

MINUTES
HB 365 / HB 366
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
May 7, 2006
6:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gary Wilken convened the meeting at approximately [6:34:15 PM](#).

PRESENT

Senator Gary Wilken, Chair
Representative Mike Chenault, Vice-chair
Senator Lyda Green
Representative Kevin Meyer
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Representative Reggie Joule

Also Attending: DAVID TEAL, Director, Division of Legislative Finance

Attending via Teleconference: There were no teleconference participants.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

HB 365-APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
HB 366-APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

The Committee reached agreements on items subject to conference for the Department of Corrections, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the University of Alaska, Fund Capitalization, Debt Service, the Language Section and Fiscal Notes. The bills were reported from Committee.

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 365(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

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AND

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 366(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."

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This was the seventh hearing of the Conference Committee on HB 365 and HB 366.

[NOTE: "Motion Sheets" detailing the Budget Request Units (BRU), referred to as "items" in Committee discussions, are on file.]

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Department of Corrections

Representative Chenault offered a motion to rescind the Committee's earlier action in closing Item 3.

There was no objection and the action was RESCINDED.

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Items 3, 4, 13 and 21.

There was no objection and the indicated amounts were ADOPTED.

This concluded action on the items subject to conference for the Department of Corrections.

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Department of Fish and Game

Representative Chenault offered a motion to rescind the Committee's earlier actions on Items 16, 18, 19, 21 and 27.

There was no objection and the actions were RESCINDED.

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the following.

The House of Representatives version plus \$300,000 of general funds and the House of Representatives version less \$300,000 of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Receipts for Item 3;

The Senate version of Federal Receipts and Test Fisheries Receipts, and the House of Representatives version general funds for Item 4;

The Senate version of Test Fisheries Receipts and the House of Representatives version of general funds for Item 7;

The Senate version of Test Fisheries Receipts and the House of Representatives version of general funds for Item 8;

The Senate version of Test Fisheries Receipts and the House of Representatives version of general funds for Item 9;

The Senate version less \$300,000 of Item 10;

The Senate version of Federal Receipts, Inter/Agency Receipts, and Fish and Game Non-Dedicated Funds, and the House of Representatives version of general funds for Item 12;

The Senate version less \$197,500 of general funds, and the House of Representatives version of Federal Receipts and Fish and Game Funds for Item 16;

The Senate version less \$56,400 of general funds, and the House of Representatives version of Federal Receipts, Inter/Agency Receipts, Fish and Game Funds, Capital Improvement Projects Receipts, and Statutory Designated Program Receipts for Item 18;

The Senate version less \$2,000 of general funds and the House of Representatives version of Fish and Game Funds for Item 19;

The Senate version less \$26,100 of general funds and the House of Representatives version of Federal Receipts, Inter/Agency Receipts, Exxon Valdez Trust Funds, Fish and Game Funds, and Statutory Designated Program Receipts for Item 21;

The Senate version of Item 23; and

The House of Representatives version less \$125,000 of general funds and the House of Representatives version plus \$125,000 for Item 27

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There was no objection and the indicated amounts were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on the items subject to conference for the Department of Fish and Game.

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Department of Health and Social Services

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the House of Representatives version less \$250,000 of Item 35.

There was no objection and the indicated amount was ADOPTED.

This concluded action on items subject to conference for the Department of Health and Social Services.

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Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the House of Representatives version less \$1,050,000 of Item 9.

There was no objection and the indicated amounts were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on the items subject to conference for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

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Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Item 4.

Representative Joule asked if sufficient funds would be available for this appropriation.

Co-Chair Wilken answered in the affirmative.

There was no objection and the indicated amounts were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on the items subject to conference for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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Department of Natural Resources

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Item 7, and the Senate version of State Land Funds and Investment Loss Trust Funds, and the Senate version less \$433,700 of general funds for the Department of Natural Resources.

There was no objection and the amounts indicated were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on items subject to conference for the Department of Natural Resources.

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Department of Public Safety

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Items 6 through 8 and 10 through 12, and the House of Representatives version of Item 9.

Senator Hoffman objected to adoption of Items 6 and 10.

Chair Wilken explained that the motion sheet does not show language pertinent to Item 6 that would allow the Department to carry forward the \$550,000 FY 06 lapse funds for the Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) program. With regard to Item 10, the Department is anticipating \$5 million in federal funding to be utilized for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault program. The funding from these sources should adequately fund the two programs.

Senator Hoffman removed his objection.

Representative Joule, referring to Item 7 relating to the VPSO program, asked how it would be funded if the \$550,000 FY 06 lapsed funds were appropriated to Item 6.

Co-Chair Wilken noted that Items 6 and 7 are interrelated and that the lapse funding would apply to both.

There was no objection and the amounts indicated were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on items subject to conference for the Department of Public Safety.

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Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Items 15, 19, 22, 25, 31 through 34 and 36, and the House of Representatives version of Items 8, 21, 35, 37 and 38.

There was no objection and the amounts indicated were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on items subject to conference for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

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University of Alaska

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Items 1 through 3.

There was no objection and the amounts indicated were ADOPTED.

This concluded actions on items subject to conference for the University of Alaska.

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Fund Capitalization

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Items 1 and 2, and the House of Representatives version of Item 3.

There was no objection and the amounts indicated were ADOPTED.

This concluded action on items subject to conference relating to Fund Capitalization.

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Debt Service

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version on Items 1 through 3.

There was no objection and the amounts indicated were ADOPTED.

This concluded action on items subject to conference relating to Debt Service.

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Language Section

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the following.

The Senate version less "and in sec. 1 of the Act making appropriations for the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program," of Item 1;

The New language of Item 2;
The Senate language less "and in sec. 1 of the Act making appropriations for the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program" of Item 3;
The New language of Item 4; and
The House of Representatives version of Item 6;

There was no objection and the indicated language was ADOPTED.

This concluded action on items subject to conference in the Language Section.

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Mental Health Capital

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the Senate version of Item 6, and the House of Representatives version of Items 1 through 5 and 7 through 10.

There was no objection and the indicated amounts were ADOPTED.

This concluded action on items subject to conference relating to Mental Health Capital.

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Fiscal Notes

Representative Chenault offered a motion to adopt the fiscal note appropriations indicated on the spreadsheet titled, "FY 2007 Fiscal Notes", dated 5/7/06 5:18PM.

Co-Chair Wilken objected to provide an overview of the appropriations as described on the spreadsheet.

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Representative Meyer asked the status of HB 13.

Co-Chair Wilken informed that the bill had passed the Senate and that reconsideration notice had been given.

There was no objection and the indicated amounts were ADOPTED.

This concluded action on items subject to conference relating to Fiscal Notes.

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Representative Chenault offered a motion to report HB 365, as amended, from Committee.

There was no objection and CCS HB 365 was MOVED from Committee.

Representative Chenault offered a motion to report HB 366, as amended, from Committee.

There was no objection and CCS HB 366 was MOVED from Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Gary Wilken adjourned the meeting at [7:04:46 PM](#)