

Legislators Say Goodbye to Kodiak's Doug Letch

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A long time fixture in the halls of the state capital retired yesterday. He was an even longer fixture in Kodiak, and is now on his way out of state. Doug Letch, aide to Senator Gary Stevens attended his final legislative hearings late last week in the State House, sitting in for his boss.

Letch was answering questions from the House Finance Committee about Stevens's bill expanding the Marine Transportation Advisory Board by one seat and designating it for the Homer-Kodiak area.

The committee was receptive to the bill, and discussion soon turned to Letch's retirement, when Representative Bill Stoltz took a few minutes to say goodbye to Letch and praise his hard work over the years.

Letch first came to Kodiak as a newscaster for KMXT radio, after working at public radio stations in Dillingham and McGrath. He was one of the founders of the Kodiak Football League over a decade ago.