

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

May 10, 2024

1:39 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Chair  
Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson  
Senator Forrest Dunbar

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Click Bishop, Vice Chair  
Senator Kelly Merrick

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(L&C) AM

"An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in an uninspected kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met."

- HEARD & HELD

SENATE BILL NO. 146

"An Act relating to pull-tabs; relating to persons prohibited from involvement in gaming; and relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue."

- HEARD & HELD

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 189(L&C) AM

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARD & HELD

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 251

SHORT TITLE: EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMEMADE FOODS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) RAUSCHER

01/16/24 (H) PREFILE RELEASED 1/12/24  
 01/16/24 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 01/16/24 (H) L&C, RES  
 02/02/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 02/02/24 (H) <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 02/05/24>  
 02/05/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 02/05/24 (H) Heard & Held  
 02/05/24 (H) MINUTE(L&C)  
 02/14/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 02/14/24 (H) Scheduled but Not Heard  
 02/21/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 02/21/24 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 03/15/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 03/15/24 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 03/27/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 03/27/24 (H) Moved CSHB 251(L&C) Out of Committee  
 03/27/24 (H) MINUTE(L&C)  
 03/28/24 (H) L&C RPT CS(L&C) NEW TITLE 2DP 5NR  
 03/28/24 (H) DP: RUFFRIDGE, SUMNER  
 03/28/24 (H) NR: CARRICK, FIELDS, SADDLER, PRAX,  
 WRIGHT  
 04/08/24 (H) RES AT 1:00 PM BARNES 124  
 04/08/24 (H) Heard & Held  
 04/08/24 (H) MINUTE(RES)  
 04/15/24 (H) RES AT 1:00 PM BARNES 124  
 04/15/24 (H) Heard & Held  
 04/15/24 (H) MINUTE(RES)  
 04/17/24 (H) RES AT 1:00 PM BARNES 124  
 04/17/24 (H) Moved CSHB 251(L&C) Out of Committee  
 04/17/24 (H) MINUTE(RES)  
 04/18/24 (H) RES RPT CS(L&C) NEW TITLE 9DP  
 04/18/24 (H) DP: MEARS, ARMSTRONG, DIBERT, MCCABE,  
 SADDLER, WRIGHT, BAKER, RAUSCHER, MCKAY  
 05/06/24 (H) L&C CS ADOPTED Y37 N1 A2  
 05/06/24 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)  
 05/06/24 (H) VERSION: CSHB 251(L&C) AM  
 05/07/24 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 05/07/24 (S) L&C  
 05/09/24 (S) L&C AT 5:15 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 05/09/24 (S) Heard & Held  
 05/09/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 05/10/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: SB 146

SHORT TITLE: GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS

SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

05/10/23 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 05/10/23 (S) L&C, FIN  
 03/13/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 03/13/24 (S) Heard & Held  
 03/13/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/19/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 04/19/24 (S) -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 04/22/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 04/22/24 (S) Heard & Held  
 04/22/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 05/09/24 (S) L&C AT 5:15 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 05/09/24 (S) Heard & Held  
 05/09/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 05/10/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: HB 189

SHORT TITLE: SALE OF ALCOHOL

SPONSOR(S): LABOR & COMMERCE

05/03/23 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 05/03/23 (H) L&C  
 03/06/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 03/06/24 (H) <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 03/08/24>  
 03/08/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 03/08/24 (H) Scheduled but Not Heard  
 03/11/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 03/11/24 (H) Heard & Held  
 03/11/24 (H) MINUTE(L&C)  
 03/22/24 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124  
 03/22/24 (H) Moved CSHB 189(L&C) Out of Committee  
 03/22/24 (H) MINUTE(L&C)  
 03/25/24 (H) L&C RPT CS(L&C) 4DP 1NR  
 03/25/24 (H) DP: CARRICK, PRAX, RUFFRIDGE, SUMNER  
 03/25/24 (H) NR: SADDLER  
 03/27/24 (H) FIN REFERRAL ADDED AFTER L&C  
 04/29/24 (H) FIN REFERRAL REMOVED  
 05/06/24 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)  
 05/06/24 (H) VERSION: CSHB 189(L&C) AM  
 05/07/24 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 05/07/24 (S) L&C, FIN  
 05/08/24 (S) FIN REFERRAL REMOVED  
 05/08/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 05/08/24 (S) Heard & Held  
 05/08/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 05/09/24 (S) L&C AT 5:15 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

05/09/24 (S) Moved SCS CSHB 189(L&C) Out of  
Committee  
05/09/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
05/10/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

No witnesses to report.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR JESSE BJORKMAN** called the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, and Chair Bjorkman.

#### **HB 251-EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMEMADE FOODS**

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CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the consideration of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(L&C) am "An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in an uninspected kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met."

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CHAIR BJORKMAN stated the committee is waiting for Senate committee substitute (SCS) for HB 251 that will improve the bill by incorporating a portion of the Crop Act. He stated the committee would hear HB 251 when a draft is received from Legal Services.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN held HB 251 in committee.

#### **SB 146-GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS**

[1:40:37 PM](#)

CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 146 "An Act relating to pull-tabs; relating to persons prohibited from involvement in gaming; and relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue."

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CHAIR BJORKMAN stated a CS for SB 146 was received from Legal Services.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited a motion.

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SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for SB 146, work order 33-GS1054\R, as the working document.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN [removed his objection.] He found no further objection and CSSB 146 was adopted as the working document.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN stated he wants all stakeholders to work together in finding a solution to make pull tab fundraising work best for Alaska-based nonprofit organizations.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN removed his objection and held SB 146 in committee.

### **HB 189-SALE OF ALCOHOL**

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CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the consideration of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 189(L&C) am "An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

CHAIR BJORKMAN stated that on May 9, 2024, the committee adopted Senate committee substitute (SCS) for CSHB 189 and two amendments. However, an error was found and the intention was to rescind the action in reporting the bill from committee.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited a motion to rescind.

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SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON moved to rescind the committee's action in reporting out SCS CSHB 189 (L&C).

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CHAIR BJORKMAN found no objection, SCS CSHB 189, work order 33-LS0697\U, as amended, is back before the committee.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN said further action on HB 189 and HB 251 are pending amendments from Legal Services.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN recessed to call of the chair.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting and said amendments for HB 189 and HB 251 were not received from Legal Services.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Bjorkman adjourned the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting at 4:57 p.m.