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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: April ~~13~~ 1993
TO: Representatives Barnes, Carney, Hanley, Phillips,
Sanders and Ulmer
House Rules Committee Members
FROM: Rep. Carl E. Moses, Chairman *CEM*
House Rules Committee
RE: Today's Rules Committee Meeting Agenda

Three items are on the agenda for today:

- HB 293** Extending the Council on Domestic Violence
- HB 294** Extending the Board of Pharmacy
- SJR 31** Extending deadline for compliance with Fed
landfill criteria

If there are questions, please contact Tim Benintendi of my staff
at 3764.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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BILL NO. **HB 294**

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Commerce & Economic Development
 Title: An Act extending the termination date BRU: Occupational Licensing
of the Board of Pharmacy. Component: Operations
 Sponsor: Rep. Pamell
 Requestor: House Rules COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1844

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

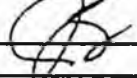
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0

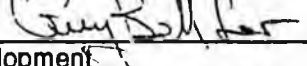
POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY 93) Impact: \$ None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 The bill extends the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy to June 30, 1997. Funding for the board is included in the FY 94 operating budget; therefore, new funds are not required. Regulations adjusting fees to cover full program costs are under review in the Department of Law.
 Average Annual Costs: \$61.2
 Average Annual Revenue: 49.6

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 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 4/23/93

Approved by Commissioner: Paul Fuhs  Date: 4/23/93
 Agency: Commerce & Economic Development

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL 294

Extending the Termination Date of the "Board of Pharmacy"

This bill would extend the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy to June 30, 1997, the maximum extension allowable under the current law.

The Board of Pharmacy provides greatly needed oversight of State and Federal laws pertaining to the pharmaceutical industry and Alaskan's health and safety. The Board provides a very important service for the State of Alaska and is an integral part of Alaska's pharmacy licensing process.

During the Board of Pharmacy's review, the reviewing committee acknowledged the Pharmacy Board's self sufficiency and recommended its renewal.

Passage of House Bill 294 would maintain this valuable service for Alaskans.

Dear Legislators,

The Board of Pharmacy has a termination date of June 30, 1993. Legislation (HB110) was introduced earlier in this session to prevent our sunseting, however the omnibus approach has been slow. The committee which reviewed the regulatory boards acknowledged the Board of Pharmacy's self-sufficiency and recommended its renewal. HB 294 is now before you to ensure that the Board of Pharmacy continues its charge of protecting the public.

A recent example that illustrates the importance of Boards of Pharmacy occurred in the state of Washington in 1991. Tylenol capsules were adulterated with cyanide which killed several people. The Board of Pharmacy quickly embargoed all Tylenol products. This swift action was nationally recognized as a life-saving maneuver.

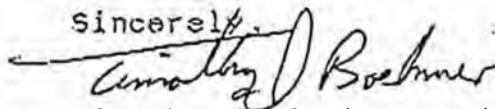
Fortunately, emergencies rarely occur. The use of medication, on the other hand, frequently occurs. The Board of Pharmacy protects the public by examining license applicants to ensure that they are qualified to practice pharmacy. We inspect pharmacies to ensure compliance with state and federal law. Current statutes and regulations that govern pharmacy in Alaska are woefully out-of-date and are being rewritten. This revision will address specific deficiencies in the law as well as enable the Board to regulate the rapidly changing role that pharmacy will play in solving the health care crisis.

Termination of the Board of Pharmacy would essentially prevent Alaska from licensing pharmacists. A pharmacist is licensed by credentials or by taking the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) exam. Forty-nine states rely on NABP to test all pharmacy candidates and forty-eight states rely on NABP to serve as the national clearinghouse of all pharmacy licenses (exceptions are California and Florida). NABP requires each state to have a Board of Pharmacy in order to participate in the national testing process and to utilize its services as a clearinghouse.

The Board of Pharmacy promotes, preserves and protects the public by regulating the practice of pharmacy.

I urge you to support HB 294.

Sincerely,



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Board of Pharmacy