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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 23, 1975

Attending Members:

Osterback
Ostrosky
Parr
Swanson
Davis
Hackney Beirne
Sullivan

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sullivan. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the members of the committee with the various divisions within the Dept. of Education.

Commissioner Lind introduced the members of his staff:

Jeff Jeffers-Director of Education Program Support
program support to districts

Verne Williams-Learner Assistance
to assist districts in improvement of instruction and curriculum development

Verdale Jackson-Coordinator of Career & Vocational Education
(a) works with Dept. of Labor to help meet supply and demand of state needs.
(b) supplies training in various vocational programs such as Business Education, Occupational Home Economics.
(c) bringing people in from rural areas for training.

Jerry Highley-Coordinator Adult & Manpower
Adult Basic Education

Betty Williams-Adult Basic Education

The Alaska Skill Center is available to adults for full training of any programs

The Division of Management and Finance is headed by Mr. Thompson. There are three main components of this division:

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January 22, 1975

Attending Members:

All present

The issue of non-smoking was brought up by Rep. Hackney. He read a short article from Alaska Nursing Society regarding the subject of smoking in enclosed rooms and its affects on non-smokers as well as smokers.

Rep. Ostrosky suggested taking periodic breaks to allow smoking outside the committee room.

Commissioner of Education Lind gave a presentation outlining the functions of that department. He stated that the Board of Directors was made up of seven members appointed by the Governor. The largest amount of money in the department was allocated from the state government.

Three main issues in the Dept. are:

1. One system of Education
 - A. Presently made up of three
 - a. BIA - 5,000 students in 52 schools
 - b. State Operated Schools - approx. 15,000 students
 - c. Cities & Boroughs - 70,000
 - B. State should get out of the operation of schools as they must be run on a local level.
2. Funding Schools
 - A. 100 % basic support
3. Possibility of Staellite Communication

There was more brief discussion on the issue of smoking and it was tabled to a later date and suggested by Rep. Swanson that the two main members in disagreement settle the matter between themselves.

Meeting Adjourned until 3:00pm. Jan. 23.



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Members Present:

Beirne	Osterback
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

She then made the announcement that on Wed. Feb. 5, Mr. Sam Trivett of the Div. of Corrections would be with us for orientation. At that time she opened the floor for discussion on forming sub-committees on the budget.

Rep. Hackney Madam Chairman I was wondering what it is that we are to accomplish?

Chairman Hugh Malone, Finance Chairman, is trying to put together a coordination between Finance and the substitute committees. The substitute committees will decide what areas they have particular interest in and I suspect that we will want to go into SOS and U of A, for example. Any other subjects that you think you may want to delve into, I would appoint a couple of members to serve on that subcommittee and to work together with two people from Finance as a joint subcommittee. The idea is to give the subcommittees more input into the budget instead of having so many of the decisions made the last few days by a varied Finance Committee.

Parr Madam Chairman, because of my background I think I would like to work on U of A projects.

Davis My interest would be on the SOS program.

Osterback I will also work on SOS.

Swanson When the SOS subject comes before the Finance Committee, would this person sit in with the Finance Committee while they are going over SOS budget?

Chairman When the Finance Chairman assigns a subcommittee to do some research on SOS he will have a subcommittee to do indepths on anything that the substitute committees want an indepth study on. For example, if we say SOS and the U of A, he will be sure that someone on his committee is appointed to those subjects and you will work with that subcommittee.

Hackney Are you in turn going to break Welfare down into components?

Chairman I think that the philosophy here is that the best idea would be to choose the real problem areas as specific and narrow as feasible and to do a complete indepth study on them rather than try and scatter our shop. I would say yes that we would probably devide up the Social Services aspect into a much narrower catagory.

Hackney Personally I would like very much to work with Mr. Parr on the U of A project but I am also very interested in the Welfare end of it; childcare, welfare itself etc.

