

Alaska Association of REALTORS®
Industry Issues Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Minutes

Present:	Art Clark	Glenda Feeken	Don McKenzie
	Russell Joyce	Amy Krier	Casey Steinau
	Ruth Blackwell	Paddy Coan	Carole Winton
	Debra Leisek	Eva Loken	Errol Champion
	Denny Wood	Dave Somers	Wendy Chamberlain
	Stacie Krause	Julie Nolen	
	PeggyAnn Mcconnochie		

Bills

HB 49 – Sponsor Representative Johnson – “An act relating to the prohibition of the exercise of the power of eminent domain against a recreational structure for the purposes of developing a recreational facility or project.”

This bill was referred to the Judicial Committee on March 9, 2009. This bill will be on the Associations white paper for the Legislative Summit in Juneau.

HB 129 – Sponsor Jay Ramras – “An Act providing authority to the Real Estate Commission to revoke real estate salesperson licenses of persons convicted of certain crimes.”

This bill was referred to the Rules Committee and then goes to the floor for a vote. This bill will be on the Associations white paper for Juneau.

HB 145 – Sponsor Representative Lynn – “An act relating to the regulation of residential real property mortgage lending, including the licensing of mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers and mortgage loan originators and compliance with certain federal laws relating to residential mortgage lending.”

This bill was introduced as a request from the Administration. The Committee will continue to track this bill.

HB 108 – Sponsor Representative Ramras – “An act relating to real property foreclosures, to the sale of property on execution, and deeds of Trust”.

It was reported that an amendment will be added to this bill to include newspaper internet sites for listing foreclosures. The Committee will track this bill.

SB 129 – Sponsor Senator Menard – “An act relating to state and municipal building code requirements for fire sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings.”

The Committee supports this bill and suggested adding fourplexes to the bill. The Association will include this bill on the white paper for Juneau.

HB 156 – Sponsor Representative Lynn – “An act relating to municipal fee charged for disposal of waste materials from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacements of a structure on deteriorated property.”

Lobbyist Wendy Chamberlain will research this bill and if there are no issues the Association will include this bill on the white paper for Juneau.

Other Bill mentioned by Wendy Chamberlain:

HB 10 – Representatives Gruenberg, Chenault, Thomas, Gara Harris Kawasaki
"An Act authorizing a borough to charge a city for costs of collecting certain taxes; relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of certain widows or widowers, and to optional exemptions from municipal property taxes for property of certain fraternal organizations, for certain college property, and for certain residential property; and providing for an effective date."

SB 128 – Senator Paskavan – “An Act relating to requiring subcontractors who do not have employees and who are acting as independent contractors to secure payment for workers' compensation, and requiring subcontractors who fail to secure payment of workers' compensation to pay additional premiums incurred by contractors because of that failure."

Sandy Eherenman will distribute the white paper by the end of the week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.