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Jeanie Henry

House Judiciary	2/3/86	1:30 pm
" "	2/4/86	1:30 pm

COMMITTEE REPORT  
HOUSE

3/5

(7)

FURTHER: FINANCE

3/1/85

Date: 2/4/86

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on JUDICIARY has had HB 48

"An Act relating to compensation of legislators."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

[ ] do pass [ ] do not pass

[ ] do pass with attached amendments(s)

[x] replace with CS for HB 48 (JUD) [x] same title [ ] new title  
and recommends

[ ] AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" [ ] New Fiscal Note

[ ] reports it back without recommendation [ ] Zero Fiscal Note Attached

[ ] referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

*[Handwritten signatures: Robert Taylor, etc.]*

*[Blank lines for other recommendations]*

CHAIRMAN

Original sponsors: Hurley, Pourchot,  
Pettyjohn, et al

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to compensation of legislators."

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11 legislature is \$46,800. Beginning January 19, 1987, the monthly salary  
12 for each member of the legislature is equal to Step A, Range 10 of the  
13 salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau. The president of the  
14 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives are each  
15 entitled to an additional \$500 a year during tenure of office.

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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21 tions in the rate where applicable.

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# STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 2/10/86

**REQUEST #2**  
 Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 48(Judiciary)  
 Title: An Act relating to compensation of  
legislators  
 Sponsor: House Judiciary Committee  
 Requestor: Rep. Al Adams  
 Date of Request: 2/9/86

**FISCAL DETAIL**  
 Agency Affected: Legislative Affairs  
 BRU: Legislative Council  
 Components: Salaries & Allowances

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES		<856.7>	<1,890.2>	<1,890.2>	<1,890.2>	<1,890.2>
TRAVEL		568.8	568.8	568.8	568.8	568.8
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>&lt;287.9&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;1,321.4&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;1,321.4&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;1,321.4&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;1,321.4&gt;</b>

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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**FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	-0-	<287.9>	<1,321.4>	<1,321.4>	<1,321.4>	<1,321.4>
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS :**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** Attach a separate page if necessary

This bill changes the current \$46,800 annual salary (\$3,900 monthly) for a legislator to a Step A, Range 10, of the Salary Schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau effective January 19, 1987. currently that monthly rate is \$1,845. (See Page 2)

Prepared by: Pamela A. Stoops, Manager *Pamela Stoops* Phone: (907)465-3850  
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 2/10/86  
 Approved by Executive Director: Warren W. Endicott *Warren W. Endicott* Date: 2/10/86  
 Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

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# CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 48(Judiciary) Request #2

FY 87	July 1-June 30, 1987 payroll cost before CSHB 48(Jud)	\$3,594,240.00
	after CSHB 48(Jud)	<u>\$2,733,783.60</u>
	Difference of	\$ 860,456.40
FY's 88, 89, 90, 91	July 1-June 30, 1988 payroll cost before CSHB 48(Jud)	\$3,594,240
	after CSHB 48(Jud)	<u>\$1,700,352</u>
	Difference of	\$1,893,888

This bill also reinstates per diem effective January 19, 1987, during session at the same rate allowed for a state employee under AS 39.20.110 and AS 39.20.160. Currently those rates would be as follows:

\$80 a day per diem x 120 days x 57 legislators =	\$547,200
\$60 a day per diem x 120 days x 3 legislators =	\$ 21,600
Total	<u>\$568,800</u>

Section 3 of this bill adds a new section:

The legislative fiscal officer shall by January 31 of each calendar year, file with the Office of Management and Budget a report of all vouchers approved for payment under this section during the preceding calendar year. The report shall provide, by legislator, the date of each voucher, the amount paid, and the basis for approval for payment.

The legislative fiscal officer already provides the Department of Administration, Division of Finance, with totals for allowances, mileage, and salary by January 15 of each year. This information is needed by the Department of Administration for W-2 purposes. In checking with the Office of Management and Budget, they are not aware of any need for the information and would transmit it to the Department of Administration.