Chairman I will take these areas to Mr. Malone and if another area comes up that you would like some indepth budget review on, let me know and we will see what we can do. If his committee can handle working with us on all three, then it will be set up that way.

If there are no further questions on the Finance Subcommittees, we have contacted Margaret Justice again and we will meet with her as a committee on Friday at 3:00 for her presentation on the correspondence program in the basement of the old coast guard building. She is also going to arrange for the Senate HESS and Finance committees to be there.

We will be discussing HB 6 and HB 56 after Commissioner McGinnis' presentation and we will have witnesses scheduled for about 4:15 on those bills.

Chairman Sullivan introduced Commissioner McGinnis to the Committee members.

Commissioner McGinnis gave his presentation in general about the structure of the Dept. of Health and Social Services, what some of the concerns are and where the department is headed at this point.

1. the largest department in the government
2. work force of approximately 1,800 employees
3. the budget of last year for 1975 was \$78,014,000.00 and that does not include the supplementals or revisions which very often are additions to the budget. It also doesn't include the value of the food stamp program which in that value alone to the citizens of the state amounts to some \$15,000,000. So while we don't actually pass those dollars they go through in the way of coupons from the Dept. of Agriculture.

Mr McGinnis' presentation was quite lengthy and will be ommitted from the type written minutes of this meeting. However, the entire message was taped and there is also a booklet containing most of the information and is available upon request. (see reading file, Dept. H&SS)

Bill Considerations

HB 6 Negligent use of smoking materials. Received in Committee 1-20.

Chairman Mr. Jim Duncan, sponsor of the bill, is here to answer any questions pertaining to the bill.

Mr. Swanson asked for a brief of the bill.

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Duncan Seems to me a very simple, noncontroversial bill. All it does is add one section to the criminal law section of the Statutes which makes the negligent use of smoke materials; cigarettes, cigars, pipes etc. a misdemeanor. If the negligent use causes a fire which either results in physical harm to someone or property damage. At this time, one municipality has this ordinance in force. In no way does this bill stop the person whose property was damaged or personally injured, from suing the person who caused the fire for damages.

Swanson Mr. Duncan, If the municipalities, the Borough here, has this as an ordinance and do you know if the other boroughs such as Anchorage have this as an ordinance?

Duncan To my knowledge Juneau is the only municipality which has this as an ordinance. This state law would then be over all boroughs throughout the state.

Swanson I can understand the overall need for this bill .

Chairman Is there a motion?

Ose How do we determine the responsibility?

Duncan It would be by the firemarshall or the investigator of the fire. By the way, this ordinance has been in effect in Juneau and there has been two cases where the person was found guilty of a misdemeanor.

Hackney The problem that I have with this bill is that what do you do with a guy, you fine him guilty of a misdemeanor and chances are nothing is going to happen to him. I would think that in a bill like this you'd have to call for at least a penalty of a felon in the case of the loss of lives.

Swanson We might be dealing with two different things here. Directly with the use of smoking materials where it might result in a fire in a hotel such as the case as the Nordale. But I think the intention of this one is the careless use and if we wish to add another section pertaining to the loss of lives, then we might be able to amend the bill or write another bill that would deal with that.

Duncan My discussion with those that are interested with this indicates that you could not set the punishment as a felony on this level of crime. But there seems to be some restrictions as far as to what kind of punishment you can put on what kind of crime and I think perhaps a felony would be too heavy of a punishment.

Parr I think this bill was assigned obviously, considered such questions Mr. Hackney has raised, you have to consider how this offense compares to others and what the penalties are. The penalties have to be appropriate to the crime. I could see if this said "reckless" only, it might well be a felony but negligent is quite a bit different. The "negligent" takes care of the little absent-mindedness to which the human being is unfortunately prone. I think before we go into that we should take this to Judiciary and have them compare it to other penalties.

Hackney I fail to see the fine point of distinction there because I'm sure that the guy who went to sleep on the bed in Fairbanks didn't do it recklessly but did do it negligently.

