

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 59**

February 29, 2008
9:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
Senator Bill Wielechowski
Senator Thomas Wagoner

Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Reggie Joule

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Kyle Johansen, Chair

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 59(FIN)

"An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote charitable raffles and lotteries and to establishing cabbage classics as a form of charitable gaming."

MOVED CCS SB 59 OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 59(FIN)

"An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote dog mushers' contests and charitable raffles and lotteries; to the maximum amount of prizes that may be awarded for charitable gaming activities other than bingo; to the use of the proceeds of charitable gaming; and to establishing cabbage classics as a form of charitable gaming."

MOVED CCS SB 59 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 59

SHORT TITLE: GAMING: BROADCASTING/CABBAGE CLASSICS

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) STEVENS

01/19/07	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/19/07	(S)	L&C
02/06/07	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 211
02/06/07	(S)	Heard & Held
02/06/07	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
02/08/07	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 211

02/08/07 (S) Moved SB 59 Out of Committee
 02/08/07 (S) MINUTE(L&C)
 02/09/07 (S) L&C RPT 5DP
 02/09/07 (S) DP: ELLIS, BUNDE, DAVIS, STEVENS,
 HOFFMAN
 03/02/07 (S) FIN REFERRAL ADDED
 03/13/07 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
 03/13/07 (S) Moved CSSB 59(FIN) Out of Committee
 03/13/07 (S) MINUTE(FIN)
 03/14/07 (S) FIN RPT CS 4DP 3NR NEW TITLE
 03/14/07 (S) DP: HOFFMAN, STEDMAN, THOMAS, HUGGINS
 03/14/07 (S) NR: ELTON, DYSON, OLSON
 03/21/07 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
 03/21/07 (S) VERSION: CSSB 59(FIN)
 03/22/07 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 03/22/07 (H) STA, FIN
 04/12/07 (H) STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
 04/12/07 (H) Moved HCS CSSB 59(STA) Out of
 Committee
 04/12/07 (H) MINUTE(STA)
 04/13/07 (H) STA RPT HCS(STA) NT 6DP 1NR
 04/13/07 (H) DP: JOHANSEN, ROSES, GRUENBERG,
 COGHILL, DOLL, LYNN
 04/13/07 (H) NR: JOHNSON
 05/01/07 (H) FIN AT 8:30 AM HOUSE FINANCE 519
 05/01/07 (H) Moved HCS CSSB 59(FIN) Out of
 Committee
 05/01/07 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
 05/02/07 (H) FIN RPT HCS(FIN) NT 5DP 4NR
 05/02/07 (H) DP: THOMAS, JOULE, FOSTER, MEYER,
 CHENAULT
 05/02/07 (H) NR: KELLY, GARA, NELSON, STOLTZE
 05/09/07 (H) ENGROSSED
 05/10/07 (H) VERSION: HCS CSSB 59(FIN)
 05/10/07 (S) CONCUR MESSAGE READ AND TAKEN UP
 05/10/07 (S) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
 05/10/07 (S) STEVENS (CHAIR), WIELECHOWSKI, WAGONER
 05/11/07 (H) RECEDE MESSAGE
 02/11/08 (H) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
 02/11/08 (H) JOHANSEN (CHAIR), STOLTZE, JOULE

WITNESS REGISTER

DOUG LETCH, Staff to Senator Stevens
 Alaska State Capitol
 Juneau, AK

POSITION STATEMENT: Explained changes in CCS for SB 59.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR GARY STEVENS called the meeting to order at [9:32:56 AM](#). Present at the call to order were Senators Stevens, Wielechowski and Wagoner and Representatives Stoltze, and Joule.

SB 59-GAMING: BROADCASTING/CABBAGE CLASSICS

[9:33:06 AM](#)

CHAIR STEVENS announced the consideration of SB 59 and asked for a motion to bring the Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 59 before the committee.

SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI moved to adopt CCS SB 59, labeled 25-LS0410\L, for discussion purposes.

DOUG LETCH, Staff to Senator Stevens, sponsor of SB 59, explained that the Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) removed Section 3 of version K [HCS CSSB 59(FIN), 25-LS0410\K]. That provision stated that monies raised by political action groups could not be used for political purposes. The CCS also fixed a typographical error on line 2 of the title; the word "prices" was changed to "prizes."

REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE asked him to outline which provisions added by House members would be retained.

MR. LETCH explained that the original bill was to allow broadcasts of raffles and lotteries that were currently limited to the print media. The Senate President asked that the Palmer State Fair "cabbage classic" be included. It was deemed noncontroversial and so it was added. The House State Affairs Committee amended the bill to allow broadcasting of dog mushers' contests, and Representative Joule offered an amendment in the House Finance Committee to increase the maximum charitable gaming award [from a municipality or qualified organization] from \$1 million per year to \$2 million per year.

[9:36:34 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE highlighted that the intent of the amendment in Section 3, version K, reflected good public policy and continued his efforts to ensure that charitable gaming proceeds actually went to charities and not to politicians. "I understand that you [Chair Stevens] had a very meritorious issue and I had a meritorious issue. We put one of the meritorious issues aside temporarily," he stated.

SENATOR STEVENS asked for a motion.

SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI moved to report CCS SB 59, Version L, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE asked whether joint resolutions were needed.

MR. LETCH said the title change was technical; it corrected a typographical error.

9:38:28 AM

CHAIR STEVENS announced that, there being no objection, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Stevens adjourned the meeting at 9:38:38 AM.