

**Alaska Association of REALTORS®**  
Industry Issues Meeting  
Thursday, February 26, 2009

Minutes

Present:	Art Clark	Glenda Feeken	Don McKenzie
	Bonnie Aulabaugh	Amy Krier	Casey Steinau
	Janice Strong	Paddy Coan	Carole Winton
	Debra Leisek	Eva Loken	Errol Champion
	Denny Wood	Kari Butler	Wendy Chamberlain

Lobbyist Wendy Chamberlain reported that the Legislature is struggling with the budget this session. She reported that there are only funds to pay out one more dividend payment, and additional funds are being taken out of State reserves to make the dividend payment.

**Bills**

**Sprinkler Issue** – Paul Seaton and Kurt Olsen are co-sponsoring a resolution (HC1) that would require sprinkler systems in new construction of one and two-family dwellings.

The Association supports the home builders position to eliminate any and all future requirements for the State of Alaska or any local jurisdiction to mandate a requirement for the installation of fire sprinkler systems.

Matt Gill, lobbyist for the home builders indicated that Linda Menard plans on introducing legislation that would preclude municipalities from mandating sprinkler systems in new construction.

The Alaska Association of REALTORS® agrees that this issue will be a talking point for the Juneau summit.

**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 heard and passed out of the Rules Committee. Carole Winton testified at the hearing and the bill is waiting for a vote on the house floor.

**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 has one committee of referral, House Labor & Commerce. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2009 at 3:15 pm. President Art Clark plans on testifying at the hearing.

**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. This bill will bring the mortgage lending industry into Federal compliance. The Committee will be tracking 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”.

This bill was introduced at the meeting today and additional information will be compiled regarding this bill.

The Committee agreed that no action will be taken at the time on the following:

Alaska Housing Proposal Changes

House Bill 13

House Bill 38

Senate Bill 7

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.