

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

April 13, 2017

3:27 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Click Bishop, Chair
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Berta Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

"An Act relating to race classics."

- MOVED SCS HB 18(CRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 61

"An Act relating to the Izembek State Game Refuge, Cape Newenham State Game Refuge, Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge, Port Moller Critical Habitat Area, Egegik Critical Habitat Area, Pilot Point Critical Habitat Area, Fox River Flats Critical Habitat Area, Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area, and Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SB 61 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 18

SHORT TITLE: RACE CLASSICS

SPONSOR(s): REPRESENTATIVE(s) ORTIZ

01/18/17	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/9/17
01/18/17	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/18/17	(H)	L&C, FIN
01/30/17	(H)	L&C AT 3:30 PM BARNES 124
01/30/17	(H)	Heard & Held
01/30/17	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
02/03/17	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

02/03/17 (H) Moved HB 18 Out of Committee
02/03/17 (H) MINUTE(L&C)
02/06/17 (H) L&C RPT 6DP 1NR
02/06/17 (H) DP: STUTES, WOOL, JOSEPHSON, BIRCH,
KNOPP, KITO
02/06/17 (H) NR: SULLIVAN-LEONARD
02/10/17 (H) FIN REFERRAL WAIVED
02/13/17 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
02/13/17 (H) VERSION: HB 18
02/15/17 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/15/17 (S) CRA, L&C
03/28/17 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
03/28/17 (S) Heard & Held
03/28/17 (S) MINUTE(CRA)
04/04/17 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/04/17 (S) Heard & Held
04/04/17 (S) MINUTE(CRA)
04/13/17 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: SB 61

SHORT TITLE: GAME REFUGE/CRIT HABITAT AREA BOUNDARIES
SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

02/15/17 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/15/17 (S) CRA, RES
04/06/17 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/06/17 (S) -- MEETING CANCELED --
04/11/17 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/11/17 (S) Heard & Held
04/11/17 (S) MINUTE(CRA)
04/13/17 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

WITNESS REGISTER

MORGAN FOSS, Legislative Liaison
Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on SB 61.

JOE MEEHAN, Refuge Program Coordinator
Division of Wildlife Conservation
Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Commented on SB 61.

ACTION NARRATIVE

3:27:44 PM

CHAIR CLICK BISHOP called the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:27 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Stedman, MacKinnon, and Chair Bishop.

HB 18-RACE CLASSICS

3:30:04 PM

CHAIR BISHOP announced consideration of HB 18 and noted there was an amendment.

SENATOR MACKINNON moved HB 18 as amended. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

SENATOR GARDNER joined the committee.

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CHAIR BISHOP moved to rescind their action on HB 18. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

SENATOR MACKINNON moved Amendment 1.

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AMENDMENT 1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: HB 18

BY SENATOR MACKINNON

Page 1, lines 4 - 10:

Delete all material and insert:

"(40) "race classic" means a game of chance where prizes are awarded for the closest guess or guesses of the official winning times of a human race or races [, AND IS LIMITED TO THE MT. MARATHON RACE CLASSIC OPERATED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE SEWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU];"

SENATOR BISHOP objected for discussion purposes.

SENATOR MACKINNON explained that language on page 1, lines 4-10, deletes all materials and inserts the above language. It would allow anyone and everyone who wanted to have a game of chance on

winning times of human races to be able to do that. She didn't think there was any harm in not requiring each community to come forward and go through this process.

CHAIR BISHOP removed his objection.

SENATOR MACKINNON moved to report HB 18 as amended from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

CHAIR BISHOP announced that without objection, SCS HB 18(CRA) moved from the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

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SB 61-GAME REFUGE/CRIT HABITAT AREA BOUNDARIES

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CHAIR BISHOP announced consideration of SB 61.

MORGAN FOSS, Legislative Liaison, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Juneau, Alaska, said she was available to answer questions on SB 61.

SENATOR MACKINNON said SB 61 adds 2,106 acres of critical habitat or land into game refuges. In addition, it adds another 1,439 acres into Dude Creek acquired by the Nature Conservatory and donated to the State of Alaska. Besides mapping errors and housekeeping, with the exception of Dude Creek, another big question she had was where tide and submerged lands are now being included (page 11, sec. 6), specifically on the Fox River Flats CHA. Past legislative bodies did not include those, and she wanted to know why.

MS. FOSS answered that Dude Creek is the only one with an addition to a critical habitat area, but she wanted to defer to Mr. Meehan for specifics. The others don't have a net addition to the critical habitat areas or state game refuges outside of the existing boundaries.

JOE MEEHAN, Refuge Program Coordinator, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Anchorage, Alaska, answered he tried to search through legislative history from 1972 to try to determine why tide and submerged lands were specifically called out and excluded from

those limited number of sections and couldn't come up with any answers. Maybe at the time those areas were strictly uplands; he was just not sure why tidelands were excluded for some sections whereas they weren't excluded in adjoining sections.

CHAIR BISHOP noted the bill had a referral to the Resources Committee.

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SENATOR MACKINNON moved to report SB 61, version A, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

CHAIR BISHOP announced that without objection, SB 61 moved from the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

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CHAIR BISHOP adjourned the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting at 3:39 p.m.