

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

April 15, 2011

3:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Peggy Wilson, Chair
Representative Lance Pruitt, Vice Chair
Representative Eric Feige
Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Max Gruenberg
Representative Pete Petersen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Cathy Engstrom Munoz

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 95

"An Act naming the ferry terminal located at Auke Bay in Juneau the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal."

- MOVED OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 95

SHORT TITLE: FRANK PALMER FERRY TERMINAL

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) EGAN

03/07/11	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/07/11	(S)	TRA, FIN
03/21/11	(S)	TRA WAIVED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, RULE 23
03/22/11	(S)	TRA AT 1:00 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/22/11	(S)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
03/24/11	(S)	TRA AT 1:00 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/24/11	(S)	Moved SB 95 Out of Committee
03/24/11	(S)	MINUTE(TRA)
03/25/11	(S)	TRA RPT 4DP
03/25/11	(S)	DP: KOOKESH, HUGGINS, MENARD, EGAN
04/13/11	(S)	FIN RPT 6DP 1NR
04/13/11	(S)	DP: HOFFMAN, STEDMAN, THOMAS, EGAN, MCGUIRE, ELLIS
04/13/11	(S)	NR: OLSON

04/13/11 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
04/13/11 (S) VERSION: SB 95
04/13/11 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
04/13/11 (S) Moved SB 95 Out of Committee
04/13/11 (S) MINUTE(FIN)
04/14/11 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/14/11 (H) TRA, FIN
04/15/11 (H) TRA AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 17

WITNESS REGISTER

SENATOR DENNIS EGAN
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented SB 95 as prime sponsor of the bill.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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VICE CHAIR PRUITT called the House Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Representatives Pruitt, Gruenberg, Petersen, Johnson, and Feige were present at the call to order. Representative P. Wilson arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SB 95-FRANK PALMER FERRY TERMINAL

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VICE CHAIR PRUITT announced that the only order of business would be SENATE BILL NO. 95, "An Act naming the ferry terminal located at Auke Bay in Juneau the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal."

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SENATOR DENNIS EGAN, Alaska State Legislature, stated that SB 95 would name the Auke Bay ferry terminal the "Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal" in honor of Frank Palmer, who was an "icon" who worked for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) for nearly five decades. Frank Palmer first began pulling trailers off the Alaska ferries when ferry service began in 1962. The community was greatly saddened to learn that Mr. Frank Palmer tragically passed away in Hawaii while on vacation. Mr. Palmer was born and raised in a home located across from the Auke Bay ferry terminal so it will be a fitting tribute to name the terminal

after him. He referred to letters of support in members in members packets.

VICE CHAIR PRUITT noted that Chair Wilson joined the meeting.

SENATOR EGAN pointed out that the bill has a zero fiscal note.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON asked whether that differs from the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities' (DOT&PF)\$1,200 fiscal note.

SENATOR EGAN advised that the DOT&PF has subsequently issued a zero fiscal note.

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REPRESENTATIVE PETERSEN stated he had an opportunity to read through some of the letters in members' packets. He commented that Mr. Palmer sounded like quite a favorite member of the local committee. He also agreed it was a fitting gesture to name the ferry terminal after Mr. Palmer.

REPRESENTATIVE PETERSEN moved to report SB 95 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, SB 95 was reported from the House Transportation Standing Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON asked whether public testimony had been closed.

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REPRESENTATIVE PETERSEN made a motion to rescind his action to report SB 95 out of committee to correct a technical issue.

VICE CHAIR PRUITT, after first determining no one else wished to testify, closed public testimony on SB 95.

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REPRESENTATIVE PETERSEN moved to report SB 95 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal note. There being no objection, SB 95 was reported from the House Transportation Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Transportation Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.