr. Campbell to conduct a study to ensure that the titles of initiatives are reflective of the initiative text.

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MR. CAMPBELL stressed that it was the responsibility of the lieutenant governor's office to present a non-partisan, straight forward education of what the initiative said, and he welcomed suggestions to clarify that titles were reflective of text.

CHAIR RAMRAS suggested that Alaska was moving toward more direct democracy, with a proliferation of ballot initiatives. He opined that title needed to be consistent with content.

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MR. CAMPBELL clarified that he would not have that report done by January but is willing to work with Chair Ramras. He agreed that the objective "was honorable and correct."

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REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES asked Mr. Campbell for his thoughts about changes for the Division of Elections.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that he is not anticipating making changes to the current staff of the Division of Elections.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES asked if Mr. Campbell was familiar with the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER).

MR. CAMPBELL replied that Lieutenant Governor Parnell had also suggested for him to read those studies.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES reported on one study that focused on the chain of custody for ballots and voting machines, specifically when shipping them to rural Alaska. She asked if Mr. Campbell would commit to implement some of the recommendations.

MR. CAMPBELL declared that he tackles issues. He disclosed that that Lieutenant Governor Parnell had requested a review of this issue. He stated that elections "are a significant, important part of democracy" and that the integrity of elections must be maintained.

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CHAIR RAMRAS asked for an explanation of the process for assumption of the governorship.

MR. CAMPBELL offered his understanding that the governor must be an elected official. He explained that, should it be necessary for him to become governor, he would temporarily assume the office, and immediately call a special election. In response to a question, he said he would be giving a lot of support and deference to Lieutenant Governor Parnell. He established that one of his strengths was communication, and he would continue to have dialogue with the legislature and the governor.

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CHAIR RAMRAS thanked Mr. Campbell for his exemplary service to Alaska. He mentioned that he has not yet had an opportunity for any discussions with Lieutenant Governor Parnell. He asked Mr. Campbell to describe what he understands to be the direction of the new administration.

MR. CAMPBELL, in response, said that he is unable to "give personal reference" to any administrative direction. He observed that the direction of the state has been similar during the Murkowski and Palin administrations: "an intent to grow business, to provide jobs, to make sure Alaskans are educated so they can live in Alaska and be productive." He opined that better communication of the agenda between the legislature and the executive branch would bring about achievement. He said he would commit to job and education improvement, economic development, tax constraint, and a future for Alaskans.

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CHAIR RAMRAS asked what taxes he was referencing.

MR. CAMPBELL related that all taxes, regardless of state, federal, or local, need to be considered for the effect on the individual. He espoused the need to "grow this state with more economic opportunities, with a good tax base that supports what the state needs are, but keeps business coming to Alaska... keeps citizens without an excessive tax burden." He recommended that the criteria for decision making should be jobs, economic growth, education, and the tax burden.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG surmised that Mr. Campbell did not know how the policies would differ between Lieutenant Governor Parnell and Governor Palin.

MR. CAMPBELL concurred.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG pointed out that Mr. Campbell had stated he would follow Lieutenant Governor Parnell. He opined that Mr. Campbell must have an idea of what Lieutenant Governor Parnell's positions will be, in order to make the tax statements that were just made.

MR. CAMPBELL clarified that he will follow the governor's policies but will be working to influence these policies. He said he supports the generic direction of Lieutenant Governor Parnell, whereas he will give counsel for any specific legislation.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked about any points of disagreement between Mr. Campbell and Lieutenant Governor Parnell.

MR. CAMPBELL said that there were none at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG referred to an article in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner in which Mr. Campbell stated that he had urged Governor Palin to reject stimulus monies, if acceptance would bind Alaska to federal rules. He pointed to another article in which Mr. Campbell called the stimulus money a bribe. He asked Mr. Campbell if these quotes were accurate.

MR. CAMPBELL replied he that didn't remember specifically calling the money a bribe, but he did consider federal money to implement programs which Alaskans may not want to be a bribe. He allowed that the issue is "what do we want to do in the state of Alaska, not how much money do we want to collect."

