

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

May 2, 2003

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Norman Rokeberg, Chair
Representative Pete Kott
Representative John Coghill
Representative Carl Morgan
Representative Ethan Berkowitz
Representative Beth Kerttula

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Lesil McGuire

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

"An Act relating to municipal property tax adjustments for property affected by a disaster."

- MOVED CSHB 209(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

"An Act relating to brewpubs, and continuing the existence of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSHB 234(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(FIN)

"An Act relating to the acquisition of teachers' housing by regional educational attendance areas and to teachers' housing loan programs in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED HCS CSSB 25(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS ACTION

BILL: HB 209

SHORT TITLE:MUNI.TAX: PROPERTY AFFECTED BY DISASTER

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S)CHENAULT

Jrn-Date	Jrn-Page		Action
03/24/03	0617	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/24/03	0617	(H)	CRA, FIN
04/07/03	0831	(H)	COSPONSOR(S): WOLF
04/08/03		(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 124
04/08/03		(H)	Moved CSHB 209(CRA) Out of Committee
04/08/03		(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
04/09/03	0867	(H)	CRA RPT CS(CRA) 7DP
04/09/03	0867	(H)	DP: KOTT, ANDERSON, SAMUELS, WOLF,
04/09/03	0867	(H)	KOOKESH, CISSNA, MORGAN
04/09/03	0868	(H)	FN1: ZERO(CED)
04/30/03	1216	(H)	FIN REFERRAL WAIVED
04/30/03		(H)	FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/30/03		(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled> Waived out of cmt <Mtg. Postponed to after Maj. Caucus>
04/30/03		(H)	MINUTE(FIN)
05/02/03		(H)	RLS AT 6:00 PM BUTROVICH 205

BILL: HB 234

SHORT TITLE: BREWPUBS; ABC BOARD

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) MCGUIRE

Jrn-Date	Jrn-Page		Action
04/02/03	0739	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/02/03	0739	(H)	L&C, FIN
04/09/03		(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM CAPITOL 17
04/09/03		(H)	Heard & Held
04/09/03		(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
04/11/03		(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM CAPITOL 17
04/11/03		(H)	Moved CSHB 234(L&C) Out of Committee
04/11/03		(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
04/14/03	0963	(H)	L&C RPT CS(L&C) NT 4DP 3NR
04/14/03	0963	(H)	DP: CRAWFORD, DAHLSTROM, ROKEBERG,
04/14/03	0963	(H)	ANDERSON; NR: LYNN, GATTO, GUTTENBERG
04/14/03	0963	(H)	FN1: ZERO(REV)
04/23/03		(H)	FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519

04/23/03		(H)	Moved CSHB 234(FIN) Out of Committee
04/23/03		(H)	MINUTE(FIN)
04/28/03	1152	(H)	FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 3DP 3NR
04/28/03	1152	(H)	DP: MEYER, HAWKER, HARRIS; NR: STOLTZE,
04/28/03	1152	(H)	CROFT, CHENAULT
04/28/03	1153	(H)	FN1: ZERO(REV)
04/28/03	1153	(H)	FN2: INDETERMINATE(DPS)
05/02/03		(H)	RLS AT 6:00 PM BUTROVICH 205

BILL: SB 25

SHORT TITLE:TEACHERS' HOUSING/AHFC LOANS

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) WILKEN

Jrn-Date	Jrn-Page		Action
01/21/03	0021	(S)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/17/03
01/21/03	0021	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/21/03	0021	(S)	HES, FIN
02/12/03		(S)	HES AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/12/03		(S)	Heard & Held
02/12/03		(S)	MINUTE(HES)
02/24/03		(S)	HES AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/24/03		(S)	Moved Out of Committee
02/24/03		(S)	MINUTE(HES)
02/26/03	0272	(S)	HES RPT CS 3DP 1NR 1AM SAME TITLE
02/26/03	0272	(S)	DP: DYSON, DAVIS, WILKEN;
02/26/03	0272	(S)	NR: GUESS; AM: GREEN
02/26/03	0272	(S)	FN1: ZERO(REV)
02/26/03		(S)	MINUTE(HES)
03/06/03		(S)	FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
03/06/03		(S)	Heard & Held
03/06/03		(S)	MINUTE(FIN)
03/11/03		(S)	FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
03/11/03		(S)	Scheduled But Not Heard
03/12/03		(S)	FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
03/12/03		(S)	Moved CSSB 25(FIN) Out of Committee
03/12/03		(S)	MINUTE(FIN)
03/13/03	0489	(S)	FIN RPT CS 5DP 1DNP 1NR NEW TITLE
03/13/03	0489	(S)	DP: WILKEN, TAYLOR, HOFFMAN,

