

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
March 20, 2001
10:48 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Drue Pearce, Chair
Senator John Cowdery, Vice Chair
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator Gene Therriault
Senator Johnny Ellis

MEMBERS ABSENT

All Members Present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 64

"An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II veterans."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 65

"An Act requiring a study to determine if gender is a determinant in state employee compensation."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 99

"An Act relating to the DNA identification registration system."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to victims' rights; relating to establishing an office of victims' rights; relating to compensation of victims of violent crimes; relating to eligibility for a permanent fund dividend for persons convicted of and incarcerated for certain offenses; relating to notice of appropriations concerning victims' rights; amending Rule 16, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 9, Alaska Delinquency Rules, and Rule 501, Alaska Rules of Evidence; and providing for an effective date."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

SENATE BILL NO. 112

"An Act placing certain employees of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority in the exempt service; establishing a minimum salary for the long term care ombudsman; and providing for an effective date."

APPROVED FOR CALENDARING

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 64 - See HESS minutes dated 2/07/01 and Finance Report dated 2/26/01.

SB 65 - See State Affairs minutes dated 2/13/01 and Finance Report dated 3/13/01.

SB 99 - See Judiciary minutes dated 2/28/01 and Finance report dated 3/14/01.

SB 105 - See Judiciary minutes dated 2/28/01 and Finance Report dated 3/14/01.

SB 112 - See HESS minutes dated 2/28/01 and Finance Report dated 3/15/01.

WITNESS REGISTER

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ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 01-4, SIDE A

Number 001

CHAIRWOMAN DRUE PEARCE called the Senate Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:48 a.m. All members were present.

#SB 64

CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE said that SB 64-HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN WWII VETS is a Governor's bill with a zero fiscal note.

SENATOR PHILLIPS moved to calendar CSSB 64(FIN). There being no objection, the motion carried.

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#SB 65

CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE noted that Senator Donley, sponsor of SB 65-PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, was available to answer questions.

SENATOR THERRIAULT asked Senator Donley to outline the changes between the Senate State Affairs Committee and Senate Finance Committee substitutes.

SENATOR DAVE DONLEY explained that the \$500,000 is not locked in - that amount will be determined by the \$50,000 study. The amount may be \$80 million, which is what contractors from other states have estimated. He noted that since the fiscal notes are only locked in for the first year, the real impact will be \$50,000. The rest is a "guestimate" from the Department. He noted that the Senate Finance Committee clarified, in its committee substitute, that the study is to focus on equal pay for equal work, and not on comparable work. Both federal and state law require equal pay for equal work. The bill will make sure that, for example, two people doing janitorial work with different job titles, are not paid differently because one job title is gender dominated.

SENATOR ELLIS moved to calendar SB 65. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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#SB 99

CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE brought SB 99-DNA REGISTRATION OF BURGLARS before the committee again and asked committee members if they had further questions.

There being no further questions, SENATOR COWDERY moved to calendar SB 99.

SENATOR ELLIS objected. The motion to calendar SB 99 carried with Senators Cowdery, Therriault and Pearce voting in favor and Senators Phillips and Ellis against.

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#SB 105

SENATOR PHILLIPS moved to calendar SB 105-VICTIMS' RIGHTS/ PRISONER'S PFD. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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#SB 112

SENATOR PHILLIPS moved to calendar SB 112-LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN;MENTAL HLTH AUTH. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE announced the committee would not meet on March 21, 2001. There being no further business to come before the committee, CHAIRWOMAN PEARCE adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

