



# Alaska State Legislature

## House of Representatives

### Committee on State Affairs

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State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Official Business

March 4, 1981 - Wednesday - 3:00

Reel #641-10: 0017-1598

Agenda: Reform Bills:

HCR 3 (Amendment to Uniform Rules)  
HB 153 (Leg. Comm. on Govt. Ethics)  
HB 154 (Financial Disclosure)  
HB 155 (Legislative Procedures)  
HB 156 (Legislative Contracts)

Testifying: Rep. Jim Duncan, Speaker of the House  
Rep. Terry Gardiner  
Rep. Hugh Malone  
Rep. Freeman  
Rep. Miller  
Frank Flavin, Ombudsman, State of Alaska  
Paula Ziegler, State Board, League of Women Voters

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller.

All members were present.

Chairman Miller reviewed the order of testimony from the witnesses.

Speaker Jim Duncan was called to give an overview of the entire legislative reform package. He presented a general support statement for legislative reform, saying that it is a good, responsible response to public legislative concerns and criticism.

#### HB 154

Rep. Gardiner was called to testify. He stated the reason for the bill as being that of proposing additions to existing rules.

#### HB 153

Rep. Russ Meekins was called to testify, saying this bill hoped to eliminate improper conduct. He urged the Committee to take a close look at an ethics commission, and presented a copy of amendments. Discussion followed.



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#### HB 156

Rep. Hugh Malone testified, saying the bill was designed to set out procedures for handling of contracts. Discussion centered around the witness oath which had been tried that evening.

#### HCR 3

Rep. Freeman testified, saying he felt this resolution was the most important in the entire package.

#### HB 155

Chairman Miller spoke in favor of this bill, saying that it enforces uniformity of taking minutes and testimony. It reviews the guidelines for committees regarding tapes, logs, roll call, summary of testimony, and oath-taking.

#### HB 153

Frank Flavin, Ombudsman for the State of Alaska, reviewed a report done by his office on ethics commissions in other states-- specifically in Hawaii and Wisconsin. Of concern to him was the composition of the proposed commission, as well as its functions.

Paula Ziegler, representing the State Board of League of Women Voters, gave the background of the League's position on legislative reform. She said it is gratifying to see action taken by the legislators themselves, and reported the League's views on HCR 3, HB 155, and HB 156.

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.



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March 5, 1981 - Thursday - 2:00

Reel #641-11: 0039-0754

Agenda: Reform Bills - Teleconference, Juneau/Anchorage,  
Statewide video

Testifying: Leo Land, Haines  
Jan Bomhoff, Free Committee, Anchorage  
Anabella Lund, Homer

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

All members were present.

#### HB 153

Leo Land testified from Haines, in support of the bill.

Anabella Lund, from Homer, gave her views on the bill.

#### HCR 3

Jan Bomhoff, representing the Free Committee in Anchorage, testified in favor of the bill.

The Free Committee is comprised of 50 ladies studying legislative processes, and making recommendations to legislators for changes in the rules.

Chairman miller adjourned the teleconference at 3:00.



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The motion was made and approved.

Chairman Miller moved that the Resolution be passed out.

There were no objections, and the motion was approved.

Do Pass: Miller Abood, Fuller, Brown

Other Rec: Cuddy

#### CSHCR 3

An amendment suggestion was made by Rep. Brown.

The motion was approved.

Chairman Miller moved to pass the Resolution out.

There were no objections, and the motion was approved.

Do Pass: Miller, Fuller, Brown, Abood

No Rec: Cuddy

The meeting was adjourned.