

27th ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
1st SESSION  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 108 and HB 109  
April 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Representative Hoffman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 108 and HB 109 to order at [12:05:22 PM](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

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

House:

Representative Bill Thomas, Chair  
Representative Bill Stoltze, Member  
Representative Les Gara, 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.

#hb108

#hb109

SUMMARY

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 108(FIN)

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and

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 109(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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Senator Hoffman MOVED that Representative Thomas serve as the presiding chair of the Conference Committee on HB 108 and HB 109. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Representative Thomas MOVED that Senator Hoffman serve as Vice-chair of the Conference Committee on HB 108 and HB 109. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Representative Thomas noted that both the House and Senate budget process allowed for public testimony. That portion of the process is now concluded; the Conference Committee would not accept further public testimony. Unless invited by the Chair, only members of the Conference Committee may take part in discussion or sit at the table.

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Chair Representative Thomas observed that the Legislative Finance Division had been directed to prepare the "motion sheets" for use by the Conference Committee. The motion sheets summarize the differences between the two versions of the bills before the Conference Committee and are located on the Legislative Finance Division's website.

Chair Representative Thomas explained that the Conference Committee would operate under Uniform Rule 42. All action

requires a majority vote from each body for adoption. A copy of Uniform Rule 42 and related legal opinions were provided in each member's packet. Motions require a majority of each body.

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Vice Chair Hoffman MOVED that all appropriations and language in the FY11 Operating Budget that are identical in House and Senate versions of HB 108 and HB 109 be adopted. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Representative Thomas observed that the committee would need limited powers to reach agreements.

Chair Representative Thomas explained that under Limited Powers the Conference Committee can adopt any amount between zero and the higher of the House or Senate version of each item subject to conference.

Vice Chair Hoffman MOVED to ADOPT a letter requesting limited powers of free conference for the items that are not identical. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Representative Thomas observed that the Committee meetings would be posted on BASIS under the 24 hour rule.

HB 108 and HB 109 were heard and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at  
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