

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 11
May 10, 2002
5:00 p.m.

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Gene Therriault, Chairman
Senator Donny Olson
Senator Gary Wilken

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative John Coghill
Representative Mary Kapsner
Representative Gary Stevens

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 11(FIN) am H
"An Act relating to required school attendance and relating to a curriculum for Alaska history; and providing for an effective date."

MOVED CCS SB 11 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

Jrn-Date	Jrn-Page	Action
01/08/01	0014	(S) PREFILE RELEASED - 12/29/00
01/08/01	0014	(S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/08/01	0014	(S) HES, FIN
02/05/01	Text	(S) HES AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/05/01	Text	(S) Heard & Held
02/05/01	Text	(S) MINUTE(HES)
04/20/01	Text	(S) HES AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
04/20/01	Text	(S) Heard & Held
04/20/01	Text	(S) MINUTE(HES)
04/27/01	Text	(S) HES AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
04/27/01	Text	(S) Moved Out of Committee
04/27/01	Text	(S) MINUTE(HES)

04/28/01 1323 (S) HES RPT 1DP 1DNP 2NR
04/28/01 1323 (S) NR: GREEN, WARD; DP: DAVIS; DNP: LEMAN
02/21/02 Text (S) FIN AT 9:30 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
02/21/02 Text (S) Heard & Held
02/21/02 Text (S) MINUTE(FIN)
02/28/02 Text (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
02/28/02 Text (S) Moved CS(FIN) Out of Committee
02/28/02 Text (S) MINUTE(FIN)
03/01/02 2336 (S) FIN RPT CS 6DP 3NR NEW TITLE
03/01/02 2336 (S) DP: DONLEY, KELLY, GREEN, AUSTERMAN,
03/01/02 2336 (S) WILKEN, LEMAN;
03/01/02 2336 (S) NR: HOFFMAN, OLSON, WARD
03/05/02 Text (S) RLS AT 10:00 AM FAHRENKAMP 203
03/05/02 Text (S) MINUTE(RLS)
03/06/02 2387 (S) RULES TO CALENDAR 3/6/02
03/06/02 2389 (S) READ THE SECOND TIME
03/06/02 2389 (S) FIN CS ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
03/06/02 2389 (S) ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UNAN CONSENT
03/06/02 2389 (S) READ THE THIRD TIME CSSB 11(FIN)
03/06/02 2389 (S) PASSED Y14 N4 E2
03/06/02 2390 (S) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) SAME AS PASSAGE
03/06/02 2390 (S) DAVIS NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION
03/13/02 2419 (S) RECON TAKEN UP - IN THIRD READING
03/13/02 2419 (S) PASSED ON RECONSIDERATION Y18 N- E1 A1
03/13/02 2419 (S) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) SAME AS PASSAGE
03/13/02 2420 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
03/13/02 2420 (S) VERSION: CSSB 11(FIN)
03/15/02 2537 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/15/02 2537 (H) EDU, HES
04/03/02 Text (H) EDU AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 120
04/03/02 Text (H) Moved CSSB 11(FIN) Out of Committee
04/03/02 2778 (H) EDU RPT 4DP 1NR
04/03/02 2778 (H) DP: GUESS, PORTER, WILSON, BUNDE;
04/03/02 2778 (H) NR: GREEN
04/16/02 Text (H) HES AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 106
04/16/02 Text (H) Moved CSSB 11(FIN) Out of Committee
04/16/02 Text (H) MINUTE(HES)
04/17/02 2970 (H) HES RPT 3DP 1NR 2AM
04/17/02 2970 (H) DP: WILSON, STEVENS, DYSON; NR: JOULE;
04/17/02 2970 (H) AM: COGHILL, CISSNA
04/25/02 3141 (H) RULES TO CALENDAR 4/25/02
04/25/02 3141 (H) READ THE SECOND TIME
04/25/02 3142 (H)ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 4/26 CALENDAR
04/26/02 3181 (H) READ THE THIRD TIME CSSB 11(FIN)
04/26/02 3181 (H) RETURN TO SECOND FOR AM 1 UNAN CONSENT
04/26/02 3181 (H) AM NO 1 ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
04/26/02 3182 (H) RETURN TO SECOND FOR AM 2 Y27 N10 E3
04/26/02 3183 (H) AM NO 2 ADOPTED Y29 N8 E3

04/26/02	3183	(H)	...CHANGES TITLE OF LEGISLATION
04/26/02	3187	(H)	PASSED Y35 N2 E3
04/26/02	3187	(H)	EFFECTIVE DATE(S) SAME AS PASSAGE
04/26/02	3187	(H)	MASEK NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION
04/26/02	3186	(H)	AUTOMATICALLY IN THIRD READING
04/29/02	3223	(H)	RECONSIDERATION HELD TO 5/1/02
05/01/02	3267	(H)	RECONSIDERATION NOT TAKEN UP
05/01/02	3267	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S) AS AMENDED
05/01/02	3267	(H)	VERSION: CSSB 11(FIN) AM H
05/02/02	3098	(S)	FAILED CONCUR (H) AM Y7 N12 E1
05/03/02	3141	(S)	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
05/03/02	3141	(S)	*THERRIAULT, WILKEN, OLSON
05/03/02	3342	(H)	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
05/03/02	3342	(H)	STEVENS, COGHILL, KAPSNER

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 02-02, SIDE A

5:00 p.m.

#SB 11

SB 11-COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE/AK HISTORY

CHAIRMAN GENE THERRIAULT called the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 11 to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Senators Olson and Wilken, Representatives Coghill, Kapsner and Stevens and Chairman Therriault.

CHAIRMAN THERRIAULT said he had prepared a committee substitute (CS). He said the CS removes the mandatory Alaska history amendment and retains Representative Coghill's amendment allowing parents who determine their child is not emotionally ready for school at the age of six to withdraw their child within the first 60 days. He said parents could do so under existing statutes but they would be stretching those statutes.

CHAIRMAN THERRIAULT noted that members still have differences of opinion on the Alaska history issue. He said members have discussed the possibility that the Anchorage School District could donate its Alaska history curriculum to the Department of Education and Early Development (DOEED) to create a model curriculum for other districts to incorporate at a relatively low cost. He said the Alaska history problem is being dealt with and does not require a statutory change. The attendance issue is a very specific issue that cannot be fixed without a statutory change. He distributed an editorial from the *Fairbanks Daily*

News-Miner that supports separating the two issues.

SENATOR OLSON asked for Chairman Therriault's view on Representative Coghill's amendment.

CHAIRMAN THERRIAULT said he talked with Representative Coghill about adding that provision when the bill was in the House State Affairs Committee. He said the content of the amendment fit within the original title of SB 11 and it seemed like common sense to allow it.

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL informed members that parents could withdraw their children from school without the amendment, but they would be misusing the statutory list of allowable reasons to do so. He said the issue of withdrawing students at the age of six differs from the Alaska history issue and he wanted to include it in SB 11 because it seemed to fit.

REPRESENTATIVE STEVENS thought both bills were excellent. He said members had the choice of either killing both bills or allowing one bill to pass through. He was willing to remove the Alaska history requirement to make sure SB 11 would move forward.

SENATOR WILKEN moved CCS SB 11 from committee with attached zero fiscal note and individual recommendations.

CHAIRMAN THERRIAULT noted that Senator Wilken was referring to Version J.

The motion carried with Senator Wilken, Representatives Coghill and Stevens and Chairman Therriault in favor and Senator Olson and Representative Kapsner opposed. Therefore, CCS SB 11 moved out of committee with attached zero fiscal note and individual recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 11 meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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