

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

March 25, 2010

9:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Linda Menard, Chair
Senator Kevin Meyer, Vice Chair
Senator Albert Kookesh
Senator Joe Paskvan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Hollis French

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 24

"An Act relating to a public procurement preference for Alaska veterans."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Proclaiming the month of April 2010 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

- MOVED HCR 20 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HCR 20

SHORT TITLE: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) FAIRCLOUGH

02/17/10	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/17/10	(H)	STA
03/09/10	(H)	STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/09/10	(H)	Moved Out of Committee
03/09/10	(H)	MINUTE(STA)
03/10/10	(H)	STA RPT 6DP
03/10/10	(H)	DP: JOHNSON, GATTO, SEATON, GRUENBERG, PETERSEN, LYNN
03/10/10	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S)
03/10/10	(H)	VERSION: HCR 20
03/12/10	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS

03/12/10 (S) STA
03/25/10 (S) STA AT 9:00 AM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

WITNESS REGISTER

KAREN SCHUESSLER
Staff to Representative Anna Fairclough
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented HCR 20 for the sponsor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[9:40:07 AM](#)

CHAIR LINDA MENARD called the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Meyer, Paskvan, Kookesh and Menard.

HCR 20-SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

[9:40:48 AM](#)

CHAIR MENARD announced the consideration of HCR 20.

KAREN SCHUESSLER, aide to Representative Fairclough, said HCR 20 proclaims April 2010 to be Sexual Assault Awareness month. Sexual assault affects men, women and children of all racial and economic backgrounds. A person is 2.6 times more likely to be sexually assaulted in Alaska than any other state. Sexual assault leaves long-lasting physical and emotional scars that can influence every aspect of an individual's life.

[9:42:03 AM](#)

CHAIR MENARD opened and closed public testimony.

SENATOR MEYER noted that he and Representative Fairclough served on the Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) board of directors for years. He suggested that bringing the resolution up every year, rather than making it permanent, acts as a reminder that sexual assault is a problem in Alaska that needs continual work.

CHAIR MENARD said she appreciated the voice for victims of these crimes.

SENATOR PASKVAN commented that he also feels that bringing the resolution up each year is important; it is actively before the Legislature and is not forgotten about.

9:43:48 AM

SENATOR MEYER moved to report HCR 20 from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note(s). There being no objection, the motion carried.

9:44:15 AM

CHAIR MENARD, seeing no further business to come before the committee, adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.