Chairman In that serious of a thing in which you are concerned with, it appears to me that that man, if he is a normal human being at all, will suffer for the rest of his life for it and we need not worry about punishing him any further. In the other order of things, the person who nearly causes property or a minor fire, this kind of thing would be appropriate. And as you suggested, the major idea here is not to get back at the guy afterwards, but to make it a concrete thing in peoples minds that it is a crime to negligently use smoking materials and thereby endanger a life or property.

Duncan I would like to remind you that this does not replace the fact that the person who starts a fire can still be sued by the property owner or by the person who was perhaps injured. This is just the criminal part of the Statute.

There was further discussion of this question between the members of the committee.

Chairman I would like any motion so that we can have some action on this bill.

Parr Point of information, are you going to want a motion to pass the bill out of committee as the motion it takes to get it on the floor and then will come motions to amend, or do you want to consider it as it is before us with motions for amendments first followed by a motion to get it out of committee. Normally of course is the motion to adopt and then its on the floor and then comes the amendments.

Chairman I would prefer to do it this way in some instances I think that if you then want further discussion, we could have a motion to table until we were able to get more witnesses.

Parr I move that the committee send this out with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

There was some disagreement as to parliamentary procedures in the committee meeting.

Chairman This is a little extraordinary and I will look into the joint rules carefully this evening and make a final determination tomorrow. For now we will hear our next witness and delay action on the bill until tomorrow. We will also take up HB 56 tomorrow.

Larry Fanning- General Fire Department In 1973 out of the 13 categories of fires, careless usage is number four in the list of causes of fires. The careless use of cigarettes is the fifth in dollar loss in fires-roughly one-half million dollars a year in damages. We do not have a law at this time making this a conviction of misdemeanor or anything. This is why the Alaska State Assoc. and the Alaska Chiefs' Assoc. of Firefighters would like this bill passed.

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Chairman Did I understand you that unless this bill is made a crime or misdemeanor that people do not have civil recourse as well?

Fanning We don't really want civil recourse, what we want to do is stop this cause of fires. At least so the public will be aware of the penalty for the negligence in smoking. By having notes in hotels apartment houses etc. as to the effect of this law, many of these fires may be prevented.

Duncan The act proposed here is an ammendment to the criminal law statute, this is just an addition.

Osterback If this is no. 4 cause on the list, what happens to the first three causes?

Fanning The first three are causes unknown and are hard to prove - more likely to be mechanical factor.

Parr I am going to suggest that we run this thing out with some sort of a recommendation to get it into the hands of Judiciary where it belongs for such things as comparing with other laws of other states. We just got it by accident and there is no point in spending alot of time with something that doesn't really belong to us.

Ose If Rep. Parr thinks we got it by mistake then I would recommend that the Chairman check with the Speaker and see if this is actually the case.

Beirne I believe that the major cause of the problem of falling asleep while smoking in bed is intoxication. As far as our committee is concerned I think we should be concentrating on preventive programs. I would think that maybe we could refer it on to Judiciary with no recommendation. I also think this bill is too small, if the person was the cause of loss of lives he should have alot more than just a 500 fine and a misdemeanor slapped at him. I'm not quite sure which catagory we're talking about and who would be affected.

Chairman With no further questions to Mr. Fanning we will continue considering this bill tomorrow if we are able to have someone from the Atty. Gen. Office. We will also consider HB 56 at that time.

Schedule for 1/29....HB 12, HB 13 which are yours Mrs. Beirne. We will post-pone HB 56 indefinately by request of Mr. Ose, until he can compile more information pertaining to this bill.

HB 12, & 13 will be taken up on Thursday by request of Rep. Beirne in order to bring in the witnesses.

Rep. Parr moved to adjourn the meeting until 3:00 Wednesday.



