

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 29, 2005

2:12 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Norman Rokeberg, Chair  
Representative John Coghill, Vice Chair  
Representative John Harris  
Representative Lesil McGuire  
Representative Beth Kerttula

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Vic Kohring  
Representative Ethan Berkowitz

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

"An Act relating to enhanced 911 surcharges imposed by a municipality."

- MOVED CSHB 249(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

"An Act relating to the compensation of certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED NEW CSHB 98(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 249

SHORT TITLE: ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES & SYSTEMS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) HAWKER

04/04/05	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/04/05	(H)	CRA, L&C
04/12/05	(H)	CRA RPT CS(CRA) 3DP 2NR 1AM
04/12/05	(H)	DP: CISSNA, OLSON, THOMAS;
04/12/05	(H)	NR: LEDOUX, SALMON;
04/12/05	(H)	AM: NEUMAN
04/12/05	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 124
04/12/05	(H)	Moved CSHB 249(CRA) Out of Committee

04/12/05 (H) MINUTE(CRA)  
 04/22/05 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM CAPITOL 17  
 04/22/05 (H) Heard & Held  
 04/22/05 (H) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/25/05 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM CAPITOL 17  
 04/25/05 (H) Moved CSHB 249(L&C) Out of Committee  
 04/25/05 (H) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/26/05 (H) L&C RPT CS(L&C) NT 2DP 4NR  
 04/26/05 (H) DP: LYNN, ANDERSON;  
 04/26/05 (H) NR: CRAWFORD, LEDOUX, GUTTENBERG,  
 ROKEBERG  
 04/29/05 (H) RLS AT 1:30 PM CAPITOL 106

**BILL: HB 98**

SHORT TITLE: NONUNION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY & BENEFIT

SPONSOR(S): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

01/21/05 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 01/21/05 (H) STA, FIN  
 02/17/05 (H) STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106  
 02/17/05 (H) Moved CSHB 98(STA) Out of Committee  
 02/17/05 (H) MINUTE(STA)  
 02/18/05 (H) STA RPT CS(STA) 7NR  
 02/18/05 (H) NR: GARDNER, LYNN, RAMRAS, GATTO,  
 GRUENBERG, ELKINS, SEATON  
 02/19/05 (H) STA AT 10:00 AM CAPITOL 106  
 02/19/05 (H) ELECTIONS  
 04/13/05 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519  
 04/13/05 (H) Moved CSHB 98(STA) Out of Committee  
 04/13/05 (H) MINUTE(FIN)  
 04/14/05 (H) FIN RPT CS(STA) 5DP 3NR  
 04/14/05 (H) DP: MOSES, KELLY, FOSTER, MEYER,  
 CHENAULT;  
 04/14/05 (H) NR: HAWKER, HOLM, STOLTZE  
 04/20/05 (H) RLS AT 8:30 AM CAPITOL 106  
 04/20/05 (H) Heard & Held  
 04/20/05 (H) MINUTE(RLS)  
 04/25/05 (H) RLS AT 5:00 PM CAPITOL 106  
 04/25/05 (H) Heard & Held  
 04/25/05 (H) MINUTE(RLS)  
 04/27/05 (H) RLS AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106  
 04/27/05 (H) Moved CSHB 98(RLS) Out of Committee  
 04/27/05 (H) MINUTE(RLS)  
 04/29/05 (H) RLS AT 1:30 PM CAPITOL 106

**WITNESS REGISTER**

REPRESENTATIVE MIKE HAWKER  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Spoke as the sponsor of HB 249.

JANET SEITZ, Staff  
to Representative Rokeberg  
House Rules Standing Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Explained CSHB 98, Version Y.

### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

**CHAIR NORMAN ROKEBERG** called the House Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at [2:12:37 PM](#). Representatives Rokeberg, Harris, Coghill, McGuire, and Kerttula were present at the call to order.

#### HB 249-ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES & SYSTEMS

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CHAIR ROKEBERG announced that the first order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 249, "An Act relating to enhanced 911 surcharges imposed by a municipality."

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL moved to adopt CSHB 249, Version 24-LS0853\I, Cook, 4/27/05, as the working document. There being no objection, Version I was before the committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE MIKE HAWKER, Alaska State Legislature, sponsor, characterized the changes encompassed in Version I as cleanup. He highlighted that on page 2, line 26, language that would provide statutory constraints and guidance with regard to the notification of customers was eliminated because it belongs in regulation rather than statute. The title, under Section 4, of AS 29.35.134 is now multi-line telephone systems rather than telecommunications systems. At the request of Chair Rokeberg, [on page 4], line 21, the language "E 911" is replaced with "enhanced 911".

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CHAIR ROKEBERG, upon determining there were no questions and no one else who wished to testify, closed public testimony.

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL moved to report CSHB 249, Version 24-LS0853\I, Cook, 4/27/05, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 249(RLS) was reported out of House Rules Standing Committee.

HB 98-NONUNION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY & BENEFIT

CHAIR ROKEBERG announced that the final order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 98, "An Act relating to the compensation of certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; and providing for an effective date."

The committee took an at-ease from 2:15 p.m. to 2:17 p.m.

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL moved that the committee rescind its action in reporting CSHB 98(STA), as amended, from committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered and CSHB 98(STA), as amended, was before the committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL moved to adopt CSHB 98, Version 24-GH1099\Y, as the working document. There being no objection, Version Y was before the committee.

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JANET SEITZ, Staff to Representative Rokeberg, House Rules Standing Committee, Alaska State Legislature, explained that Version Y incorporates the two amendments adopted at the last hearing. She highlighted that Sections 1 and 2 address the [salaries of the] governor and the lieutenant governor, respectively. Section 3 addresses the [salary of the] commissioners, which were the amendments adopted at the prior hearing. Ms. Seitz pointed out that Section 11, a new section, indicates that Sections 1, 2, and 7, will take effect December

4, 2006. She explained that the Department of Law interprets the current statute differently than Legislative Legal and Research Services, and felt more comfortable with a specific date for the pay increases for the governor and the lieutenant governor.

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CHAIR ROKEBERG related his understanding that the statutes [for which there is a differing opinion] are the following:

Sec. 39.20.020. Date of entitlement of governor's salary. The governor is entitled to receive the salary established for the office effective from the date on which the oath of office is taken by the governor.

Sec. 39.20.040. Date of entitlement of lieutenant governor's salary. The lieutenant governor is entitled to receive the salary established for the office effective from the date on which the oath of office is taken by the lieutenant governor.

MS. SEITZ agreed.

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

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REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL moved to report CSHB 98, Version 24-GH1099\Y, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying new fiscal notes. There being no objection, the new CSHB 98(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 2:21 p.m.