

28TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB266 and HB267
April 18, 2014
4:35 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kelly called the Conference Committee meeting on HB266 and HB267 to order at 4:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Pete Kelly, Chair
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Lyman Hoffman

House:

Representative Alan Austerman, Vice-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Les Gara

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

HB 266 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 266 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 267 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 267 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

#HB266

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 266(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, and making reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 266(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, and making reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

and

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 267(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."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 267(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."

DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

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Chair Kelly communicated that the conference committee would be meeting on HB 266 and HB 267 open items. He noted that Limited Powers of Free Conference had been granted by both the Senate and the House. Departments with open items would be taken up based on the motion sheets distributed to members earlier in the day and dated 4/18/14. He relayed that the conference committee would not address open items from the following departments during the current meeting:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development's budget:

- Item 1: Senate
- Item 2: Open
- Item 3: House
- Item 4: Open
- Item 5: Senate
- Item 6: House
- Item 7: Senate
- Item 8: Senate
- Item 9: House
- Item 10: Senate
- Item 11: Senate
- Item 12: Senate

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Excluding Items 2 and 4, the action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Education and Early Development's budget:

- Item 1: Senate
- Item 2: Open
- Item 3: Open
- Item 4: Senate plus \$46,400
- Item 5: Open
- Item 6: House
- Item 7: Open
- Item 8: Open
- Item 9: Open
- Item 10: Senate
- Item 11: Open
- Item 12: House

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Kelly related that items 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 in the Department of Education and Early Development's budget would be discussed at a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Environmental Conservation's budget:

- Item 1: Senate
- Item 2: Senate
- Item 3: House
- Item 4: House
- Item 5: House
- Item 6: Open

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Excluding Item 6, the action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Fish and Game's budget:

- Item 1: Open
- Item 2: House
- Item 3: House
- Item 4: Senate
- Item 5: Senate
- Item 6: Senate
- Item 7: House
- Item 8: House
- Item 9: Open

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Excluding Items 1 and 9, the action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Fish and Game.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's budget:

- Item 1: House
- Item 2: House plus \$700,000
- Item 3: Senate
- Item 4: Open
- Item 5: Senate

Item 6: Open
Item 7: Senate plus \$22,200
Item 8: Senate

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Representative Gara OBJECTED for purpose of discussion and requested an explanation of what had occurred with Item 2.

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Representative Gara WITHDREW his objection.

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There being NO further OBJECTION, the motion PASSED. Excluding Items 4 and 6, the action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Public Safety's budget:

Item 1: Senate
Item 2: Senate plus \$550,000
Item 3: Senate
Item 4: House
Item 5: House
Item 6: House
Item 7: House
Item 8: Senate
Item 9: Senate plus \$479,000
Item 10: Senate for all 4 funding sources.

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Public Safety.

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Chair Kelly MOVED to REOPEN the items in the Department of Public Safety's budget.

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Chair Kelly noted that there was a typo on Item 10 and requested that the motion on that item be restated.

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Public Safety's budget:

Item 10: Senate for all 5 funding sources.

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Public Safety.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the University of Alaska's budget:

Item 1: House
Item 2: House
Item 3: House

Item 4: Senate
Item 5: Senate
Item 6: Senate
Item 7: Senate
Item 8: Open
Item 9: Open
Item 10: Senate

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Excluding Items 8 and 9, the action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the University of Alaska.

MENTAL HEALTH CAPITAL

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the mental health capital project's budget:

Item 1: Senate
Item 2: House Replace AHFC Dividends (1139) with GF/MH (1037)
Item 3: House
Item 4: House
Item 5: House

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the mental health capital projects.

LANGUAGE ITEM #4

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Vice-Chair Austerman MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items in the language section portion of the budget:

Item 4: House

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed Item 4 within the open items of language portion of the budget.

Chair Kelly relayed that the next meeting would be held on 4/19/14 at 2 p.m.

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Co-Chair Austerman MOVED to REOPEN the Department of Fish and Game's budget items.

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Chair Kelly MOVED to HOLD OPEN Item 7 in the Department of Fish and Game's budget. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Chair Kelly restated his motion and MOVED to HOLD OPEN Item 7 in the Department of Fish and Game's budget.

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There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. Excluding Items 1, 7, and 9, the action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Fish and Game.

HB 266 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.