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1-29-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

The first portion of the meeting was orientation by the Dept. of Health and Social Services. The presentations were as follows:

Dr. Don Freedman - Div. of Public Health
Dr. Jerry Schraeder - Div. of Mental Health
Ms. Barbara Miklos - Office of Alcoholism
Mary Beth Hilburn - Office of Drug Abuse
Jerry Madden - Comprehensive Health Planning
Lowell Swartz- " " "
Roger Lange - Quality Control/ Collection Agency

A complete tape recording of all presentations is available upon request from the secretary.

Chairman Sullivan - Thank you very much for your presentation and we will see you tomorrow.

Swanson - Madam Chairman, before we adjourn this meeting I would like to speak just briefly on HB 6 which I assume is before us at this time. I would like to have the committee know that I support this bill for reasons not brought before the committee yesterday. Many times in rural Alaska you have a guy who is driving along the highway and flips his cigarette out the window and starts a brush fire and burns up someones house. At this time we haven't a vehicle to reach out and nab the guy. For this reason alone this is a good piece of legislation. To expedite the bill I would move and ask unanimous consent that we pass this bill out of committee with a "do Pass"

Parr Object, I am only going to say that I have a minor amendment that I'd like to make and that is that in the line where it says "property" it would say "property of other persons". I would move to amend that after the word "property" to insert the words "other persons".

Chairman We will vote on the amendment.

All in favor 5 All oppose 2

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The Bill has been amended.

Beirne I would like to see this bill go out but with a "no recommendation" and pass it on to Judiciary.

Chairman All in favor of moving the bill out with a "do pass".
Motion failed.

Parr I move that we pass the bill out with a "no recommendation".

Swanson Object

Chairman The motion is that we move the bill out of committee with a "no recommendation".

All in favor 6 All opposed 1

Chairman Motion passes.

Dr. McGinnis' presentation tomorrow will take us at least until 5:00 so we will not be considering any bills at that time. Friday we will meet at Margaret Justices' at 3:00.

Parr I move to adjourn.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

1-30-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

There were no Bills considered at this meeting. The continuation of the presentation by the Directors of the Dept. of Health and Social Services ran until 5:00pm. The speakers were as follows:

Larry Sullivan-Div. of Medical Assistance
Stan Harris- Div. of Family and Children Services
Gail Roust- Office of Aging
Charles Adams- Div. of Corrections
Dorothy Bensen-Violent Crimes
Ben Iverson- Div. of Administrative Services

The meeting was adjourned until 3:00 Monday, February 3, 1975.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

1-31-75

There was no HESS Meeting scheduled.

Margaret Justice from the Dept. of Education, Correspondence Study Program, held a conference in the basement of the old coastguard building. It was to be Joint HESS, Joint Finance. Her presentation was scheduled for 2:30.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-3-75

The HESS Meeting for today was canceled due to a Joint CRA Meeting.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-4-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Osterback
Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Ose	Sullivan
	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

The first bill on the agenda for today is SB 31. This has passed the Senate and the information we have is that the major parties involved are NEA and the administration both of which have no problem with this bill. Mr. Overstreet is here to testify on the bill.

Bill Overstreet-Exec. Secretary for the AASB

The bill simply grants to the PTCP the authority to make recommendations to the Commissioner for the revocation of certificates and adds a forced reason as justification for revocation certificates and that is for a violation of the code of ethics or a violation of contract.

Hackney- That is not the way I read the bill. Before, they could recommend to the Commissioner to revoke or suspend, under this bill they will be able to revoke or suspend the teaching certificate. The language that was taken out is the language that says 'recommends to the Dept. suspension or revocation'. Now it says 'subject to' the approval of the Commissioner the PTCP may suspend or revoke.

Parr - Didn't seem to me that it will do anything for PTCP, simply changed the wording.

Beirne - This bill changes a very little except it adds one more cause for revocation or suspension. The Commissioner still has the final say.

Hackney - I am still not in agreement. I can see in the future the Commissioner not even in existence.