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked if Mr. Campbell would have rejected the stimulus money.

MR. CAMPBELL said that he would have rejected the \$28 million for energy. In response to another question, he said that he

did not look any further into the stimulus because it did not apply to DMVA, so he could not say if there were other stimulus funds that he would have rejected. He stated his reason for rejection to be that he was informed there were strings attached, which included building codes.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked if he still believed there were sufficient strings to reject the money.

MR. CAMPBELL said that if the legislature believes that there are not significant strings, then he would support that decision.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG, referring to a recent United States Supreme Court decision determining that the property tax placed on oil tankers by the City of Valdez was an unreasonable burden on the tonnage clause, asked Mr. Campbell if he saw any potential constitutional issues regarding the cruise ship head tax, and if so, how would he deal with this.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that he was not familiar with the City of Valdez case. He opined that the question of user taxation required the determination of a threshold whereby the tax was reasonable for providing a service, but not a detriment for investment in Alaska.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked if the Division of Elections would be involved in the upcoming census.

MR. CAMPBELL indicated that he would have to further investigate that issue before providing an answer.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG offered his understanding that the federal census bureau would welcome state assistance. He referred to another United States Supreme Court case, Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District Number One (NAMUD) v. Holder. The case referenced Section 5 of the National Voting Rights Act of 1965, which requires preclearance before a change in election law. He asked Mr. Campbell about his commitment to Section 5.

MR. CAMPBELL, in response to Representative Gruenberg, stated his support for the Alaska State Constitution and federal law.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked if Mr. Campbell would resist any attempts for Alaska to "bail out" of Section 5.

MR. CAMPBELL restated his support of the federal law, and stated that he personally had no desire to question the implementation of Section 5.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG, noting that there were about 56 languages spoken in his district, asked if Mr. Campbell would consider additional bilingual ballots.

MR. CAMPBELL said that, in general, he was interested in reviewing other ways to include participation by more citizens in the elective system.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG offered the belief that there was an inherent conflict of interest with the Division of Elections being presided over by the lieutenant governor, an elected official whose political fate was controlled by administration of election laws. He asked Mr. Campbell for his view on placing the Division of Elections under an independent commission.

MR. CAMPBELL said that he wouldn't favor that, as in a democracy "it is the elected officials who set the policy, tone, and direction of our government." He offered his belief that relegating decisions to bureaucracy means "that we get less of a democracy." He stated his disapproval of commissions which "remove authority from elected officials." He offered his belief that the importance of elections supported maintaining the current structure.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked if this created an inherent conflict of interest.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that it did not, and in response to a question, stated that there was always a potential for conflict of interest, even with the establishment of an independent commission.

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REPRESENTATIVE SEATON referred to AS 44.19.026, and asked if Mr. Campbell had been designated by Lieutenant Governor Parnell to

preside in his absence, and, if not, who was designated to preside in his absence.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that he had been appointed to this position.

REPRESENTATIVE SEATON referred to AS 44.19.040, and asked if there was an official letter of withdrawal from Commissioner Schmidt.

MR. CAMPBELL relayed that this letter was submitted to Governor Palin on July 6, 2009.

REPRESENTATIVE SEATON, referring to the expansion of the voting process, asked if there was a solution for the delay it causes for announcing final voting results.

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MR. CAMPBELL replied that he did not want to disenfranchise voters and would continue to search for voting efficiencies. He discussed the problems of validation to ensure there is not double voting. He stated his commitment to greater efficiency and validation without voter disenfranchisement. In response to Chair Ramras, he explained that one of the lost opportunity costs to accepting the lieutenant governor position was no longer being active in the culmination of his DMVA long term strategic plans. He stated that his greatest personal loss would be the necessity of his retirement from military service after 35 years.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG, noting that the redistricting process will begin in Alaska after the census, asked Mr. Campbell if he would have a role in this process.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that his role was not yet defined.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG recalled that Mr. Campbell had previously testified that eligibility for benefits to members of the Alaska Territorial Guard (ATG) was being determined. He asked if there was a written plan.

