

28TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 65 and HB 66
April 10, 2013
4:09 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austerman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 65 and HB 66 to order at 4:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

House:

Representative Alan Austerman, Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Les Gara

Senate:

Senator Pete Kelly, Vice-Chair
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Lyman Hoffman

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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 65 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 65 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 66 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(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."

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and

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 66(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program and making a reappropriation; and providing for an effective date."

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DEPARTMENTS

Commerce, Community & Economic Development
Natural Resources
Revenue
Court System
Legislature

Chair Austerman communicated that the conference committee would be meeting on HB 65 and HB 66 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 April 10, 2013. He relayed that the conference committee would not address open items from the following departments during the current meeting:

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COMMERCE COMMUNITY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Item 1	Senate
Item 2	Senate
Item 3	House plus \$94,500
Item 4	Senate

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RECONVENED

Item 6	Senate and change date to November 1st
Item 7	Senate
Item 8	Senate
Item 9	Senate
Item 11	Senate
Item 13	House
Item 14	Senate
Item 15	Senate
Item 16	House
Item 17	Senate as a One-Time Item
Item 19	House
Item 20	House
Item 21	House
Item 22	House
Item 23	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Item 5, Item 10, Item 12, Item 18, and Item 24 remained open.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Vice-Chair Kelly MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Natural Resources budget:

Item 1	House plus \$150,000
Item 2	House
Item 3	House
Item 4	Senate
Item 5	Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Item 6 and Item 7 remained open.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Vice-Chair Kelly MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Revenue budget:

Item 1	Senate minus \$41,000
Item 2	Senate
Item 3	Senate minus \$93,000
Item 4	Senate

Representative Gara OBJECTED for discussion. He addressed item 3, and stated that the Senate had proposed the governor's proposal to add the staff necessary to audit the potentially new oil tax. He remarked that there was a former auditing position that he felt was unnecessary.

Representative Gara withdrew his objection.

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

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COURT SYSTEM

Vice-Chair Kelly MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Court System budget:

Item 1	House
Item 2	House
Item 3	House plus \$174,100
Item 4	House
Item 5	House
Item 6	Senate
Item 7	House
Item 8	Senate
Item 9	Senate
Item 10	House
Item 11	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Court System.

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LEGISLATURE

Vice-Chair Kelly MOVED to ADOPT the Chair's recommendation on the following items for the Legislature budget:

Item 1	House plus \$750,000
Item 2	House plus \$450,000
Item 3	Senate

Additional Agency Conditional Language to read:
"The amount allocated to the Legislative Operating Budget includes \$300,000 for planning and other costs associated with hosting the Council of State Governments and Council of State Governments West 2014 conferences to be held in Anchorage. The amount allocated for those conferences is appropriated for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015."

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

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Chair Austerman relayed that the next meeting would be held the following day at 4pm.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.