

HB

237

March 14, 1977

MEMO

To: Terry

From: Chottie C

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I called Art Snowden in Anchorage regarding HB278 and HB 237.

Re: HB 278- Providing for geographic cost-of-living salary
differentials for judicial officers

Mr. Snowden understood that this bill would be taken up again at the time that the other salary bills are considered. If desired, he'll have Susan Burke do further research on it. Otherwise, he understood that the committee had basically already cleaned it up with a few minor changes.

Re: HB 237- Appointment and compensation of local registrars and
deputy local registrars of vital statistics
This bill is presently being negotiated with the Dept. of Health and Social Services. Mr. Snowden suggested that you just hold this in the drawer and perhaps try to move it early next year. (This is what he would prefer at this time.)

House Judiciary
March 8, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman, Gardiner. Members present were Gardiner, Miles, Dankworth, Eliason, Brown and Specking. Mrs. Rudd was absent.

HB 112 Appropriation for capital improvements within the court system HB
112

Mr. Miles explained the memo that he had written to the committee regarding HB 112.

Art Snowden, Director of the Court System, explained that the costs indicated in this bill were provided on the basis of consultation with the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Brown reminded the committee that the \$710,000 figure for the Fairbanks Court Building had been amended to be reduced to \$60,000.

Mr. Miles asked if these figures in the bill are still valid. Rick Barrier, Manager of Fiscal Operations for the Court System, answered that "yes", they were.

There was a general discussion about other court building projects and their costs.

Mr. Brown moved that the Dillingham figure be changed to 1,063,027 (instead of 1,458,000). He also moved that a letter be sent to the Finance Committee with the bill to have them consider a lease-back program for the Dillingham Court Building.

The committee generally feels that the costs are unrealistic. The Finance Committee will probably adjust the figures. The bill was moved out of committee. Gardiner will write a letter to the Finance Committee- to accompany the bill- saying that the Judiciary Committee felt that the figures provided by Public Works were unrealistic.

HB 279 Judicial compensation HB
279

Art Snowden explained the purpose of this bill as being to make it so that all judges are paid the same salary, rather than having the salaries vary from one part of the state to another.

This bill does essentially the same thing as the salary commission recommendation. Only one or the other will be adopted.

This bill will be taken up again at a later date with similar Malone bills.

House Judiciary
March 8, 1977 (con't)

HB 278 Geographic cost of living salary differentials for judicial officers HB 278

Art Snowden explained that the purpose of this bill would be to provide judges with a cost of living differential, like other state employees. It provides the same % cost of living increase as for other state employees.

It was indicated that the 7.5 % for the retirement system wouldn't apply to judges presently sitting, but it would apply to judges coming on after the effective date of the act.

Susan Burke, Staff Counsel for the Court System, also answered some questions about the bill.

Mr. Brown objected to the title of the bill. He felt it was not broad enough to cover section 4 on retirement. The committee agreed.

Mr. Brown indicated that Section 25.25.049 may be redundant with other law. If not, the interest rate referred to in the bill needs to be more specific.

This bill will be considered again at a later date.

HB 238 Inquiries into cause of death HB 238

Susan Burke explained the intent of the bill. She said, however, that this was the first time that she had seen section 2... and she doesn't feel that a coroner's inquest should be completely illuminated (which line 19 would do).

Mr. Eliason moved that section 2 of the bill be deleted. He also moved the bill out of committee. Both motions passed and the bill was moved out of committee.

HB 237 Appointment and compensation of registrars of vital statistics HB 237

Art Snowden and Susan Burke explained the purpose of the bill.

Mr. Gardiner requested that Rick Barrier, Manager of fiscal operations for the court system, get together with the Department of Health and Social Services to come up with a fiscal note for this bill.

Lois Jund, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Health and Social Services, was here but indicated that they would need more information about the bill before being able to testify.

This bill will come up again later.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.