Ostrosky - My feelings are that there isn't that many cases where a suspension or revocation of a certificate is being acted on. It isn't that common of an occurrence.

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Bob Van Houte - Exec. Secretary for NEA

The bill provides for sharing powers and gives the PTCP the authority to do this with the approval of the Commissioner of Education. We feel that this is a step in the direction of giving more responsibility to the profession to police their own ranks; to tell the teachers when they are doing something wrong; to warn them and to have the authority to call them in and tell them to shape up. It does not infringe upon the current authority of the Commissioner.

Hackney - What does it do to the school superintendent?

Van Houte - Nothing that I can see. I would say it gives the PTCP more specific power. It still requires the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

Beirne - Actually this is the Governor's Commission. He chooses the members of the Board.

Ose - I have to agree with Mr. Hackney. Presently they have the right to subpoena teachers.

Swanson - The Bill gives direct approach to the problem. If a teacher is inefficient she will be able to be fired. As it stands now we can't fire her.

Mr. Ken Greaser - Dept. of Education

There have only been two certificates revoked. Some people are afraid this Commission will be too powerful. I have not seen this happen. The people on the Commission are very fair. It gives them some stature that they don't have now. Commissioner Lind is in favor of this bill.

Parr - I move to pass SB 31 out of committee with a 'do pass'.

Ostrosky - I second the motion

Chairman Sullivan - I ask for the Question.

All in favor _____ 8 _____ All Opposed _____ 1 _____

Mr. Hackney voted in opposition of the bill.

HB 77

Speaker Bradner - Mr. Bradner testified before the Committee in favor of the bill.

Ose I move to pass the bill on to the Finance Committee

Swanson I move to pass HB 77 out of Committee with a 'do pass'

Beirne Second and ask for unanimous consent.

Chairman Hearing no objection, the motion carries.

HB 67

Rep. Gardiner - Testified to the Committee as to the content of the bill. Stated that the fiscal cost of the bill was \$130,500.00 a year. Only four communities had a decrease in enrollment in the schools in the 1974 school year. They cannot reduce their costs.

Ostrosky - I move to pass HB 67 out of Committee with a 'do pass'

Bill Overstreet testified in favor of the bill.

Mr. Van Houte also was in favor of the bill.

The question was called for and by unanimous consent was passed out of Committee with a 'do pass' recommendation.

HB 28

Rep. Miller gave a briefing of the bill. He stated that if a student goes to school in the state on a state loan, 100 % of that loan will be forgiven. As it is now only 40% is forgiven. This way the state will fund college education if the student goes in the state. This would give a strong edge to the U of A. The additional impact for the bill would be \$690,000. There would be an estimated 300 new students using the State Loan Program.

Swanson - When do the students start paying back the loan?

Miller - Payment commences within one year and shall be fully paid back within six years by monthly payments.

1st year.....	25%	of loan forgiven
2nd year.....	50%	" " "
3rd year.....	75%	" " "
4th year.....	100%	" " "

Beirne - I would like to hold this bill over until Mr. Cruthers can testify on it. It think it is a very discriminatory bill.

Hackney I am in agreement with Ms. Beirne.

Parr 62% of our students in the loan program are going outside to school.

Ostrosky Does it offer in effect, free tuition?

Miller What we want to do is look at the total cost of going to school.

Chairman Sullivan suggested that the bill be brought up again on Wednesday's calendar in order that Mr. Caruthers could testify. Also on the calendar would be HB 28, HB 27 and Orientation by Mr. Sam Trivett who is with the Division of Corrections.



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HOUSE HESS MEETING

2-5-75

Members All Present

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00
We will begin where we left off yesterday with HB 28.

Jac Carruthers gave his testimony to the bill.

