

26th ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
2nd SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 81 and HB 83
April 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Representative Hawker called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 81 and HB 83 to order at [8:37:50 AM](#).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Bert Stedman, Member
Senator Joe Thomas, Member

House:

Representative Mike Hawker,
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

CSHB 81(FIN) am(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; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

CSHB 83(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 CSHB 81(FIN) am S

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c) Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Senate CS for CSHB 83(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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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION:

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Administration Department's budget:

Item 3	Senate
Item 5	Senate as a "One Time Item"
Item 6	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Hawker observed that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development budget:

Items 3 and 6 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Corrections Department's budget:

Item 1	House
Item 3	House
Item 6	Senate as a "One Time Item" minus \$ 725,000

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to rescind the committee's action on Corrections Item 8 for the purposes of restating the motion. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the following in the Corrections Department's budget:

Item 8	Senate minus \$381.9 General Fund Senate plus \$381.9 PFD Criminal Funds
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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Corrections.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Education and Early Development Department's budget:

Item 1	Senate
Items 2 and 3	House
Items 4 and 5	Senate
Item 6	House
Item 7	Senate as a "One Time Item"

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Education and Early Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Environmental Conservation Department's budget:

Item 1 House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Chair Hawker Fish and Game was closed-out during the April 11, 2009 meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Health and Social Services Department's budget:

Item 3	House
Item 4	Senate
Items 5 and 6	House
Items 25 and 26	Senate
Item 27	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Health and Social Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Labor and Workforce Department's budget:

Item 1	House							
Item 2	Senate	minus	\$90,000	I/A	and	one		
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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Law Department's budget:

Item 1	House minus \$900,000
Item 2	Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Law.

Chair Hawker observed that Item 2 would be addressed in the capital budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Natural Resources Department's budget:

Item 1	House
Item 2	Senate minus \$80,000
Items 3 and 4	House
Item 5	Senate
Item 6	House
Item 7	Senate as a "One Time Item" minus \$25,000 General Fund
Items 8 thru 13	House
Item 14	Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Public Safety Department's budget:

Items 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8	House
Items 11, 12, 13 and 14	Senate
Item 15	Senate minus \$381,900 PFD Crim

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Public Safety.

Chair Hawker noted support for statewide public safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Chair Hawker observed that the Department of Revenue was closed-out during the April 11, 2009 meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Vice-Chair Hoffman Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the Transportation and Public Facilities Department's budget:

Items 1 thru 19	Senate
Item 20	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker observed that the action closed the conference-able items for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Chair Hawker recognized Senator Stedman's action and the hope that supplemental action would not be needed in the future due to those efforts.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the University of Alaska's budget:

Items 1 and 2	Senate
Item 3	House
Items 4, 5 and 6	Senate
Item 7	House
Item 8	Senate minus \$500,000 GF
Item 9	House
Item 10	Senate

Item 11	Senate and this is a "One Time Item"
Items 12 and 13	House
Item 14	Senate and this is a "One Time Item"
Item 15	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker noted that the action closed the conference-able items for the University of Alaska. Chair Hawker observed his desire to work with the University to assure funding in the future.

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ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

Chair Hawker observed that the Alaska Court System was closed-out during the April 11, 2009 meeting.

LEGISLATURE

Chair Hawker observed that the Legislature was closed-out during the April 11, 2009 meeting.

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STATEWIDE

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation on the Statewide Sheet:

Item 3	Senate
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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to rescind the committee's action on Statewide Item 2 for the purposes of restating the motion with technical corrections. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the Committee adopt the following on the Statewide Sheet:

Statewide Item 2
Senate minus \$10,275,000 General Funds
Senate minus \$10,275,000 Alaska Debt Retirement Fund
Senate plus \$ 5,589,000 General Obligation Debt Service Fund

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Chair Hawker observed that the action closed the conference-able Statewide items.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for all changes to the Mental Health operating budget items based on action taken in the departmental motion sheets. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the following Mental Health Capital bill items:

Items 1 thru 7	Senate
Item 8	Senate
	minus \$6,000,000 AHFC Dividend
	plus \$4,000,000 Capital Income Fund
Item 9	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Hawker observed that the action closed the Mental Health items.

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FISCAL NOTES

Chair Hawker provided members with a four page report by the Legislative Finance Division report detailing certain fiscal notes (copy on file). The fiscal notes contain funding relating to legislation that is assumed to pass during the current session and would be considered part of the agency operating budget.

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT the committee's recommendation for the fiscal notes in the attached Legislative Finance report dated 4/13/2009. He clarified that should a measure be listed in the report not be enacted the appropriation shall lapse.

Senator Stedman asked for the fiscal note total. Chair Hawker responded that fiscal notes total 4.9 million in aggregate.

Senator Stedman noted that total is a reduction from that projected by the Administration.

Chair Hawker observed that the fiscal note portion of the budget was closed.

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THE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the Committee give authorization to Legislative Finance and Alaska Legislative Legal Division to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments on the two bills and that the Committee report out of Committee CS for HB 81 and HB 83.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Representative Stoltze noted that federal funds may not be as prolific in the coming year.

CCHB 81 and CCHB 83 were reported out of committee.

The meeting was adjourned at [9:00:57 AM](#).

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