03/13/03	0489	(S)	OLSON, STEVENS B; DNP: GREEN; NR: BUNDE
03/13/03	0489	(S)	FN1: ZERO(REV)
03/17/03	0522	(S)	COSPONSOR(S): STEVENS G, DYSON, SEEKINS
03/31/03	0641	(S)	RULES TO CALENDAR 3/31/2003
03/31/03	0641	(S)	READ THE SECOND TIME
03/31/03	0642	(S)	FIN CS ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
03/31/03	0642	(S)	ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UNAN CONSENT
03/31/03	0642	(S)	READ THE THIRD TIME CSSB 25(FIN)
03/31/03	0642	(S)	COSPONSOR(S): LINCOLN
03/31/03	0642	(S)	PASSED Y16 N1 E3
03/31/03	0643	(S)	EFFECTIVE DATE(S) SAME AS PASSAGE
03/31/03	0648	(S)	TRANSMITTED TO (H)
03/31/03	0648	(S)	VERSION: CSSB 25(FIN)
04/02/03	0729	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/02/03	0729	(H)	HES, FIN
04/02/03	0751	(H)	CROSS SPONSOR(S): LYNN
04/11/03	0947	(H)	CROSS SPONSOR(S): ROKEBERG
04/15/03		(H)	HES AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 106
04/15/03		(H)	Heard & Held
04/15/03		(H)	MINUTE(HES)
04/22/03		(H)	HES AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 106
04/22/03		(H)	Moved HCSSB 25(HES) Out of Committee Meeting postponed to after floor session
04/22/03		(H)	MINUTE(HES)
04/23/03	1065	(H)	HES RPT HCS(HES) NT 2DP 4NR
04/23/03	1065	(H)	TITLE CHANGE: HCR 17
04/23/03	1065	(H)	DP: SEATON, WILSON; NR: CISSNA,
04/23/03	1065	(H)	COGHILL, WOLF, GATTO
04/23/03	1066	(H)	FN1: ZERO(REV)
04/29/03		(H)	FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/29/03		(H)	Moved HCS CSSB 25(FIN) Out of Committee MINUTE(FIN)
04/30/03	1199	(H)	FIN RPT HCS(HES) NT 9DP 2NR
04/30/03	1199	(H)	TITLE CHANGE: HCR 17
04/30/03	1199	(H)	DP: MEYER, HAWKER, JOULE, CROFT,

04/30/03	1199	(H)	CHENAULT, WHITAKER, FOSTER, HARRIS,
04/30/03	1199	(H)	WILLIAMS; NR: STOLTZE, MOSES
04/30/03	1200	(H)	FN1: ZERO(REV)
04/30/03	1218	(H)	CROSS SPONSOR(S): MEYER
05/02/03		(H)	RLS AT 6:00 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

LEONA OBERTS, Staff
to Representative Mike Chenault
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented HB 209 on behalf of the sponsor,
Representative Chenault.

JUANITA HENSLEY, Special Assistant
Office of the Commissioner
Department of Public Safety
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: During the discussion of HB 234, answered
questions.

SENATOR GARY WILKEN
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Spoke as the sponsor of SB 25.

REPRESENTATIVE PEGGY WILSON
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Spoke [as the sponsor of the portion of SB
25 dealing with nurses].

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 03-3, SIDE A

Number 0001

CHAIR NORMAN ROKEBERG called the House Rules Standing Committee
meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Representatives Rokeberg, Kott,
Coghill, Morgan, Berkowitz, and Kerttula were present at the
call to order.

HB 209-MUNI.TAX: PROPERTY AFFECTED BY DISASTER

CHAIR ROKEBERG announced that the first order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 209, "An Act relating to municipal property tax adjustments for property affected by a disaster."

[Due to technical difficulties, the first six minutes of tape are blank. Therefore, the following was reconstructed from the committee secretary's log notes.]

There was a motion to adopt CSHB 209, Version 23-LS0420\I, Cook, 4/30/03. There being no objection, Version I was before the committee.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA related her understanding that this legislation would apply to more than just a natural disaster.

LEONA OBERTS, Staff to Representative Mike Chenault, Alaska State Legislature, presented HB 209 on behalf of the sponsor. In response to Representative Kerttula, Ms. Oberts indicated that this legislation would apply to a man-made [disaster] such as pipes flooding a basement. In further response to Representative Kerttula, Ms. Oberts confirmed that this legislation would only refer to a reduction in municipal taxes.