MR. CAMPBELL explained that this statement was made at a hearing which occurred at the same time the federal government was discussing cancellation of these retirement benefits. He elaborated on the background of these payments, and the current benefit schedule. He reported that the state has not written a plan as preparation is underway for federal payment.

MR. CAMPBELL disclosed that the second part of this preparation is for the completion of the ATG discharge certificates.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG asked about benefits for surviving spouses of ATG members.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that each case is different and it will be up to the federal government to address those instances on a case-by-case basis.

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MR. CAMPBELL, in response to a request from Chair Ramras, recounted his accomplishments as commissioner and disclosed his goals as lieutenant governor. He noted that, during the prior six years, the Alaska National Guard had seen a dramatic increase to its relevance as now more than 75 percent had been deployed to combat zones. He presented that the Division of Homeland Security/Emergency Management had grown and was doing an outstanding job providing support to both the public and private sectors. He praised the Alaska Military Youth Academy, and the national awards for excellence which it received annually.

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MR. CAMPBELL, in response to a question about his goals as lieutenant governor, established as his priorities: elections, reapportionment, and an increase to the number of voting Alaskans. He expressed his desire to continue his work with Division of Homeland Security/Emergency Management.

CHAIR RAMRAS asked if the temporary cessation of the \$.08 motor fuel tax had impacted the consumers.

MR. CAMPBELL reiterated his earlier statements that it is necessary to be aware of all taxes and that citizens need to know they are receiving a benefit from a tax. In response to

Chair Ramras, he answered that he had no knowledge whether the \$.08 was "raked off to the refiners or producers."

CHAIR RAMRAS noted that the temporary suspension of the \$.08 fuel tax will cost the State of Alaska about \$42 million, most of which would have been spent on road repair. He asked which interest is being best served, the consumer saving the money at the gas pump, or the consumer now having roads in disrepair.

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MR. CAMPBELL replied that this was "the essence of the debate of government and the democracy." He offered his belief that government should be small, and only as large as necessary to provide the basic services to a society. He questioned the necessity of a gas tax, and proposed, in order for roads to be maintained, other government programs could be eliminated.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALMON asked whether improvements can be made to voting systems in rural areas of the state, specifically the mailer ballots.

MR. CAMPBELL shared his concern for rural Alaska and surmised that new technology will improve the processes.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALMON noted that many villages report results by phone, not by computer.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG recalled that Mr. Campbell, while serving on the Anchorage Assembly, had proposed to privatize municipal assets, such as utilities and libraries.

MR. CAMPBELL pointed out that he still advocates for selling utilities, stating that private sector businesses should not be run by the government. He stated his belief in faith based support organizations. In response to a question, he stated there were not any state assets that he would consider selling. He offered his belief that each school should be permitted to address the issue of corporal punishment. When asked about the city bus system, he reiterated his earlier statement that private businesses are best run by the private sector. He

declared his support for healthy negotiations between government and unions. In response to a question from Representative Gruenberg, he reaffirmed his support for the initiative process.

REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG commented that recently, several serious attempts had been made to increase the difficulty of placing initiatives on the ballot. He asked Mr. Campbell to state his position on these motions.

MR. CAMPBELL replied that he would not support a measure to increase the difficulty; however, he emphasized the need to ensure that ballot initiatives were valid.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM disclosed that she has worked with Mr. Campbell and that she had a good understanding of his abilities.

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TROY DUNN, Lieutenant Colonel (retired), United States Air Force (USAF), expressed his belief that "past activities are indicative of future performance." He expressed concern with the ethical issues which continue to plague Alaska state government and announced that he had serious ethical concerns about the newly proposed administration. He related the findings of the U.S. Air Force (USAF) Inspector General's office regarding the illegal use of government aircraft. He detailed the investigative report, which found that the commander of the Alaska Air National Guard and the operations group commander had illegally scheduled and used USAF aircraft for personal convenience. He noted that the Inspector General's office was responsible for finding the facts, but not for providing required punitive action. He pointed out that the findings were forwarded to the command structure of the offending individual for action.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN pointed out that Major General Craig Campbell, Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard, was the commander responsible for any punitive action.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN reported that when no punitive action was taken by Major General Campbell, he contacted the investigating officer at the Pentagon, and was told "that the report and its results were forwarded to the Alaska Adjutant General, Major General Craig Campbell, for action, and they have received no reply as to what action he would take." He noted

