

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 2, 2012

1:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 246  
"An Act naming certain bridges."

- MOVED HB 246 OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 246  
SHORT TITLE: NAMING CERTAIN BRIDGES  
SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) THOMAS

01/17/12	(H)	PROFILE RELEASED 1/6/12
01/17/12	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/17/12	(H)	TRA, FIN
02/02/12	(H)	TRA AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 17

**WITNESS REGISTER**

KACI SCHROEDER HOTCH, Staff  
Representative Bill Thomas, Jr.  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Presented HB 246 on behalf of the sponsor,  
Representative Bill Thomas, Jr.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR PEGGY WILSON** called the House Transportation Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Representatives Johnson, Feige, Pruitt, and P. Wilson were present at the call to order. Representatives Munoz, Petersen, and Gruenberg arrived as the meeting was in progress.

**HB 246-NAMING CERTAIN BRIDGES**

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CHAIR P. WILSON announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 246, "An Act naming certain bridges."

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KACI SCHROEDER HOTCH, Staff, Representative Bill Thomas, Jr., stated that HB 246 would name 15 bridges in the Cordova area. She offered Cordova as a great example of Alaska's unique dedicated spirit. She offered this as the reason the City of Cordova has requested 15 of its area bridges be named after some of its finest residents. First, the City of Cordova has requested that the Eyak River Bridge be named after Marie Smith Jones. She described Marie Smith Jones as an Eyak elder who worked tirelessly to preserve the Eyak language. Upon her death Marie Smith Jones left behind one of the most comprehensive records of any aboriginal language, she stated.

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MS. SCHROEDER HOTCH reported that the City of Cordova has also requested 14 of its area bridges be named after the brave men lost in World War I, World War II, and Vietnam.

MS. SCHROEDER HOTCH related that HB 246 names bridges to honor the following men who served in World War I, which Cordova and our country lost, as follows:

James Bennett  
William M. Jones  
Steve Green  
Lucian Platt  
Matthew Anderson  
W. H. Mumby  
John W. Jones

MS. SCHROEDER HOTCH related that HB 246 names bridges to honor the following men who served in World War II, which Cordova and our country lost, as follows:

Patrick A. Burchett  
Norman D. Osborne  
Leonard F. Olson

MS. SCHROEDER HOTCH related that HB 246 names bridges to honor the following men who served in Vietnam, which Cordova and our country lost, as follows:

David Henry Elisovsky  
David Alen Lape  
Warren Allen Paulsen  
Michael Dean Banta

MS. SCHROEDER HOTCH said, "Naming these bridges after these remarkable people is the least we can do to thank them for their service and their sacrifice."

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CHAIR P. WILSON, after first determining no one else wished to testify, closed public testimony on HB 246.

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REPRESENTATIVE Pruitt moved to report HB 246 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, HB 246 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 1:07 p.m.