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THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

Draft program

**Meeting of the**

**Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region**

**Anchorage, Alaska**

**Thursday, February 23:**

5:30 pm:  Reception/dinner at the Captain Cook Quarter Deck (top floor of the Captain Cook Hotel)

**Friday, February 24**: (NANA HQ, 909 West 9th Avenue)

9:30 am: Start of meeting.  Welcome remarks by Chair Sivertsen and Senator Murkowski

9:40 am: Welcome remarks by NANA representative

9:50 am: Update on Arctic Council chairmanship by Julie Gourley, Senior Arctic Official for U.S. State Department, via teleconference

10:15 am: Presentation by Cathy Cahill, Director, Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Integration Systems; re: UAS use in the Arctic

*10:45 am: Coffee/health break*

11:00 am: Presentation by Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Institute of the North

- Arctic Energy Summit

- Arctic Generation 2030

- Permanent Participant Fund

11:30 am: Presentation by Mike Sfraga, Director, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center

            - University of Alaska research and science update

            - Arctic Fulbright program

            - U.S. Arctic policy in the Trump Administration

12:00 pm: break to move to lunch location

*12:15 pm: Lunch tbd*

2:00 pm: Meeting restarts – updates by Members, Member discussion

5:00 pm: Meeting concludes