that it is customary within the chain of command to respond. He continued, revealing that he sent a letter and supporting documents to both the candidates for governor, and subsequently to Governor-elect Palin. He shared that he followed up with then Chief of Staff Tibbles, who responded that the matter had been forwarded to the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) and this was all that he could do. Lieutenant Colonel Dunn explained that he contacted the next members in his chain of command, which included Senator Ted Stevens. He shared the e-mail response he received from Senator Stevens:

Troy, I got word today from the governor's office that action is being taken on this. Can't say more at this time, but I think it will be obvious when it occurs.

He related that of the two individuals named in the investigation, the commander of the Alaska Air National Guard subsequently retired, but the operations group commander was promoted.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN offered copies of the testimony. He stated his belief that Major General Campbell violated the ethics of the office and the trust of his command with his initial lack of action and his ensuing promotion of the operations group commander. He opined that "this lack of character would not be tolerated in the active duty military, should not be tolerated in the Alaska Guard or any public office."

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CHAIR RAMRAS requested copies of the testimony.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN, in response to a question from Representative Dahlstrom, said that Diane Hutchinson signed the e-mail response from Senator Steven's office.

CHAIR RAMRAS relayed that although former Lieutenant Governor designee Schmidt had received a 95 percent no confidence vote from his departmental employees, he was overwhelmingly confirmed by the legislature. He disclosed that he supported the confirmation of Mr. Campbell, and that he would encourage the support of other legislators, based on Mr. Campbell's composite contribution to the state.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN, noting that "the ends do not justify the means," opined that once there is violation of "the

cornerstone of integrity" there is no recovery. In response to Chair Ramras, he pointed out that knowingly doing something wrong is unforgiveable. He offered his perception that leadership character is best analyzed through subordinate staff.

CHAIR RAMRAS relayed that members of the air guard group spoke highly of Mr. Campbell.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN, in response to a question, said that he was offering factual information, not allusion. He referred to the Inspector General report, in which military personnel were interviewed under oath.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUNN relayed that he had no personal issue with Mr. Campbell, but was merely trying to do his duty.

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MITCHELL HRACHIAR opined that military and civil training and service were very different. He noted that no testimony was offered on Mr. Campbell's position on social issues. He assumed that Mr. Campbell would represent both liberal and conservative views. He asked that as Mr. Campbell would not be retired from the military for another 60 days, was it legal for an individual to serve as lieutenant governor while in the military. He expressed concern with military representation in civil government.

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JERRY MCCUTCHEON offered comments on the gas line process. He said he is opposed to the appointment of Mr. Campbell. He cited lack of Alaska Air Guard leadership for fire fighting in rural Alaska. He opined that Mr. Campbell was an ideologue who would obstruct and "prolong the government legislative conflict."

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RHONDA BOYLES praised the integrity of Mr. Campbell and encouraged his appointment. She discussed the importance that a leader is an ethical team player and a compassionate person. She endorsed the confirmation of Mr. Campbell.

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CHAIR RAMRAS, after ascertaining that no one else wished to testify, closed public testimony.

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL acknowledged that there had been significant pressure to build the Alaska Air National Guard from a state focus to a national combat focus. He commended Mr. Campbell's leadership, and he predicted the same caliber of leadership as lieutenant governor.

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CHAIR RAMRAS disclosed that he has a personal friendship with Mr. Campbell, and he had no doubt of his ability to "execute the tangible duties of the job." He opined that the intangible duties, including the art of communication, would become more important. He expressed concern with the in-state pipeline position of Lieutenant Governor Parnell and asked that Mr. Campbell make known the energy needs of the Interior. He expressed his support of Mr. Campbell as lieutenant governor.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Judiciary Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.