

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 24, 2014
7:03 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Stoltze called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
Representative Mia Costello
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Les Gara
Representative David Guttenberg
Representative Cathy Munoz
Representative Steve Thompson
Representative Tammie Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Mark Neuman, Vice-Chair
Representative Lindsey Holmes

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Mike Coons, Self, Palmer

SUMMARY

HJR 18 CONST. AM: ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL

HJR 18 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

#hjr18

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the office of attorney general.

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Co-Chair Stoltze stated that the purpose of the meeting was to take public testimony. He felt that it was important to have committee discussion related to HJR 18.

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MIKE COONS, SELF, PALMER (via teleconference), testified in support of HJR 18. He commented on the outcome of the Katie John vs. Norton case during Governor Tony Knowles' administration. He felt that the outcome of the case would have been different, if there had been an elected conservative Attorney General. He stressed that an elected conservative Attorney General was important to stand against the federal government regulations. He remarked that the people of Alaska needed to vote on the constitutional amendment, in order to open a federal road, build a coal power plant, and drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). He announced that a conservative Attorney General was necessary for the benefit of all Alaskans.

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Co-Chair Stoltze CLOSED public testimony.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.