

25th ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
2nd SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 310 and HB 312
April 9, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Senator Hoffman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 310 and HB 312 to order at [4:21:10 PM](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Bert Stedman, Member
Senator Fred Dyson, Member

House:

Representative Mike Chenault,
Representative Kevin Meyer, Member
Representative Reggie Joule, Member

ALSO PRESENT

David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division; fiscal analysts with the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Finance Division; and aides to committee members and other members of the Legislature.

SUMMARY

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am

"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; and providing for an effective date."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(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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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am S(brf sup
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"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."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(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."

HB 310 and HB 312 were heard and HELD in Committee.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 5 for Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items, 5, 9, 35, 36 and 41 for Department of Corrections. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items, 1, and 5 for the Department of Education and Early Development. Senator Dyson OBJECTED.

Senator Dyson spoke in support of the House version and felt that the Senate version of item 1 was too high.

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Senator Dyson MOVED to amend the motion to leave item 1 DEED open. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 6, for the Department of

Environmental Conservation. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13 for the Department of Fish and Game. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items 1, 3 for the Office of the Governor. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 5, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 26, and 36.

Senator Dyson MOVED to AMEND the motion to leave item 36 open. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 2, and 3 for Department of Labor and Workforce Development. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 4, 6, and 8 for the Department of Law. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 13. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 2, 5, 10, 14, 15 - 18, and 24. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 4, 5, 6, and 7 for the Department of Revenue. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 1, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23 for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 4, 5, and 6 for the University. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on items: 4, 7, 8, and 12 for the Alaska Court System. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Meyer MOVED to ADOPT the House numbers for item 3 in DEED. Senator Dyson OBJECTED.

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Item DEED 3 and 4 were held open.

Representative Joule spoke to Item 9 DEED in opposition to the House numbers, which would require a one to one Head Start match. He stressed the difficulty of acquiring the match with rising fuel costs and other issues.

Co-Chair Meyer observed that the Senate did not have intent language. The intent of the House is to require communities to get involved and to contribute. He suggested that Native entities and others could contribute in rural areas, but acknowledged the difficulty. He stated that

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 9 DEED. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 5 DEC. Senator Dyson WITHDREW his OBJECTION. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 9 LAW. Senator Dyson OBJECTED. He observed that \$8 million would be spent hiring outside counsel. He MOVED to ADOPT the Senate number of \$6.1 million.

Co-Chair Hoffman pointed out that the appropriation is for multiple years and felt that there were sufficient funds to cover the initial year.

Senator Dyson spoke in support of his motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

IN FAVOR: Dyson

OPPOSED: Joule, Meyer, Stedman, Chenault, Hoffman

The MOTION FAILED: House 1 Yea, 2 Nay
Senate 3 Yea

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to Reopen DOC #4 and ADOPT the Senate numbers. WITHDREW his

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to Reopen DOC #4. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the Senate recommendation on item DOC 4. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to Reopen DNR #11. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to the House on #11. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to REOPEN #16 DOT. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the Senate numbers on #16 DOT. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to REOPEN COURTS #6. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT House #6.

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Co-Chair Hoffman noted that DEED 1 would be held open.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the chairman's recommendation on item 36 DHSS. Senator Dyson OBJECTED. He noted that a supplemental would be needed without full funding. He WITHDREW his OBJECTION. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Language

David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division discussed the language sections. Item 1 is open. He observed that OMB helped to clarify the Senate language in item 1.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the Senate's language on item 1. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Item 2, 3, 4 did not require action.

Mr. Teal observed that the House language on item 5 was drafted before the passage of SB 124.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the Senate language for item 5. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Item 6 did not require action.

Mr. Teal explained that the Senate language clarifies House on item 7.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT the Senate language for item 7 in the Department of Natural Resources. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Mr. Teal discussed item 8. Both houses adopted new language, but the Senate was able to clean up the language.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT Senate 8. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

No action was needed on items 9 or 10.

Mr. Teal reviewed item 11 and concluded that the Senate language was clear.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT Senate item 11.

Mr. Teal explained that item 12 was adopted. Item 13 was House.

Co-Chair Chenault MOVED to ADOPT House item 13. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Items 14 and 15 relate to CBR, but no action was required. Item 16 was handled previously.

Mental Health

Mr. Teal observed that the House general omits a single mental health capital project in order to conference. The only item left open would be item 6 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Housing Trust.

Co-Chair Hoffman observed that all of the Mental Health items would be held open.

Adjourned

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