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Subject:	RE: Alaska Oil Tax - PPT
From:	teds [REDACTED]
Date:	3/10/2006 10:19:13 AM
To:	Allen, Bill
Message Body	
<p>I will meet with Therriault and his crowd at six tonight. Spoke to them this AM-don't think they are willing to listen.</p> <p>Between us-he has not agreed yet-I talked to Mulva about a quarter page "letter to Alaskan" from the producers, every day in every paper, with some radio coverage-being addressed to the need for a good investment climate. I could write the stuff-the problem is the news media won't try to help form public opinion except to destroy confidence in the system.</p> <p>Beautiful day back here-going to our house for a few hours then will go join those guys. Judie is here for the weekend. Best t</p> <p>---[Original Message]---</p> <p>From: Bill.Allen@veco.com To: teds [REDACTED] Sent: Mar 9, 2006 8:51:52 PM Subject:</p> <p>Ted,</p> <p>Both the Senate and House Resources have the governor's original bill in committee and have been taking testimony for two plus weeks and are about ready to develop committee substitutes (CS's). This is where the problem lies - once they start driving the tax rate number up from the governor's 20%, it will be nearly impossible to bring it down when it reaches the Finance Committees.</p> <p>The problem is that a lot of the legislators think the governor left money on the table, and the opposite is true. The producers had rejected the 20% oil tax for months, and only at the last minute did they agree to it. The Big Three basically said they would sign on the gas pipeline if the governor's oil tax did not go any higher, but if it did all bets were off on the gas pipeline agreement. Jim Mulva spoke to me directly on this.</p> <p>Rick and I have been talking to all the legislators and have made some progress. Therriault seems to be working against a successful oil and gas bill, and Waggoner seems to think he can squeeze more out of the producers. Pete Kott is helping us and would like to talk directly with you.</p> <p>Ben is really the only one who understands how to get this done, and it seems like Therriault wants to fight him. I think you need to talk to Therriault and "take him to the woodshed". I can't understand why he's doing this.</p> <p>Bill</p>	

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From: teds [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 4:00 PM
To: Allen, Bill
Subject: RE: Alaska Oil Tax - PPT

Bill: youi are right. When is the vote in the legislature? T

---[Original Message]---

From: Bill.Allen@veco.com
To: *\$Ted_Steves [REDACTED]
Sent: Mar 9, 2006 7:58:35 PM
Subject:

Ted,

Hope you might be able to contact the following Alaska legislators. We need them to help hold the line on the governor's tax bill.

Sen. Gene Therriault - Fairbanks
[REDACTED] cell [REDACTED] Juneau office

He might still be visiting in D.C.

Sen. Tom Waggoner - Kenai, Senate Resources Chair
[REDACTED] cell [REDACTED] Juneau office

Rep. Pete Kott - Eagle River
[REDACTED]

The following legislators are supposed to be in D.C. for the Energy Council, and I believe you're going to address them tomorrow (Friday):

Rep. Pete Kott, Rep. Norm Rokeberg, Rep. Jack Coghill, Rep. Kurt Olson, Sen. Fred Dyson, and maybe Sen. Gene Therriault.

It would be great if you could talk to them directly about the oil tax and how it is so important to getting the gas pipeline.

If you could call me, I'll explain how difficult it was to get the conditions in the governor's oil tax bill agreed to by the producers. If the legislature tries to raise the taxes, they will be jeopardizing the gas pipeline.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Bill
[REDACTED] cell

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