

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Fairbanks, Alaska  
October 15, 2009  
8:04 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative John Coghill, Chair  
Representative Charisse Millett (via teleconference)  
Representative Mark Neuman (via teleconference)  
Representative Kurt Olson (via teleconference)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Bob Herron, Vice Chair  
Representative Berta Gardner  
Representative Beth Kerttula

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

APPROVING CONTRACT FOR CEILING REPLACEMENT IN HOUSE LEADERSHIP  
OFFICES

- APPROVED

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

No previous action to record

**WITNESS REGISTER**

PAM VARNI, Executive Director  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided information regarding the ceiling  
replacement contract.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

[8:04:21 AM](#)

**CHAIR JOHN COGHILL** called the House Rules Standing Committee  
meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Representatives Coghill, Olson  
(via teleconference), Neuman (via teleconference), and Millet  
(via teleconference) were present at the call to order.

8:05:39 AM

Approving contract for ceiling replacement in House leadership offices

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CHAIR COGHILL announced that the committee would consider approval of the contract for ceiling replacement in the House leadership offices. He informed the committee that \$71,734 is the cost remaining to complete the ceiling and lighting fixtures for both the Speaker's Office and Majority Leader's Office.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN requested a brief description of the work that has been performed in these leadership offices.

CHAIR COGHILL noted that the ceiling replacement is just one portion of the work that has been done. He then explained that normally such a contract approval would be considered by Legislative Council. However, Legislative Council wasn't able to gather a quorum for a meeting to consider approval of the contract to complete the ceiling in the House Chambers and the Speaker's Office. Therefore, the House Rules Standing Committee is addressing the matter [in order to proceed moving forward in a timely fashion.] Chair Coghill then explained the office movement that's occurring in relation to the remodeling of the new legislative building, the Thomas B. Stewart building, which is separate from this ceiling replacement.

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PAM VARNI, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs Agency, in response to Chair Coghill, confirmed that part of the ceiling replacement is to preserve the existing decorative ceiling, which is why an architect was hired. The aforementioned may have resulted in a bit higher bid. In the new Speaker's Office, one half of the ceiling is the existing decorative ceiling and the other half is not. Therefore, dropping the ceiling will make the ceiling consistent throughout, she stated.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN moved that the committee approve the award of ITB 498 to North Pacific Erectors in the amount of \$71,734. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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A roll call vote was taken. Representatives Olson, Neuman, Millet, and Coghill voted in favor of approving the award of \$71,734 to ITB 498 to North Pacific Erectors. Therefore, the aforementioned award was approved by a vote of 4-0.

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CHAIR COGHILL, reflecting on his transition to the Senate, related his appreciation for everyone he has worked with in the House of Representatives.

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REPRESENTATIVE MILLETT thanked Rynniva Moss, staff to Chair Coghill, for all her hard work and for all the help she has provided to new legislators.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Rules Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.