Carruthers - From an administrative point of view, the 100% forgiveness as presently set up has a very serious flaw in it. At the end of the first year grace period, the student begins making his payments. If at the end of 2 years, we have forgiven 25%, do we give him back the money he paid during the second year? Or the other side would be that it looks as if the student was going to be forgiven so you decided not to collect that first years money because eventually he was going to be 100% forgiven, and then after 22 months in the State he decides to move south and then suddenly he would be almost 1 year in arrears in his payments. The only way around this would be to start the forgiveness at the end of the first year. With the 100% we will just have to do something about when the forgiveness starts. Otherwise its an administrative headache.

The other thing about the 100% forgiveness is the immense amount of paperwork that would have to go through. You would have the student, every year, certify that he is still an Alaskan resident, we go through all the paperwork each year for every student just to tell them they have gotten 25% again that year. But if you want the hold on them to make sure they stay in Alaska I don't see any other way around it. Psychologically to the problem, as you may recall the 68-69 and 70-71 loans were 100% forgiven to residents in Alaska, then the students attitude tends to be why go through all this paperwork, I'm still here in Alaska and I'm 100% forgiven so don't bother me. We send out the forms - they are not returned we send follow up forms etc. One idea is that a student must, by June 1 of each year, certify to us that he is an Alaskan resident and if he fails to do so he loses the given per cent for that year. That could possibly be one approach.

Parr - You gave me the figures that roughly 62% of the students overall were out of state. 206 graduates and 1459 undergrad. How much money are we talking about that these students are spending at out of state universities?

Carruthers- Out of state undergrad student - \$1,408,978. Inside the state for undergrads - \$895,000. \$514,000. for out of state graduates and \$106,000. for inside state graduates.

Parr How many students are going out of state to take programs which are adequately offered here?

Carruthers Every year we do a survey of the students and about 40% of them are returned. On that form we ask their major. So that 40% is just a cross section and there is no way of any accurate information in that area. We do have them broken down to what state they are going to. We have 16 international students.

Ose - Why is it going to be so much more paperwork on this 100%?

Carruthers - I was talking in the sense that there is no return for all this work we do. With a revolving fund when we get payments from the students why then it seems worthwhile to go thru the paperwork. If they are 100% forgiven, psychologically I think they are harder to trace down. There are 622 total in state students. Outside students is 1,043.

We have only had a positioned staff for repayments since the first of September. It will be another six months before we can say exactly how many people.

Hackney - Have you done any kind of survey among the students to see whether or not it does keep them in the state? And particularly if it does keep them in Alaska?

Carruthers - Yes, I have. We asked them the question that if the forgiveness clause influenced their plans to stay in Alaska. We asked three categories; totally based on that, partially, or if it made no difference at all. Roughly the split was 40-40-30. Wasn't quite 1/3. A lot of them that said it didn't influence them at all, in the comment section they put 'I love Alaska whether I'm forgiven or not I'm going to come back.'

Beirne - How much money has flown through the loan program at this time and how much have you received back?

Carruthers - In the neighborhood of 8 million that has gone out over the last six years and our repayments last year was approx. \$124,000. the year before that was about \$60,000. So far this year we've collected about \$80,000. (fiscal 75) Our projected estimate for this year was about \$200,000.

Beirne - Since we changed it last year so the money now is supposed to come back into the loan fund and make it a truly revolving fund rather than into the general fund, is that working?

Carruthers - What happened was that the Legislature tempered the amount of general funds. If I asked for a certain amount of money they then subtract from it my expected return and give me a lesser amount. And of course the people we forgive keep it from ever being a 100% revolving fund. From about 4 or 5 years from now the payment schedule gets up to where there is about ½ the funds needed. It goes into the revolving fund but my budget statement, they take the amount anticipated in collections and subtract that from the amount asked so that the amount of the general fund plus the amount of program receipts add up to the total on hand.

Parr What is the average amount of money per year for the student in either paying or being forgiven?

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Carruthers - The average loan last year was about \$1,800 and about \$2,000 this year if we hadn't had that roll-back to make the funds stretch to every student. If a student had a \$10,000 loan, the payments would be \$170 per month.

