

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

May 5, 2007

12:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Anna Fairclough, Co-Chair
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Representative Mark Neuman
Representative Kurt Olson
Representative Sharon Cissna
Representative Woodie Salmon

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

"An Act relating to the sale, distribution, and purchase of alcoholic beverages; relating to a state database for records of certain purchases of alcoholic beverages; relating to the relocation of a license to sell alcoholic beverages; relating to procedures for local option elections for control of alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSHB 232(CRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 199

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residential property."

- MOVED CSHB 199(CRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

"An Act naming the state parking garage being constructed in Anchorage north of the Robert B. Atwood Building as the Carolyn 'Linny' Pacillo Parking Garage."

- MOVED HB 214 OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

"An Act relating to and increasing the municipal property tax exemption on residences of certain seniors and others; and providing for an effective date."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 232

SHORT TITLE: ALCOHOL SALE/PURCHASE/DISTRIBUTION

SPONSOR(s): REPRESENTATIVE(s) MEYER

04/04/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/04/07	(H)	CRA, JUD, FIN
04/12/07	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
04/12/07	(H)	Heard & Held
04/12/07	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
04/26/07	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
04/26/07	(H)	Heard & Held
04/26/07	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
05/02/07	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
05/02/07	(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
05/04/07	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
05/04/07	(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
05/05/07	(H)	CRA AT 11:00 AM BARNES 124

BILL: HB 199

SHORT TITLE: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

SPONSOR(s): REPRESENTATIVE(s) KAWASAKI

03/14/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/14/07	(H)	CRA, FIN
05/03/07	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
05/03/07	(H)	Heard & Held
05/03/07	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
05/05/07	(H)	CRA AT 11:00 AM BARNES 124

BILL: HB 214

SHORT TITLE: NAMING PACILLO PARKING GARAGE

SPONSOR(s): REPRESENTATIVE(s) FAIRCLOUGH

03/21/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/21/07	(H)	CRA
05/05/07	(H)	CRA AT 11:00 AM BARNES 124

WITNESS REGISTER

MIKE PAWLOWSKI, Staff
to Representative Kevin Meyer
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: During hearing of HB 232, answered questions.

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT KAWASAKI
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Spoke as the sponsor of HB 199.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CO-CHAIR ANNA FAIRCLOUGH called the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at [12:45:02 PM](#). Representatives Olson, Dahlstrom, Cissna, LeDoux, and Fairclough were present at the call to order. Representatives Neuman and Salmon arrived as the meeting was in progress.

HB 232-ALCOHOL SALE/PURCHASE/DISTRIBUTION

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH announced that the first order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 232, "An Act relating to the sale, distribution, and purchase of alcoholic beverages; relating to a state database for records of certain purchases of alcoholic beverages; relating to the relocation of a license to sell alcoholic beverages; relating to procedures for local option elections for control of alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

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CO-CHAIR LEDOUX moved to adopt the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 232, 25-LS0831\C, Bullard, 5/4/07, as a work draft. There being no objection, Version C was before the committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE OLSON moved to report CSHB 232, Version 25-LS0831\C, Bullard, 5/4/07, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes.

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH objected and requested an explanation of the changes made in Version C.

CO-CHAIR LEDOUX explained that Version C doesn't include Sections 4-5 of the original legislation. Sections 4-5 of the original legislation related to the transfer of a liquor license between a borough and a city. She related her understanding that the sponsor of HB 232 doesn't object to not including Sections 4-5 of the original legislation. Co-Chair LeDoux explained that the provisions were not included in Version C because if a borough license is allowed to transfer into a city, it devalues the city liquor license.

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH removed her objection.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALMON [objected] and directed attention to Section 8, which relates to the possession of the ingredients for homebrew. The ingredients listed are common household goods. He indicated a desire to hear from the sponsor.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM said that although she shared his concern initially, the language "with the intent to use" eased her mind because that would have to be proven.

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MIKE PAWLOWSKI, Staff to Representative Kevin Meyer, Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of Representative Meyer, prime sponsor of HB 199, said the sponsor would commit to highlight this issue before the House Judiciary Standing Committee and discuss whether there needs to be a language change in relation to how "the intent to use" is proven.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALMON removed his objection.

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There being no further objection, CSHB 232(CRA) was reported out of the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

HB 199-MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH announced that the next order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 199, "An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residential property."

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CO-CHAIR LEDOUX moved to adopt the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 199, Version 25-LS0705\M, Cook, 5/2/07, as a work draft. There being no objection, Version M was before the committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT KAWASAKI, Alaska State Legislature, sponsor of HB 199, commented that several city councils and boroughs have requested higher exemption amounts [than specified in Version M]. However, he opined that Version M offers a fair compromise.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN expressed concern about upcoming deficits.

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH informed the committee that she had requested that the state assessor prepare a fiscal note. The state assessor, at a prior hearing, estimated that a \$50,000 exemption would result in a loss to the general fund of \$1-1.5 million due to property assessed through taxation on the North Slope for oil and gas production.

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REPRESENTATIVE KAWASAKI acknowledged that this legislation would result in perhaps some negative effects to the state coffers. However, the legislation attempts to provide a local option exemption to local communities, which will provide more money in residents' pockets that is likely to be spent locally.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM moved to report CSHB 199, Version 25-LS0705\M, Cook, 5/2/07, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 199(CRA) was reported from the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

HB 214-NAMING PACILLO PARKING GARAGE

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH announced that the last order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 214, "An Act naming the state parking garage being constructed in Anchorage north of the Robert B. Atwood Building as the Carolyn 'Linny' Pacillo Parking Garage."

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CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH, upon determining no one wished to testify, closed the public hearing.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN moved to report HB 214 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, HB 214 was reported out of the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at [12:56:38 PM](#).