Additional staff would have to be hired to compile a report at this time of year to comply with the deadline. Estimated cost would be \$3,725.00.

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FISCAL NOTE

Supplement  
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Revision Date: 1/31/86

REQUEST  
Bill/Resolution No.: HB 48  
Title: "An Act relating to  
compensation of legislators."  
Sponsor: Hurley  
Requestor: Judiciary Committee  
Date of Request: 1/31/86

FISCAL DETAIL  
Agency Affected: Administration  
BRU: Retirement & Benefits  
Components: EPORS

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
RTMNT & BNFTS						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	[275.3]	[297.3]	[321.1]	[346.8]	[374.5]
TRS MATCH						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	[275.3]	[297.3]	[321.1]	[346.8]	[374.5]
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	[275.3]	[297.3]	[321.1]	[346.8]	[374.5]
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	[275.3]	[297.3]	[321.1]	[346.8]	[374.5]

POSITIONS: -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0-

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

See attached

Prepared By: J.K. Humphreys, Director  
Division: Retirement & Benefits

Phone: 465-4470  
Date: 1/31/86

Approved by Commissioner: Eleanor Andrews  
Agency: Department of Administration

Date: 2/3/86

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):  
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House Bill 48  
Fiscal Note Analysis  
Prepared by Division of Retirement & Benefits  
Department of Administration

January 31, 1986

**Analysis:** Passage of this bill would decrease the current monthly salary for legislators and would consequently reduce monthly benefit payments to some members of the Elected Public Officers Retirement System (EPORS). We estimate that 17 current EPORS retirees would receive reduced benefits and that three of the five members eligible to retire in FY 87 would also be affected.

The FY 87 savings to the State of \$275.3 is calculated by applying the reduction in salary to the EPORS benefit formula and recalculating the total FY 87 projected cost for each EPORS retiree.

The projected FY 87 savings would be \$275.3 and is estimated to increase by 8% each year thereafter.

This fiscal note reflects cost savings relating to EPORS only. Savings in PERS and TRS benefits will presumably be reflected in the fiscal note prepared by the Legislative Affairs Agency in the Personal Services Component since these costs are charged as a percent of salary.

AN INITIATIVE

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the compensation for state legislators."

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(b) A legislator is entitled to receive per diem at the short-term rate during a legislative session if he does not live in his place of permanent residence during the session.

(c) A legislator is entitled to receive per diem at the long-term rate during a legislative session if he lives in his place of permanent residence during the session.

(d) When the legislature is not in session, instead of receiving per diem a legislator is entitled to be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while he is on committee business for an interim committee of the legislature in a place which is not his place of permanent residence.

(e) In this section

(1) "long-term rate" means the long-term per diem rate established in regulations adopted by the commissioner of administration under AS 39.20.160;

(2) "short-term rate" means the short-term per diem rate established in regulations adopted by the commissioner of administration under AS 39.20.160.

\* Section 2. AS 24.15.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.15.020. Salary of legislators. The monthly salary for each member of the legislature is equal to Step A, Range 10, [22] of the salary schedule in AS

Exhibit A

39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives are each entitled to an additional \$500 a year during tenure of office.

\* Section 3. AS 24.15.040 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.15.040. Method of Payment. Salaries, per diem and additional allowances for members of the legislature shall be paid by warrants drawn on vouchers approved by the legislative fiscal officer. The legislative fiscal officer shall, by January 31 of each calendar year, file with the Office of Management and Budget a report of all vouchers approved for payment pursuant to this section during the preceding calendar year. The report shall provide, by legislator, the date of each voucher, the amount paid and the basis for approval for payment.

