



Court Order 2223-005

Order in the Matter of: Open Investigation into Attendance of Senator Brent

Description of Court Order

Petition Number:

2223-008

Petition Filed: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Order Handed Down: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Court Action:

In the matter of Petition 2223-008, this Court has reviewed the evidence provided and voted to begin an investigation into the matter. The Court's designated conduct chair, Justice Kissel, will reach out to Speaker Markland, DESB Committee Chair Stubbs and Senator Brent to gather documentation of the absences reported and any excuses provided.

Reasoning:

Petition 2223-008 concerns the attendance of Senator Brent at Senate meetings. Under Article III. Section 2 of the Legislative Branch Rules and Procedures, "Absence from one regularly scheduled Senate meeting without a proxy present or a valid excuse shall be ground for impeachment and removal. For purposes of this absence policy, regularly scheduled committee meetings shall count as Senate meetings." In addition, there has been a general lack of communication with Speaker Markland.

Justices:

All Justices concur.

It is so ordered.