[The recording begins at this point.]

Number 0498

REPRESENTATIVE KOTT moved to report [CSHB 209, Version 23-LS0420\I, Cook, 4/30/03] out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, [CSHB 209(RLS)] was reported from the House Rules Standing Committee.

The committee took a brief at-ease.

HB 234-BREW PUBS; ABC BOARD

CHAIR ROKEBERG announced that the next order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 234, "An Act relating to brewpubs, and continuing the existence of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date."

Number 0613

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL moved to adopt CSHB 234, Version 23-LS0862\X, Ford, 4/30/03, as the working document. There being no objection, Version X was before the committee.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ objected and inquired as to the difference between Version X and [CSHB 234(FIN)].

CHAIR ROKEBERG pointed out that Section 2 of CSHB 234(FIN) regarding peace officer powers eliminated the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's (ABC) authorization to investigate violations of laws against prostitution and gambling on [premises licensed under] Title 4. There seems to be some question with regard to what the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the ABC Board want. Although this matter was discussed at length in the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee, the language was taken out in the House Finance Standing Committee. He explained his belief that the law enforcement agencies of the state have better things to do than enforce laws relating to prostitution and gambling on licensed premises. The ABC investigators should, in the course of their activity, be in a position to enforce laws relating to prostitution and gambling in licensed premises because there is a direct relation between the aforementioned activities and the activities of a licensee under Title 4.

CHAIR ROKEBERG, in response to Representative Berkowitz, clarified that [under CSHB 234(FIN)] the activities the ABC investigators can investigate are limited and thus he wanted to return to the current statute under which ABC investigators are able to [investigate/enforce prostitution and gambling].

Number 0792

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ withdrew his objection.

CHAIR ROKEBERG specified that the remainder of Version X essentially remains the same.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA inquired as to the department's thoughts on the matter.

Number 0856

JUANITA HENSLEY, Special Assistant, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, informed the committee that DPS requested that the provision to take away [the ABC Board's authority with regard to] prostitution and gambling be included in the legislation. This was requested so that the ABC investigators would refocus on alcohol investigation. If the ABC investigators see prostitution or gambling going on in an

establishment, then they should contact local law enforcement agencies. Ms. Hensley noted that DPS would continue to work with the ABC investigators, even without the provision.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ related his understanding that DPS wants the provision to be included in the legislation.

MS. HENSLEY clarified that DPS had requested that peace officer powers of investigating gambling and prostitution be removed from the ABC investigators. However, Version X allows the ABC investigators to continue to investigate prostitution and gambling. At this point, it doesn't matter to DPS, she said.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ asked if there are concerns with regard to peace officer safety or is this a resource issue.

Number 0969

MS. HENSLEY pointed out that through one of the recent executive orders the ABC Board is being placed in DPS. One of the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit's sunset audit of the ABC Board was that the ABC investigator's work time should be refocused on enforcing alcohol laws while enforcement of gambling and prostitution should be left to the regular police powers of the state. The DPS agreed with the aforementioned and if ABC investigators do see prostitution and gambling in an establishment, DPS or any other law enforcement agency in the area should assist in those investigations. Version X gives the ABC investigators the power to investigate prostitution and gambling, and DPS would continue to work with them and further investigate. Ms. Hensley mentioned that there will be times in which prostitution and gambling are a vice issue that can be handled in conjunction with the ABC investigators.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ inquired as to the percentage of an ABC investigator's time spent investigating prostitution and gambling as opposed to alcoholic (indisc.) infractions.

MS. HENSLEY said she couldn't answer that.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ said that he didn't recall prostitution or gambling ever coming through the ABC Board. He expressed curiosity as to why Chair Rokeberg wants Version X because the audit, the department, and the governor want CSHB 234(FIN).

CHAIR ROKEBERG pointed out that the audit specifies that the ABC Board [wants to maintain its powers with regard to prostitution and gambling].

Number 1126

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA highlighted that the ABC Board didn't obtain these powers until 1999. She also highlighted that the audit says that the issue has been that the ABC investigators "are ex-police officers who would like to carry guns and investigate other crimes, in fact they seem to be intensively preoccupied with the topic". Furthermore, the problem hasn't really been alcohol control. She noted that there are already officers that investigate prostitution and gambling in Alaska and thus she characterized [DPS's authority to investigate prostitution and gambling] as a duplication of services.