\* Section 4. Any provisions of the Alaska Statutes inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

## "PRESCRIBING COMPENSATION FOR STATE LEGISLATORS"

If enacted, this proposed bill would amend state law providing for compensation to state legislators. It would establish the monthly salary for legislators at Step A, Range 10 (currently equal to \$1,757) of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a). The bill would also authorize per diem payments for legislators while the legislature is in session. When not in session, legislators on interim committee business would receive reimbursement of actual expenses only. In addition, the proposed bill would require the legislative fiscal officer to report annually to the Office of Management and Budget on all vouchers approving payments to legislators during the year.

# MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Honorable Stephen McAlpine  
Lieutenant Governor  
Office of the Lt. Governor

FROM: Norman C. Gorsuch  
Attorney General

By: Diane Colvin  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Law

DATE: September 2, 1983

FILE NO: 366-108-84

TELEPHONE NO: 465-3600

SUBJECT: Amended summary for  
initiative petition

On August 31 we transmitted to you our review of the initiative petition concerning legislative compensation, along with an impartial summary. It has come to our attention that the summary may be ambiguous in regard to the description of the proposed salary level for legislators. We have amended the summary accordingly and it is attached.

The change made affects only the second sentence. The previous version was:

It would establish the monthly salary for legislators at Step A, Range 10 of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a), currently set at \$1,757.

We have changed this sentence to read:

It would establish the monthly salary for legislators at Step A, Range 10 (currently equal to \$1,757) of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a).

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Attachment

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STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

FOUCHY STATE CAPITOL  
JUNEAU ALASKA 99811  
907-465-2800

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

July 30, 1981

SUBJECT: CSSSSB 162 (Finance)  
TO: Representative Mike Miller  
FROM: Thomas A. Sofo  
Legislative Counsel

You have asked this office to review the status of SB 162. The issues raised by that review concern the status of a bill not receiving final action in the first regular session of a legislature, the discretion of the presiding officer to transmit a bill, and the status of a bill which passes both houses in identical form except for the relevant effective date clause. In the case of CSSSSB 162 (Finance) the options available to you as Senate President seem to be to hold the bill until the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature or to transmit the bill for enrollment within a reasonable time following the failure of the House to act on the report of the free conference committee.

CSSSSB 162 (Finance) appropriates money for grain elevator facilities at Seward. It passed the Senate in its entirety while the House action reflects that the immediate effective date clause failed, CSSSSB 162 (Finance) (efd fld H). The failure of the effective date clause by the House is the only aspect in which the bill as passed by each house differs.

The Senate attempted to restore the immediate effective date by refusing to concur in the deletion of the effective date clause and appointed a free conference committee. 1981 Senate Journal, p. 1413. The members of the free conference committee agreed to restore the immediate effective date and recommended that this be done in a report which the Senate accepted. 1981 Senate Journal, p. 1481. The free conference report on SB 162 was never acted on by the House even though the house free conference committee unanimously recommended it pass.

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1981 House Journal, p. 2161. The free conference committee was never formally discharged by either house nor was a second free conference committee appointed.

It is the opinion of this office that legislation passed by the house and senate which varies only as to the effective date clause is nevertheless valid minus the special effective date provisions. In such cases the act takes effect 90 days after enactment as provided in Article II, section 18, Alaska Constitution. The Attorney General had formerly argued that legislation, otherwise identical except for effective date provisions, was flawed since both houses had not passed the same version of the bill. Although this argument is plausible on the surface the Attorney General now appears willing to accept the approach taken by this office and supported by the weight of authority. By letter dated July 10, 1980, the Attorney General has taken the following position:

It is the universal rule under these circumstances that, except where the effective date constitutes a material difference, the bill is deemed to have passed the legislature. (Citations omitted)

Although not necessary, neither this office nor the Attorney General believe that the appointment of a conference committee to attempt to reconcile the differences as to the effective date was inappropriate. As the Attorney General notes:

There is a question whether the body can refer legislation which is already passed to a conference committee in this manner. We believe that a good faith effort to restore an effective date clause is proper and valid.

