

31ST ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 39 and HB 40  
May 7, 2019  
1:02 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Foster called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 39 and HB 40 to order at 1:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

House:

Representative Neal Foster, Chair  
Representative Tammie Wilson  
Representative Cathy Tilton

Senate:

Senator Bert Stedman, Vice-Chair  
Senator Natasha von Imhof  
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 39        APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 39 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 40        APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 40 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

#HB39

#HB40

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39 (FIN) am (brf sup maj fld)

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

and

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40 (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 SS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40 (FIN)

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Senator Stedman MOVED that Representative Foster serve as the presiding chair of the FY 20 Conference Committee on HB 39 and HB 40. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Foster MOVED that Senator Stedman serve as Vice-Chair of the FY 20 Conference Committee on HB 39 and HB 40. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Foster 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 Foster 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 Foster 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.

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Vice-Chair Stedman MOVED that all appropriations and language in the FY 20 operating budget that were identical in House and Senate versions of HB 39 and HB 40 be adopted. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Foster 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. He requested a motion to request "limited powers" for budget items for which differences exist. He relayed he had distributed a letter for dated May 7, 2019, addressed to the Speaker of the House and the Senate President. 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 Stedman 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.

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RECONVENED

Chair Foster observed that the committee meetings would be posted on BASIS under the 24-hour rule.

HB 39 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 40 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.