Number 1173

CHAIR ROKEBERG noted his disagreement with the audit and recommended maintaining the status quo while reviewing how the transition [of the ABC Board to DPS] goes.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ mentioned the duplication of service issue. He related his experience that when law enforcement officers make decisions about how they want their organization organized it's best to defer to their wishes. He noted his willingness to return the peace officer power provision in the legislation and indicated that perhaps the discussion would be held on the House floor.

CHAIR ROKEBERG inquired as to the department's position on Version X.

Number 1273

MS. HENSLEY reiterated that DPS made the recommendation, jointly with the governor's office, for this provision. However, DPS is willing to work with the ABC investigators to fulfill the provisions under Title 4 whether gambling and prostitution is included or not. With regard to the notion of there being a duplication of service, Ms. Hensley pointed out that the ABC investigators would be in a position to notify the local law enforcement agency and work jointly with it with regard to gambling and prostitution.

CHAIR ROKEBERG requested that Ms. Hensley provide information with regard to the amount of time that DPS allocates to gambling and prostitution investigation in the context of their entire scope of work. Chair Rokeberg suggested that the time would be small.

CHAIR ROKEBERG, upon determining no one else wished to testify, closed public testimony.

Number 1403

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ moved to report CSHB 234(FIN), Version W, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes.

CHAIR ROKEBERG objected.

A roll call vote was taken. Representatives Kott, Morgan, Berkowitz, and Kerttula voted in favor of reporting CSHB 234(FIN) from committee. Representatives Coghill and Rokeberg voted against it.

REPRESENTATIVE KOTT, upon the announcement that the vote was 4-2, said that he wanted to change his vote to be against reporting CSHB 234(FIN) from committee.

The committee took an at-ease.

[Due to technical difficulties the following motion wasn't recorded on tape.]

Number 1504

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ moved to report CSHB 234, Version 23-LS0862\X, Ford, 4/30/03, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 234(RLS) was reported from the House Rules Standing Committee.

SB 25-TEACHERS' HOUSING/AHFC LOANS

CHAIR ROKEBERG announced that the final order of business would be CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(FIN), "An Act relating to the acquisition of teachers' housing by regional educational attendance areas and to teachers' housing loan programs in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ moved to adopt HCS CSSB 25, Version W, as the working document.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ objected for discussion purposes.

Number 1542

CHAIR ROKEBERG pointed out that Version W on page 2, line 10, has deleted "administrator" and inserted "principal". He explained that the prior version included a provision requiring that nurses working at least 80 hours a month would qualify for this loan program. However, [Version W] requires that the [nurses] would have to be full-time employees.

CHAIR ROKEBERG related that the idea behind this legislation is to provide incentives for hiring new teachers, counselors, principals, and nurses. The rationale behind changing "administrator" to "principal" is that many administrators have very high salaries and thus don't need the additional benefit provided by this legislation. Furthermore, the change helps restrict the scope of eligible people. He acknowledged that there was an issue regarding whether a nurse could work on a part-time basis and qualify for this program. However, Chair Rokeberg reminded the committee that the legislation intends to recruit and retain teachers and nurses, and therefore he didn't believe the legislation would be best served by including part-time employment. By allowing AHFC to develop the eligibility regulations, the nurses association could provide information with regard to peculiar work hours [that need to be accommodated].

Number 1704

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ asked if "principal" and "administrator" are defined terms. He inquired as to what would happen if someone was an acting principal or a vice principal. He then turned to the language on page 2, line 14, which specifies that only one loan per borrower can be made, and asked if that means once in a lifetime. He pointed out that teachers and principals in rural Alaska may move from one district to another.

CHAIR ROKEBERG related his belief that the intention is [for the program] to be similar to the VA loan program in which there is a one-time use.

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL interjected that when the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation (AHFC) was before the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee the indication was that this offer could only be used once.

CHAIR ROKEBERG returned to the change from "administrator" to "principal" and explained that the intent was to narrow the field of eligible people. He wasn't aware of a statutory definition for either.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA pointed out that vice principals wouldn't be included and she noted her discomfort with that.

CHAIR ROKEBERG suggested that the term "principals" could be used or "vice principals" could be specified.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ recalled that schools have a peculiar situation in which people providing support for a principal might not be eligible for one of these loans, although the principal would.

CHAIR ROKEBERG reminded everyone that the original intent is to help the recruitment of teachers and thus the scope should be narrowed because those receiving high levels of compensation don't need help. Chair Rokeberg said that he wouldn't object to including "assistant principals".

REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL pointed out that the legislation requires that the individual be certificated and thus the individual would have to be a teacher. He also pointed out that there will be schools in which the administrators hold class. Therefore, having the "certificated" language would seem to serve the purpose.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA remarked that administrators in rural Alaska often function as a teacher and administrator.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ returned to Representative Coghill's point that this legislation seems to focus on those who are certificated and work in the school. Therefore, a list wouldn't be necessary, he said.

CHAIR ROKEBERG noted that there is a definition of teacher. He expressed concern with people who earn \$100,000 a year getting a deal.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ reiterated that a list isn't necessary and the problem could be addressed by inserting a period after "certificated".

Number 1959

SENATOR GARY WILKEN, Alaska State Legislature, speaking as the sponsor of SB 25, explained that the purpose of SB 25 was to create something that Alaska could offer to attract teachers. The ability to utilize this benefit is limited to someone in the school. Senator Wilken expressed his preference for specifying principal and vice principal. However, he agreed that merely referring to certificated individuals would serve the same purpose.

CHAIR ROKEBERG said that he didn't object to [including] vice principals. However, he reiterated his concern with regard to using the language "administrator" because of their high salaries.

SENATOR WILKEN remarked that limiting this benefit to those inside the school would seem to eliminate those he considered to be an administrator. However, he noted his agreement with deleting the "administrator" language.

CHAIR ROKEBERG agreed with Representative Kerttula's earlier testimony that some school employees could wear more than one hat.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA asked whether those wearing multiple hats would clearly qualify for this when one of those hats is a teacher in some capacity.

CHAIR ROKEBERG said he believes so.

REPRESENTATIVE KOTT interjected that those certificated as a teacher would qualify.

CHAIR ROKEBERG said that he wouldn't object to adding the "assistant principal" language.

SENATOR WILKEN suggested that "principal" could be defined in regulation.

Number 2097

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA asked if all teachers are classified as full-time.

CHAIR ROKEBERG said that there is a statutory definition of a full-time teacher.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA related that she wanted to be sure that [the definition] included regular teachers. She said that she could double-check before the legislation goes to the floor.

CHAIR ROKEBERG remarked that the intent is for the statutory definition of a full-time teacher to be controlling.

SENATOR WILKEN thanked Representative Wilson for making this legislation better. He further thanked Chair Rokeberg from whom he took this legislation.

CHAIR ROKEBERG informed the committee that AS 14.25.220 specifies:

(19) "full-time teacher" means a teacher occupying a position requiring teaching on a regular basis for the normal work period per day or week at a teaching assignment, excluding teaching as an assistant or graduate assistant or teaching on a substitute, temporary, or per diem basis;

Number 2235

REPRESENTATIVE KOTT moved that the committee adopt Conceptual Amendment 1 to page 2, line 10, after "or", insert "assistant principal". There being no objection, Conceptual Amendment 1 was adopted.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA expressed concern with regard to increasing the requirement from 80 hours to full-time. She related her understanding that often in rural Alaska flexible hours are allowed in order to [recruit and retain] nurses.

REPRESENTATIVE PEGGY WILSON, Alaska State Legislature, speaking [as the sponsor of the portion of the legislation dealing with nurses], noted that in several areas two people work part-time to fill a full-time slot. In response to Chair Rokeberg, Representative Wilson explained that such [job sharing] is done because a parent wants to do so while in other instances an individual might be retired [and only wants to work part-time].

CHAIR ROKEBERG pointed out that the intent of the legislation is to provide a bonus in order to entice people into the nursing profession.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA remarked that nursing is a stressful job and many nurses are women, many of whom have families. Offering flexible hours has helped get nurses into rural Alaska, she said. She expressed concern with regard to increasing [the requirement] to full-time.

REPRESENTATIVE WILSON said that she didn't want to lose the inclusion of the nurses in this legislation [over the full-time requirement].

Number 2360

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ related his understanding that there isn't a requirement that the nurse work full-time but rather that there are regulations determining [whether the nurse is working full-time].

CHAIR ROKEBERG clarified that his intent was for the determination to be developed such that it's flexible and recognizes real life situations. Chair Rokeberg noted that the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee changed the title and thus there is already a title resolution for the legislation.

REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ moved to report HCS CSSB 25, Version W, as amended, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes.

TAPE 03-3, SIDE B

There being no objection, HCS CSSB 25(RLS) was reported from the House Rules Standing Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Rules Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.