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SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE MEETING

May 23, 1978

Present: Senators Orsini, Hackney, Willis and Ferguson; Tom Singer, House Permanent Fund; Pat Conheady, DNR; Annette Smith, House C&RA; Jack Chenoweth, Legislative Affairs Agency, Royce Weller, Hugh Malone's Staff; Representative Dick Eliason, Richard Engen, Division of State Libraries and Museums.

Absent: Senator Sumner

The bills before the Committee were CSHB 133, HB 766 and SB 580. The meeting was called to order at 3:08.

SENATE BILL 580

Richard Engen, Division of State Libraries and Museums, stated that this bill would increase the present grant and aid program for assistance to the Public Libraries Association throughout the state from \$250 a year on a reimbursable basis to a \$500 grant for purchase of library materials.

He stated that it eliminates much of the paper work now required by statute. He explained that his office has to submit invoices on a reimbursable basis and this would be eliminated through the grant provision of the bill. He also stated that the bill removes the restriction from purchasing religious materials which is in the original statutes.

Senator Hackney moved to increase the \$500 grant amount to \$1,000. There were no objections. Senator Hackney then moved to pass the bill out with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

HOUSE BILL 766

Chairman Orsini went through the proposed recommendations for the bill. He stated that there was a CS for increasing the \$250,000 to \$400,000 and adding certain conditions to the increase.

Representative Eliason stated that the bill was introduced at the request of the borough Administrator of Sitka. He stated that small contractors in rural areas and smaller communities of the state who have ample equipment and the experience to handle a number of municipal jobs are falling short of other contractors from out of the community and even out of the state because of the difficulty in establishing a bond.

Senator Ferguson moved that the Committee adopt a CS for HB 766 including the recommendations by Chairman Orsini and pass it out with "INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS".

CS FOR HOUSE BILL 133

Jack Chenoweth, Legislative Affairs Agency, went over the proposed committee substitute for CSHB 133 and explained section by section

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changes in the bill and new language that had been put into it. As a result of committee discussion, a revised work draft of the proposed committee substitute was requested.

Chairman Orsini stated that CSHB 133 would be scheduled for Committee action Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

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SB 580

open to muni ; takes strings off use of funds

removes restriction on religious matls - libraries  
deal w/religion as a subject matter

<sup>b</sup> 250 was enacted ~ 1965

book price

'65 - 7.50

'78 - 16.50