

24th ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
1st SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 66 & HB 67
May 23, 2005
9:51 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chenault called the Conference Committee on HB 66 and HB 67 to order at 9:51:02 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senate:

Senator Gary Wilken Vice-Chair
Senator Lyda Green, Member
Senator Lyman Hoffman, Member

House:

Representative Mike Chenault, Chair
Representative Kevin Meyer, Member
Representative Eric Croft, Member

ALSO PRESENT

David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division; Nancy Slagle, Director, Division of Administrative Services, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; fiscal analysts with the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Finance Division; and aides to committee members and other members of the Legislature.

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#hb67

SUMMARY

CSHB 67(FIN)(brf sup maj fld)

An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

CSHB 66(FIN)

An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

and

SCS CSHB 67(FIN)

An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution

of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

SCS CSHB 66(FIN)

An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

Administration
Corrections
Health and Social Services and wordage
Labor
Law
Natural Resources
Public Safety
Transportation and Public Facilities
University of Alaska
Statewide Budget Items
Mental Health Budget
Language Items
Fiscal Notes

CCS HB 66 and CCS HB 67 were REPORTED out of Committee.

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT Department of Administration's budget items as follows:

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| Item 3 | House \$127.1 |
| Item 9 | House |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Chenault noted that the action would close the Department of Administration's budget.

9:52:37 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Corrections budget items as follows:

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| Item 1 | Senate minus \$50.0 |
| Item 2 | Senate |
| Item 3 | Senate |
| Item 4 | House |
| Item 5 | Senate |
| Item 6 | Senate |
| Item 7 | House |
| Item 8 | House |
| Item 9 | House |
| Item 10 | Senate |
| Item 11 | Senate |
| Item 12 | Senate |
| Item 13 | Senate |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Chenault noted that the action would close the Department of Correction's Budget.

9:53:45 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Health and Social Services' budget items as follows:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 2 | Senate minus -\$150 |
| Item 3 | A House B House minus \$500 I/A |
| Item 4 | House |
| Item 5 | House |
| Item 6 | House |
| Item 7 | House |
| Item 8 | Senate |
| Item 9 | Senate A & B |

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Representative Croft questioned the affect of Items 1 and 2 on the Pioneers Home. Senator Green explained that it would delay the opening.

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Health and Social Services' budget items as follows:

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| Item 10 | Senate A & B |
| Item 11 | Senate A & B |
| Item 12 | House |
| Item 13 | House |
| Item 14 | House |
| Item 15 | Senate |
| Item 16 A | Senate minus \$5,194,100 |
| Item 16 B | Senate minus \$4,660,700 |
| Item 17 | Senate |
| Item 18 | House |

9:58:32 PM

Representative Croft noted that he had questions on items 12 - 17. He did not object to item 18. He observed that Family Preservation grants for \$135.3 recommended by the Senate were not funded in item 12. He OBJECTED to the adoption of Item 12.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt item 12.

IN FAVOR: Rep. Meyer, Sen. Wilken, Rep. Chenault, Sen. Green
OPPOSED: Rep. Croft, Sen. Hoffman

The MOTION PASSED: Senate 2 yeas, 1 nay
House 2 yeas, 1 nay

Representative Croft questioned item 16. He noted that the difference on the unrealized cost containment would be split. He had no further objections.

There being NO OBJECTION, items 12 - 18 were adopted.

9:59:04 PM

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| Item 19 | House |
| Item 20 | House |
| Item 21 | Senate minus \$2 million |
| Item 22 | Senate |
| Item 23 | Senate |
| Item 24 | House |
| Item 25 | House |
| Item 26 | Senate |

9:59:39 PM

Representative Croft asked about item 21. He noted that the Senate had already reduced the item by one million dollars.

Senator Green explained that the item refers back to items 1 - 3. She maintained that there was no net loss.

Senator Wilken explained that the funds would go through the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

Representative Croft asked if the conference committee could reduce the amount beyond the Senate number, but acknowledged the numbers added up.

There being NO OBJECTION, items 19 - 26 were adopted.

10:01:51 PM

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| Item 27 | House |
| Item 28 | House |
| Item 29 | House |
| Item 30 | House |
| Item 31 A | Senate minus -\$3,803,100 |
| Item 31 B | Senate minus -\$2,542,200 |
| Item 32 | Senate |
| Item 33 | House |
| Item 34 | Senate A & B |

There being NO OBJECTION, items 27 - 34 were adopted.