Beirne Theoretically, they are to begin paying back in one year. Do you have any idea how many actually do pay back in one year?

Carruthers

- At the end of the one year grace period they have to start paying. I don't know how many of them actually do pay.

Beirne How many have asked for the 5 year hardship which would make it six years before they even start paying and 11 years before they finish paying.

Carruthers - They start paying at the same time but merely at a reduced amount. I don't believe there are more than 5 or 6. We have them furnish us with notarized proof of expenses.

Ostrosky How is the size of the loan determined from the individual student?

Carruthers - Determine first what the tuition fee, board and room and books cost. Then we have a column for complete education expenses, supplies etc. Then list the sources of funds available to the students for all the expenses. We subtract one column from the other and that is the financial need. Then is the statutory ceiling of \$2,500. Of those three figures, whichever one is the lesser is the amount of the actual award. \$2,500 is the maximum amount for an undergraduate, for a graduate it is \$5,000. It works out to about \$17 per thousand per month for the repayments.

Hackney - Your major objection to it is the bookkeeping involved?

Carruthers My personal objection to it is having two kinds of Alaskans-40% and 100%. Eventually they'll say there will be 100% forgiveness for people who go outside providing they're taking a major that is not offered in the state. And I don't think anybody would want to be in the position of saying that this major is adequate and this one is not.

Beirne - How much is left in your revolving fund?

Carruthers - About \$250,000 uncommitted. The total number of awards is 2,149 for just this year. There are several hundred that have dropped out of the program. There is no more than about a 2 week delay in backlog due to the paperwork. We met the requirement of awarding to all eligible students. What we have left will take care of us through summer school which has never happened.

Fink - I think in some ways you've given the impression that you have enough money to go around but really you're 30% short on that money when you cut everybody back to 70%. I think you're way short in funds. Some people just can't go when they are cut back that much. My impression is that you're misleading the committee.

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Beirne Do you have a staff now to get notifications out, bring the money back in, interest which is due etc?

Carruthers I have also asked for additional people for this fiscal year. I had two new positions this year so we are better off then ever before so that gives us four girls now. We aren't falling as far behind as we used to be.

My solution to this bill would be at the end of the first year, give 20%, 2nd year 40% and so on until you reach 100%. Then it gets away from the whole bit about the four years forgiveness.

Ose I would recommend there be an amendment to this bill with starting the end of the first year of 20% forgiveness etc.

Miller Mr. Carruthers suggestion makes total sense to me. He has pointed out a mechanical deficiency and also suggested an amendment so I'd be delighted to go along with an amendment.

Ose - I move that we add this amendment to this bill.

Ostrosky Second

Chairman - All in Favor 9 Opposed 0

Amendment passes. Is there a motion yet in regard to the bill as amended?

Ose I move we pass it out with individual recommendation.

Hackney Second

Chairman All in favor 9 Opposed 0

Bill passes.

Mr. Sam Trivett gave a brief orientation of his Dept. and the Div. of Corrections. It has been taped and is available upon request.

HB 27

Swanson This bill came to me by request of a pilot who also works and drives a school bus. It isn't anything more than a vehicle where a pilot or anyone holding a valid first or second class medical certificate under the FAA would be exempt from taking another medical exam. when he asks for a permit to run a school bus. In rural Alaska there are many times where you might have to go 100 miles for the examination which would cause an extreme hardship.

Ostrosky Is that a regulation or is that a statutory requirement?

Swanson I'm sure it is a statutory regulation.

OSe Is a TB test required?

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Mr. Ose's question could not be answered and it was suggested that the bill be held over until Thursday's meeting in order that there may be further witnesses to testify in regards to HB 27.

Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting until 3:00 Thursday.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-6-75

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Ose	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

HB 27

Mr. Isaac from the Dept. of Education testified on the bill. As far as the Department is concerned, we have no objections to the bill. It is possible that we will be able to work out some procedural matters with the Public Safety people where the medical examinations will be filed on these type of things.

