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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT H 04-32

The House Subcommittee hereby dismisses Complaint H 04-32 against Representative Mike Chenault in its entirety.

The House Subcommittee reviewed the results of the preliminary examination by staff of the allegations contained in the complaint and determined that:

1. The House Subcommittee received a properly filed complaint against Representative Mike Chenault, dated April 26, 2004. The complaint fell within the two-year statute of limitations.
2. The complaint alleged the following:
 - That Representative Chenault used state resources for personal benefit and for partisan political activity and campaigning on March 20, 2004, from 10 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. The statute referenced in the complaint is AS 24.60.030(a)(2), (a)(5), and (b).
 - That Representative Chenault violated the legislative ethics code by conducting political partisan campaigning while the legislature was in session.

The House Subcommittee reviewed AS 24.60.030(a)(2), AS 24.60.030(a)(5), AS 24.60.030(b), and phone records from March 20 in relation to the allegations contained in the complaint.

The House Subcommittee finds based on the phone records that the actions of Representative Chenault, set out in Complaint H 04-32, did not give rise to a violation of the Legislative Ethics Code and therefore dismisses the complaint. Further, the Subcommittee would point out that partisan political activity and campaigning are not prohibited under the ethics code during the legislative session. Campaign fundraising is prohibited during session under AS 24.60.031.

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Adopted this 7th day of May 2004
by a majority of the House Subcommittee.

Signature redacted for privacy

H. Conner Thomas, Chair
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