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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/17/02

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18 May 2002

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 2009

SB2009 ALASKA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

"An Act establishing the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DMUA	5/17/02	3.5		#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Lynda Green</i>			✓	
<i>Alan Austin</i>			✓	
<i>John H. ...</i>			✓	
<i>John ...</i>			✓	
<i>Gary ...</i>			✓	
<i>Arew D. Simon</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>Nancy ...</i>			✓	
COCHAIR: <i>Pat ...</i>	✓			

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May 17, 2002

The Honorable Rick Halford
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Halford:

I am transmitting this bill to the special session establishing the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council. The council initially was established by Administrative Order No. 164, dated July 3, 1996. This bill would establish the council in statute as an entity within the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA).

As provided in Administrative Order No. 164 and under this bill, the purpose of the council is to advise the DMVA on ways to better address the needs and concerns of Alaska's veterans, their dependents, and their survivors. The council's duties include making recommendations concerning veterans' priority service needs, developing public and private partnerships to meet those needs, and providing coordination of information regarding veterans' benefits and services around the state.

This bill maintains the present 20-member structure and responsibilities of the council. The council's membership would continue to include one or more persons affiliated with a veterans organization, one or more persons from a state agency that manages programs affecting veterans, and one or more members of the general public familiar with veterans' issues. Council members would continue to serve without compensation other than per diem and travel expenses.

While this bill was introduced during the regular session, the House failed to act on this important legislation. I urge your prompt and favorable action now on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Knowles".
Tony Knowles
Governor