

H/B. 359

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

3/28/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date _____

The Committee on C&RA has had HB 359

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

() recommends it DO PASS

() recommends it DO NOT PASS

() recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

() recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

() reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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_____ Chairman

House Committee on
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes
April 25, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 to discuss CS for HB 88. Present:

Rep. Cotten	Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff
Rep. Hackney	Andrea Guernsey, Staff
Rep. Ostrosky	Don Berry, Municipal League
Rep. Freeman	Dennies Robertson, Public Safety (late)
Rep. Davis	Mike Miller, Sponsor, (late)

Mr. Hackney wanted to hear from Mr. Robertson on the vehicle inspection law. Perhaps this could be worked in with that in some way.

Mr. Davis would like to see the people vote instead of by ordinance. Hackney thinks it might be inequitable because trucks would be paying for something they wouldn't collect on.

REPORT OUT

Hackney makes a motion to pass out with individual recommendations. So moved. (435)

PIPELINE IMPACT
(510)

The Committee talked about pipeline impact funds for a minute. Hackney would like to see the funds on a loan basis. The municipality will be able to tax the pipeline property for years to come.

Freeman has objected to monies from the beginning. Thinks it's a rip off. Relates the example of Valdez.

VEHICLE INSPECTION
(745)

Dennies Robertson gave a summary of the Vehicle Inspection law situation. They have developed a whole new Title 28 to be introduced at end of session.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

HB 290, 291

Chairman cotten asked for the consensus of the Committee on these two bills. The members wanted them left in Committee until next year.

HB 377

Freeman doesn't see any reason for the bill. The rest of the Committee concurs. DEAD.

SB 125

This is the same one as HB 172 passed out earlier. Hershberger suggests leaving this one in committee and letting HB 172 go through the stages. Let a representative have this one. REST of the members concur.

HB 293

The Chairman received a telegram from Kodiak who are opposed to this bill. Freeman said that the Anchorage city and borough are interested. Want to wait for more testimony on this one.

HB 259

Hackney wants to study for the rest of the session. Cotten said the sponsor doesn't want to see it again. Dead for now.

HB 218
SB 209

Cotten said there was a constitutional problme with these bills. Dead for now.

HB 322, 359

Hackney wants rep. Specking to come. Also Chenoweth. These bills will be taken up tomorrow.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

House Committee on
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes
April 22, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 to discuss HB 322, HB 359. Present:

Rep. Cotten	Rep. Ose
Rep. Ostrosky	Andrea Guernsey, Staff
Rep. Freeman	Barbara ENglert Thomas, Staff
Rep. Davis	
Jack Chenoweth, Director, Local Government	
Keith Specking, Sponsor	
Rep. Huntington	

STATEMENT BY
CHENOWETH

HB 322

Mr. Chenoweth started by saying his department doesn't look kindly upon this bill, which says that a Home rule city can move to reclassify as a unified municipality. This is aimed at Valdez, which already has a substantial tax base. It's not so different from the procedures already in operation to warrant a different formula. There is no mechanism in the bill to form a Board to form a charter. Trying to step outside present provisions.

FREEMAN'S
OPINION

Rep. Freeman asked if one could form a borough and vote on unified municipality simultaneously. No, it is a separate issue. Oral doesn't like the bill. It seems like special legislation like Eagle River and it isn't the proper way to go.

DIFFERENCE?

Cotten asked what would be different if Valdez reclassified? Jack said they could not be put in another borough. They don't really have much to gain. They already have a \$700 million tax base. These communities should have a cooperate effort instead of each going own way.

SPECKING COMMENTS

Rep. Specking now came in and made a few comments. He said the request came from the City of Valdez. He then read a memo concerning this from Greg Machowatz of Legislative Council. Copies were distributed to the Committee. Valdez area is large and as far as he knows they don't plan to expand their boundaries.

Freeman thinks this is a selfish move on Valdez's part. Also it would be unreasonable not to put Valdez and Cordova in the same governmental unit.

FREEMANS OPINION

They are already doing well with impact monies and taxable property. Specking said it would be unreasonable to combine Cordova and Valdez. The idea will never fly, they don't want to be associated with each other.

Specking said the way of life in Valdez has been destroyed. Valdez needs new school and their charter precludes them from bonding. This is not special legislation like Eagle river because it applies to everywhere and not just one area.

2ND CLASS BORO?

Cotten asked why they don't apply for second class borough status. They could use service areas and get forest receipts. they probably fear that the Boundary Commission would not look favorably upon them. Jack doesn't know what the Commission would do. Personally, Jack would turn them down. They can already do what they're doing as a city.

HB 359

The Committee now took up HB 359 since Specking was the sponsor of this bill also. He said the subject needs to be looked at by the Legislature. the \$2million was plucked out of the air and will be adjusted in Finance to what is reasonable.

SEC. 2

Secion 2 places stringent controls. Bill is for emergency needs and not goodies bag. Opposed to the use of impact funds lowering taxes. He has no objection to putting in restrictive language in that capacity.

IMPACT FUNDS

Jack said this is the only sum that has been requested He submitted for \$10 million to continue the program through next year but it was turned down. The Governor wants impact monies to go the foundation program for education. No continuation of grant programs.

Specking put the bill in so the Legislature would at least address the problem.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

AB 359

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Pres.

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Speckling
Chenoweth
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