

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

February 3, 2009

1:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 24

"An Act naming the bridge over Hammer Slough on Nordic Drive in Petersburg the Louis Miller Bridge."

MOVED SB 24 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 24

SHORT TITLE: LOUIS MILLER BRIDGE

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) STEDMAN

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WITNESS REGISTER

Senator Bert Stedman
Alaska Capitol
Juneau, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of SB 24.

Weston Eiler, Legislative Aide
to Senator Stedman
Alaska Capitol Building
Juneau, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Introduced SB 24 on behalf of the sponsor.

AL DYWER, Mayor
Petersburg, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Stated support for SB 24.

KEN HAMMER
Petersburg, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Stated support for SB 24.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR ALBERT KOOKESH called the Senate Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Paskvan, Meyer, Davis and Kookesh. Senator Menard arrived soon thereafter.

SB 24-LOUIS MILLER BRIDGE

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CHAIR KOOKESH announced the consideration of SB 24.

SENATOR STEDMAN, Sponsor of SB 24, said that his aide, Mr. Eiler, would introduce the bill.

WESTON EILER, Legislative Aide to Senator Stedman, said SB 24 would name the bridge over Hammer Slough after Louis Miller. He came to Alaska during the gold rush and settled in Petersburg in 1901. As a carpenter he built some of the first houses on Hammer Slough and oversaw the construction of the Son's of Norway Hall. This bill would honor Mr. Miller's memory and contribution to the community. It is supported by the community of Petersburg. There is a supporting resolution in the packets.

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SENATOR STEDMAN said the Petersburg town council asked him to sponsor this legislation. Mr. Miller's family is still very active in Southeast Alaska and it would be an honor to name the bridge for him.

SENATOR KOOKESH opened public testimony.

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AL DYWER, Mayor of Petersburg, said the present bridge over Hammer Slough is where Mr. Miller had a warehouse; he also had a floating boat repair shop, moorage float and blacksmith shop. He built a house and lived on the slough continuously from 1907 until his death and it is still standing and occupied today.

KEN HAMMER, Petersburg resident, said the first house he lived in was next door to Mr. Miller and he supports renaming the bridge.

SENATOR KOOKESH asked the sponsor if he knows of any opposition to the bill.

SENATOR STEDMAN replied he isn't aware of any.

SENATOR KOOKESH closed public testimony and asked for the will of the committee.

SENATOR MEYER moved to report SB 24 from committee with individual recommendations and the \$4,000 fiscal note. There being no objection it was so ordered.

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CHAIR KOOKESH adjourned the Senate Transportation Standing Committee.