

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

April 29, 2025

10:18 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Ted Eischeid, Chair  
Representative Andrew Gray  
Representative Carolyn Hall  
Representative Zack Fields

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Dan Saddler  
Representative Jamie Allard  
Representative David Nelson

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Urging the President of the United States to expand evacuation efforts for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas, including resumption of evacuation flights organized by the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts; urging the United States Department of State to secure legal protections and humanitarian assistance for Special Immigrant Visa applicants; and requesting that the United States Secretary of State provide a report to Congress regarding efforts to reinstate evacuation flights for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas.

- MOVED CSHJR 13 (MLV) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HJR 13

SHORT TITLE: AFGHANS, SP. IMMIGRANT VISAS, ASSISTANCE

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) STAPP

03/21/25	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/21/25	(H)	MLV
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04/29/25 (H) MLV AT 10:15 AM BARNES 124

**WITNESS REGISTER**

HENRY THOMPSON, Staff  
Representative Will Stapp  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** On behalf of Representative Stapp, prime sponsor, presented HJR 13 to the committee.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

[10:18:10 AM](#)

**CHAIR EISCHEID** called the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Representatives Fields, Hall, Gray, and Eischeid were present at the call to order.

**HJR 13-AFGHANS, SP. IMMIGRANT VISAS, ASSISTANCE**

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CHAIR EISCHEID announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13, Urging the President of the United States to expand evacuation efforts for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas, including resumption of evacuation flights organized by the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts; urging the United States Department of State to secure legal protections and humanitarian assistance for Special Immigrant Visa applicants; and requesting that the United States Secretary of State provide a report to Congress regarding efforts to reinstate evacuation flights for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas.

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CHAIR EISCHEID opened public testimony on HJR 13. After ascertaining that there was no one who wished to testify, he closed public testimony.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRAY moved to adopt Amendment 1 to HJR 13, labeled 34-LS0710\I.2, Wayne, 4/23/25, which read as follows:

Page I, line 5, following "applicants;":  
Insert "urging the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the United States Department of Homeland Security to expedite the review of applications for Special Immigrant Visas;"

Page 3, following line 16:

Insert new material to read:  
"FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the United States Department of Homeland Security to expedite the review of pending applications for Special Immigrant Visas; and be it"

Page 3, line 31, following "Efforts;":

Insert "Kika Scott, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security;"

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REPRESENTATIVE GRAY explained that the United States Department of State estimated that there were over 130,000 people with pending visas that would be affected by HJR 13 and said that the proposed amendment would urge the people who process these visas to process them in a timely manner.

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HENRY THOMPSON, Staff, Representative Will Stapp, Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of Representative Stapp, prime sponsor, said that the bill sponsor saw the amendment as a friendly one.

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CHAIR EISCHEID removed his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment 1 was adopted.

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MR. THOMPSON gave final remarks on HJR 13, as amended.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRAY moved to report HJR 13, as amended, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHJR 13 (MLV) was reported from the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.