

29TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB72 and HB73  
April 10, 2015  
4:10 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Neuman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB72 and HB73 to order at 4:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

House:

Representative Mark Neuman, Chair  
Representative Steve Thompson  
Representative Les Gara

Senate:

Senator Pete Kelly, Vice-Chair  
Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Senator Donny Olson

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 72        APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 72 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 73        APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 73 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

#HB72

#HB73

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 72(FIN)

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

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

and

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(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 Kelly MOVED that Representative Neuman serve as the presiding chair of the FY 16 Conference Committee on HB 72 and HB 73. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Neuman MOVED that Senator Kelly serve as Vice-Chair of the FY 16 Conference Committee on HB 72 and HB 73. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Neuman reviewed procedures pertaining to the conference committee. He noted that both the House and Senate budget process allowed for public testimony. That portion of the process was concluded; the conference

committee would not accept further public testimony. Unless invited by the Chair, only members of the conference committee would take part in discussions or sit at the table. He noted that the director of the Legislative Finance Division would be invited to sit at the table beginning with the next meeting.

Chair Neuman observed that the Legislative Finance Division had been directed to prepare the "motion sheets" for use by the conference committee. The motion sheets summarized the differences between the two versions of the bills before the conference committee and were located on the Legislative Finance Division's website.

Chair Neuman explained that the conference committee would operate under Uniform Rule 42. All action required 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 required a majority of each body.

Vice-Chair Kelly MOVED that all appropriations and language in the FY 16 operating budget that were identical in House and Senate versions of HB 72 and HB 73 be adopted. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Neuman observed that the committee would need limited powers to reach agreements. He explained that under limited powers the Conference Committee could adopt any amount between zero and the higher of the House or Senate version of each item subject to conference.

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

Chair Neuman observed that the committee meetings would be posted on BASIS under the 24-hour rule. He relayed the expectation that the committee would meet every afternoon at 4:00 p.m. until a consensus was established.

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ADJOURNMENT

4:14:21 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.