Since the executive is not taking issue with whether it was appropriate to appoint a free conference committee in the first place, this memo has taken for granted that such action was proper. The Attorney General has also stated that the signing and transmitting of a bill which has passed both houses is a ministerial, mandatory function, as opposed to a discretionary function, and is enforceable by the courts. Uniform Rule 41(b) in effect at the time CSSSSB 162 (Finance) was voted on provided:

(b) The Committee on Free Conference is appointed in the same manner as a Committee on Conference and may

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suggest in its report any new amendments germane to the question. When a majority of the membership on the committee from each house agree on amendments to be proposed, the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to each house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amendment in either house. If the report is adopted in both houses the bill is then ordered enrolled by its house of origin. If the Committee on Free Conference fails to agree or its report is not adopted, a second Committee on Free Conference may be appointed but no member of the first committee may be reappointed. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report is taken by calling of the roll and the recording of the ayes and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority of the membership of the house. (Emphasis added)

As pointed out above the free conference report was not adopted in both houses.

At this stage of the analysis there appears to be two available options. AS 24.30.120 provides.

A bill introduced but not receiving final action in the first regular session of a legislature carries over in the same reading or status into the second regular session of the same legislature.

Based on AS 24.30.120, CSSSSB 162 (Finance) could be retained for possible House action during the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature. It would seem to be within the discretion of the presiding officer to handle CSSSSB 162 (Finance) in this manner. As Mason states:

Where a presiding officer is required to sign a bill or ordinance to authenticate its passage, the act of signing is simply ministerial and not an exercise of legislative discretion therefore mandamus will lie to compel its performance. To hold otherwise would give the presiding officer, in effect, a veto upon the acts of the legislative body. But the courts should not require him to sign a legislative proposal which he had ruled not passed, because, in this instance, he was exercising discretion. . . (Emphasis added)

Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, sec. 575(3).

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The other available option is to discharge the free conference committee and transmit the bill within a reasonable time after it appears that efforts of the conferees to reconcile the effective date question have failed.

In Sec. 770(b), Mason's, the following rule is set forth:

When conference committees are unable to agree that the amendments in dispute be concurred in by the house of origin, or that they be receded from or not insisted upon by the house making them, that fact should be reported to the houses. The committee will then be discharged, and committees on free conference appointed in the same manner as the original committee. Also when, for any reason, either house refuses to adopt the report of the committee, the committees should be discharged and new committees on conference or free conference appointed. (Emphasis added)

Strictly speaking the House did not directly fail to adopt the report. The House merely refused to consider it.

It is unparliamentary, but within the power of a house, to indefinitely postpone the consideration of a report of the committee on conference.

Mason's, Sec. 770(8).

As noted above, there is ample authority to support the proposition that CSSSSB 162 (Finance) has been validly enacted without an immediate effective date.

There is some doubt as to which of the two options in this case represents the better rule although both appear to be viable. In our opinion the choice is within the discretion of the presiding officer in the absence of action by the body.

It is more clear that to allow the presiding officer to retain the bill indefinitely, to later discharge the free conference committee at a time of his own choosing, and then transmit the bill would in effect allow him to set the effective date by his control over when the 90 days started running. Such action is analogous to the individual veto of

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actions of the legislative body criticized by Mason in  
Sec. 575(3).

TAS:ljb

INITIATIVE PETITION  
ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION FOR STATE  
LEGISLATORS."

PROPOSITION #83- \_\_\_\_\_

If adopted, this initiative would amend state law providing for compensation to state legislators by (1) reducing the annual salary to \$21,084.00 [from Step A, Range 22 to Step A, Range 10 of the salary schedule of AS 39.27.011(a)], and (2) by authorizing per diem payments to state legislators during the period the legislature is in session. When the legislature is not in session, legislators on committee business for an interim committee may receive reimbursement of actual expenses only. The initiative would require a report by the legislative fiscal officer to the Office of Management and Budget for each fiscal year as to payments to legislators under the law.

A BILL

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