

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 104**

May 5, 2006

3:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Ralph Seekins, Chair
Senator Gene Therriault
Senator Gretchen Guess

Representative Lesil McGuire, Chair
Representative Bob Lynn
Representative Max Gruenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 104(JUD)

"An Act relating to the crimes of unsworn falsification in the first and second degrees and false information or report; requiring the establishment of a permanent fund dividend fraud investigation unit in the Department of Revenue; and providing for an effective date."

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 104(JUD)

"An Act relating to the crimes of unsworn falsification in the first degree involving an application for a permanent fund dividend and false information or report involving eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; requiring the establishment of a permanent fund dividend fraud investigation unit in the Department of Revenue; relating to service in the peace corps and as a member of the United States Olympic Team as allowable absences from the state for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends and to the period for filing an application for a permanent fund dividend; authorizing the Department of Revenue to issue administrative orders imposing sanctions for certain misrepresentations or other actions concerning eligibility for a permanent fund dividend and providing for administrative appeal of those orders; and providing for an effective date."

MOVED CCS SB 104 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 104

SHORT TITLE: PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND FRAUD/ELIGIBILITY

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) SEEKINS

02/14/05	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS		
02/14/05	(S)	STA, JUD		
02/22/05	(S)	STA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 211		
02/22/05	(S)	Heard & Held		
02/22/05	(S)	MINUTE(STA)		
02/24/05	(S)	STA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 211		
02/24/05	(S)	Moved CSSB 104(STA) Out of Committee		
02/24/05	(S)	MINUTE(STA)		
02/28/05	(S)	STA RPT CS	4DP	
		SAME TITLE		
02/28/05	(S)	DP: THERRIAULT, ELTON, HUGGINS, DAVIS		
03/01/05	(S)	JUD AT 8:30 AM BUTROVICH 205		
03/01/05	(S)	Heard & Held		
03/01/05	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)		
03/02/05	(S)	JUD RPT CS	3DP	2NR
		NEW TITLE		
03/02/05	(S)	DP: SEEKINS, THERRIAULT, HUGGINS		
03/02/05	(S)	NR: FRENCH, GUESS		
03/02/05	(S)	JUD AT 8:30 AM BUTROVICH 205		
03/02/05	(S)	Moved CSSB 104(JUD) Out of Committee		
03/02/05	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)		
03/07/05	(S)	TRANSMITTED TO (H)		
03/07/05	(S)	VERSION: CSSB 104(JUD)		
03/09/05	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS		
03/09/05	(H)	STA, JUD		
04/05/05	(H)	STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106		
04/05/05	(H)	Moved Out of Committee		
04/05/05	(H)	MINUTE(STA)		
04/06/05	(H)	STA RPT 4DP 1NR		
04/06/05	(H)	DP: LYNN, ELKINS, GRUENBERG, SEATON;		
04/06/05	(H)	NR: GARDNER		
04/29/05	(H)	JUD AT 4:00 PM CAPITOL 120		
04/29/05	(H)	Heard & Held		
04/29/05	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)		
05/02/05	(H)	JUD RPT HCS(JUD) NT 4DP 2NR		
05/02/05	(H)	DP: KOTT, GRUENBERG, GARA, MCGUIRE;		
05/02/05	(H)	NR: DAHLSTROM, COGHILL		
05/02/05	(H)	JUD AT 12:00 AM CAPITOL 120		
05/02/05	(H)	Moved HCS CSSB 104(JUD) Out of Committee		
05/02/05	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)		

05/07/05	(H)	VERSION: HCS CSSB 104(JUD)
05/08/05	(S)	CONCURRENCE MESSAGE READ AND HELD
05/10/05	(S)	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
05/10/05	(S)	SEEKINS (CHAIR), THERRIAULT, FRENCH
05/12/05	(H)	SENATE MESSAGE RE CC APPOINTMENTS
04/28/06	(H)	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
04/28/06	(H)	MCGUIRE, LYNN, GRUENBERG
05/03/06	(S)	104 AT 5:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
05/03/06	(S)	Heard & Held
05/03/06	(S)	MINUTE(104)
05/04/06	(S)	LIMITED POWERS FREE CONFERENCE GRANTED

WITNESS REGISTER

No witnesses

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR RALPH SEEKINS called the Limited Powers Conference Committee for SB 104 meeting to order at [3:09:27 PM](#). Present were Representatives Lesil McGuire, Bob Lynn, and Max Gruenberg and Senators Gene Therriault, Gretchen Guess and Chair Ralph Seekins.

SB 104-PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND FRAUD/ELIGIBILITY

CHAIR RALPH SEEKINS announced that the Conference Committee Substitute for SB 104 was the business before the committee and that limited powers of free conference had been granted. He noted that Version \C incorporates the amendments discussed at the previous meeting and that the limited powers pertain to Sections 35, 36 and 37.

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SENATOR GRETCHEN GUESS asked for an explanation of the thinking behind moving the effective date for the eligibility sections to 2007. She suggested a 2006 effective date wouldn't hurt and that would make it possible for Olympic athletes to be eligible for a dividend this year.

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SHARON BARTON, Director of the Permanent Fund Dividend Division, explained that the application period for the 2006 dividend, which will be paid in October 2006, has closed.

SENATOR GUESS questioned whether the Olympic athletes would get to count 2006 as a dividend year or just 2007 if the eligibility section goes into effect in January 2007. She observed that the 2006 application considers eligibility in calendar year 2005 and not in 2006.

MS. BARTON agreed; to be eligible for the 2007 dividend the effective date should remain at 2006. Year 2006 Olympic athletes would be eligible for the 2007 dividend.

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SENATOR GUESS commented that in a year when Alaska had so many Olympians it would be embarrassing to pass the bill and find those athletes weren't eligible.

SENATOR GUESS moved to amend page 16, line 29. Change the effective date from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2006.

CHAIR SEEKINS found no objection and announced that Amendment 1 was adopted.

CHAIR SEEKINS found no further motions or comments and asked for a motion to accept and forward the Conference CS for SB 104 to the individual bodies.

REPRESENTATIVE McGUIRE moved to report Version \C CCS for SB 104, as amended, to the House and the Senate with attached revised fiscal notes. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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SENATOR GENE THERRIAULT noted that the drafters made the desired technical change on page 8. The word "that" was changed to "who."

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Seekins adjourned the meeting at [3:16:24 PM](#).