

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

April 14, 2016

3:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Click Bishop, Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Dennis Egan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Bert Stedman, Vice Chair
Senator Anna MacKinnon

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 370(CRA) AM

"An Act relating to military facility zones; and relating to a municipal tax exemption or deferral for economic development property."

- MOVED SCS CSHB 370(CRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 209(FIN)

"An Act relating to an Alaska Water and Sewer Advisory Committee; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSHB 209(FIN) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 370

SHORT TITLE: MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTIONS

SPONSOR(S): COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

03/09/16	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/09/16	(H)	CRA
03/24/16	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/24/16	(H)	Heard & Held
03/24/16	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
03/29/16	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/29/16	(H)	Heard & Held
03/29/16	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
03/31/16	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124

03/31/16 (H) Moved CSHB 370(CRA) Out of Committee
 03/31/16 (H) MINUTE(CRA)
 04/01/16 (H) CRA RPT CS(CRA) NT 5DP 1NR
 04/01/16 (H) DP: NAGEAK, SEATON, HUGHES, ORTIZ,
 TILTON
 04/01/16 (H) NR: REINBOLD
 04/07/16 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 04/07/16 (H) VERSION: CSHB 370(CRA) AM
 04/07/16 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
 04/07/16 (S) -- MEETING CANCELED --
 04/08/16 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 04/08/16 (S) CRA, FIN
 04/12/16 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
 04/12/16 (S) Heard & Held
 04/12/16 (S) MINUTE(CRA)
 04/14/16 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: HB 209

SHORT TITLE: WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPONSOR(s): FOSTER

04/19/15 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 04/19/15 (H) CRA, FIN
 03/17/16 (H) CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
 03/17/16 (H) Heard & Held
 03/17/16 (H) MINUTE(CRA)
 03/24/16 (H) CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
 03/24/16 (H) Moved CSHB 209(CRA) Out of Committee
 03/24/16 (H) MINUTE(CRA)
 03/25/16 (H) CRA RPT CS(CRA) 6DP 1NR
 03/25/16 (H) DP: DRUMMOND, NAGEAK, SEATON, HUGHES,
 ORTIZ, TILTON
 03/25/16 (H) NR: REINBOLD
 04/04/16 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
 04/04/16 (H) Moved CSHB 209(FIN) Out of Committee
 04/04/16 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
 04/05/16 (H) FIN RPT CS(FIN) 7DP
 04/05/16 (H) DP: SADDLER, KAWASAKI, GUTTENBERG,
 GATTIS, EDGMON, MUNOZ, THOMPSON
 04/08/16 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 04/08/16 (H) VERSION: CSHB 209(FIN)
 04/09/16 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 04/09/16 (S) CRA
 04/12/16 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
 04/12/16 (S) Heard & Held
 04/12/16 (S) MINUTE(CRA)
 04/14/16 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

WITNESS REGISTER

REPRESENTATIVE CATHY TILTON
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of HB 370.

REPRESENTATIVE NEAL FOSTER
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of HB 209.

PAUL LABOLLE, Staff
Representative Foster
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided an overview of HB 209.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR CLICK BISHOP called the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Hoffman, Egan, and Chair Bishop.

HB 370-MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTIONS

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CHAIR BISHOP announced the consideration of HB 370.

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REPRESENTATIVE CATHY TILTON, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, said HB 370 is a municipal tax-exemption bill for major economic development projects. She stated that the amendments made by the committee served the bill very well.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN moved to report SCS CSHB 370(CRA), 29-LS1551\p, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR BISHOP announced that without objection, SCS CSHB 370(CRA) passes out of committee.

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At ease.

HB 209-WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CHAIR BISHOP announced the consideration of HB 209. [CSHB 209(FIN) was before the committee.]

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REPRESENTATIVE NEAL FOSTER, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, sponsor of HB 209, introduced himself.

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PAUL LABOLLE, Staff, Representative Foster, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, set forth that HB 209 would establish a water and sewer advisory committee. He said the bill's general purpose was to find better ways of doing water and sewer projects, look at new technologies, and address how to better coordinate with federal agencies. He added that federal funding parameters for new technologies would also be taken into consideration by the advisory committee. He pointed out that the bill had a zero-fiscal note because the advisory committee would not have a travel budget and per diem for members.

REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER added that a report from the advisory committee would be due on December 1, 2017.

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CHAIR BISHOP opened public testimony. He announced that seeing no testifiers, public testimony is closed.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN moved to report CSHB 209(FIN), labeled 29-LS0306\I, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR BISHOP announced that without objection, CSHB 209(FIN) passes from committee.

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At ease.

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CHAIR BISHOP called the committee back to order. He noted that the committee probably would not be meeting for the remainder of the legislative session. He said the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee was his first full chairmanship. He set forth that the committee's members made up an all-star cast that had drawn upon their tremendous amount of experience. He expressed that his hope was the same members could serve on the committee during the next session. He thanked committee aides and staff members for their service as well.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Bishop adjourned the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee at 3:38 p.m.