10:02:45 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the all wordage for Department of Health and Social Services items. He explained that under Health Care Services on page 3, conditional language

starting with "no money appropriated" is duplicated and has been deleted from the worksheet.

Representative Croft observed that one is specifically to Health Care Services and the other is in the general budget of the Department of Health and Social Services.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Chenault observed that Health and Social Services Budget had been closed.

10:04:12 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Labor's budget item as follows:

Item 2 House

Representative Croft observed that the Office of Citizenship Assistance would be retained, with a reduction of \$26 thousand.

Chair Chenault observed that the action would close Labor's budget.

10:04:50 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT Department of Law's budget item as follows:

Item 2 House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Chenault observed that the action would close the Department of Law's budget.

10:05:06 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Natural Resources budget item as follows:

Item 5 House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Chenault observed that the action would close the Department of Natural Resource's budget.

10:05:27 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Public Safety's budget items as follows

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 2 | Senate |
| Item 3 | House |
| Item 4 | Senate |
| Item 5 | Senate [Item 5 was first held open then moved and adopted as House] |
| Item 6 | Senate |
| Item 7 | Senate |
| Item 8 | Senate [Item 5 was first held open then moved and adopted as House] |

Senator Hoffman referred to item 1 trooper housing. He asked if the lower number was taken because the troopers can't obtain the housing in time. He asked if an increment would be seen in FY07. Chair Chenault expected that an increment would be seen at the appropriate time.

Senator Wilken noted that item 9 would also be the Senate.

Representative Croft referred to items 5 and 8. He suggested that funding would be only provided for the sex offender registry, but not cover the under-funding of the Alaska Concealed Handgun program. He objected to the adoption of items 5 and 8. He observed that due to the passage of HB 102, fewer people are getting handgun permits, which has reduced funding to the program. He felt that those that want a permit should be supported and that the fee cannot be raised sufficiently. He felt that the fee should be covered as a small state expense.

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the conference committee recommendations for the Department of Public Safety with the exception that items 5 and 8 would remain open. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

10:10:17 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT:

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| Item 5 | - House |
| Item 8 | - House |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

10:10:41 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Department of Transportation and Public facility budget item as follows:

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| Item 20 | Senate |
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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Senator Wilken MOVED to Rescind the Committee's action in adopting Item 19. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Senator wilken MOVED to ADOPT:

Item 19 A - House
Item 19 B - Senate

NANCY SLAGLE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, explained that the change would give the Alaska Marine Highway an additional \$1,985,600 in expenditure authority to operate the sytem.

Representative Croft asked the affect of item 19 B. Ms. Slagle explained that the Senate appropriation would allow general funds to go directly to the budget component, as opposed to going through the Fund (as in the House side). The funds would not show as duplication and would be easier for accounting purpose.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

10:13:52 PM

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action will close Transportation's budget.

10:14:02 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the University budget items as follows:

Item 1 Senate
Item 2 House minus -\$1,722,000
Item 3 House

Senator Wilken explained that funding for the University would be \$11.9, \$1.722 and \$3.4 from the next motion.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Chenault noted that the Committee's actions would close the University of Alaska's budget.

10:15:09 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Statewide Budget items as follows:

Item 1 Senate

Item 2 House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Chenault noted that the Committee's actions would close all statewide budget items.

10:15:42 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT Language items:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 2 | No action required |
| Item 3 | Senate |
| Item 4 | No action required |
| Item 5 | No action required |
| Item 6 | No action required |
| Item 7 | No action required |
| Item 8 | House |
| Item 9 | Senate |
| Item 10 | No action |

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Chenault noted that the Committee's actions would close the language section.

10:16:33 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the Mental Health budget items as follows:

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| Item 1 | Senate |
| Item 2 | House |
| Item 3 | Senate |
| Item 4 | Senate |
| Item 5 | Senate |
| Item 6 | Senate |
| Item 7 | Senate |
| Item 8 | House |
| Item 9 | Senate |
| Item 10 | Senate |
| Item 11 | House |
| Item 12 | Senate |
| Item 13 | Senate |
| Item 14 | Senate |
| Item 15 | Senate |
| Item 16 | Senate |
| Item 17 | Senate |

Observed that the detox center would be fully funded.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

10:17:45 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT the fiscal notes as attached
(copy on file.)

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

10:18:55 PM

Senator Wilken MOVED to ADOPT give authorization to
Legislative Finance and Legislative Legal to make any
necessary technical and conforming amendments on these two
bills and that the Committee close action on HB 66 and 67
and move them out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM