

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
SENATE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 28, 2011

12:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Johnny Ellis, Chair  
Senator Kevin Meyer  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Gary Stevens

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Bert Stedman

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature providing that the 2010 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

- MOVED SCR 5 FROM COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SCR 5

SHORT TITLE: UNIFORM RULES; MASON'S MANUAL

SPONSOR(S): RULES

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| 01/28/11 | (S) | READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS |
| 01/28/11 | (S) | RLS                             |
| 02/28/11 | (S) | RLS AT 12:00 AM BUTROVICH 205   |

**WITNESS REGISTER**

DOUG GARDNER, Director  
Division of Legislative Legal Services  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
Alaska State Legislature  
**POSITION STATEMENT:** Commented on SCR 5.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR JOHNNY ELLIS** called the Senate Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:03 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Stevens, Hoffman, Meyer, and Chair Ellis.

**SCR 5-UNIFORM RULES; MASON'S MANUAL**

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CHAIR ELLIS announced SCR 5 to be up for consideration.

DOUG GARDNER, Director, Division of Legislative Legal Services, said he review the 2010 Mason's with Tam Cook, the former director and they found that the 2010 Index ws very helpful compared to old one. They also found that some cases were outdated and some weren't as thoroughly reviewed as in the new version. Most of the changes are undramatic and the current version is a distinct improvement.

SENATOR STEVENS asked if when the new edition would be available.

MR. GARDNER replied after July 1.

SENATOR STEVENS said it would be nice for someone like him to lead the legislature through a review of Mason's as members need to be brought up to date on changes as well as what it is about.

MR. GARDNER said a good time to do that would be at the orientation at beginning of session.

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CHAIR ELLIS said the books are on order. Leadership has received the 2010 edition already, and training is a good idea.

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SENATOR MEYER moved to report SCR 5 from committee with individual recommendations and zero fiscal note. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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CHAIR ELLIS adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.