Chairman The question that was raised yesterday was that in fact for busdrivers, a TB test was required by regulation but the TB test is not normally part of the examination. Basically what we are trying to resolve here is how to state this bill so that it will include the requirement of the TB test.

Swanson - I might suggest that by just adding an amendment this section does not exempt the applicant from the educational requirement of taking a TB test.

Chairman Mr. Isaac, how would you recommend it be written?

Isaac The medical people like to have these written in a certain way so that one type of test, a relatively easy one, if there are certain implications from that TB test, then you go to the X ray method of checking. What they are trying to avoid is an excessive amount of X rays. You do word it in a manner of what the medical people want. I think generally your phrasing is alright.

Swanson - I move to adopt the amendment. " This section does not exempt the applicant from taking a TB test."

Hackney Second

Unanimous consent of the adoption.

Swanson Move and ask unanimous consent to pass the bill out with attached amendment.

Ose Second

Vote was a unanimous 'do pass'.

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Rep Parr gave a briefing of the bill concerning ice fog in Fairbanks area.

Hackney - What this carbon monoxide actually does is affect the blood. One place where this has been observed is in the local Fairbanks blood banks because they find that people who are coming in to give blood during this period of ice fog, have a much higher concentration of carbon monoxide in their blood, far exceeding anything in the lower 48. I believe a study of this kind is a necessary thing.

Ose - I move we pass this bill out with a 'do pass'
Davis Second

Unanimously passed by the Committee.

HB 97

Ose I don't believe this bill should have been in this committee but beings it has been I would like to put an ammendment on it. In line 15 after "found" to insert "for the second time". I would ask for adoption of this ammendment.

Chairman There is a motion on the floor for the adoption of the ammendment, is there a second?

Parr Second
Ammendment passed with unanimous consent.

Hackney - The names of minors has been authorized by the courts in Fairbanks for some time but newspapers have not used the names that have been available and I think one of the reasons is that they don't feel that there is enough authority in the law to do it as it stands now. I think this bill would provide that authority.

Ostrosky - I think the present law covers the problem and I don't think that a minor should be subject to this. I would prefer not to see any acceptions made in that area for the same basic reasons that I feel a minor should be protected from having stigma like that attached to him.

Ose Read a review from U.S. News & World Report. This article was based on the national level.

Chairman Sullivan The Dept. of Corrections was not able to send anyone over today but the do wish to testify and are sending a position paper over at 3:00. I imagine it will be here shortly. I would anticipate that we not take final action on this bill until we read this paper. Recess to the call of the chair.

Chairman Sullivan recalled the meeting to order and having received no position paper from the Div. of Corrections, adjourned the meeting until Monday at 3:00 when all information would be available.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING
2-10-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order. The first order of business was HB 79.

Dr. Ferguson from the U of A was not able to attend the meeting and sent a representative to testify for the bill.

Parr I move we send the bill out of committee with a 'do pass'.

Swanson I second the motion

Chairman All in favor 8 Opposed 0

SB 18

Senator Gene Chance was the sponsor of the bill and testified to the Committee.

Mr. Engen, Director of Museums was also present and spoke in favor of the bill.

Hackney I move we send the bill out of committee with a 'do pass'.

Parr Second the motion

Chairman All in favor 8 Opposed 0

HB 129

Rep. Miller - Main sponsor of the bill

The first half of the bill prohibits smoking in various places. The second half of the bill clarifies that an area be designated for non-smokers in every public place. For example the FAA ruled that all airlines designate a special portion of the plane for non-smokers which has proved to be very successful.

Parr Raised the question that the bill seemed weak in that it did not clarify a mandatory area in each building for smokers.

Miller In all areas it will cause people to think and decide where ventilation is satisfactory enough to allow smoking; in the case of poor ventilation, no smoking.

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Hackney The Dept. of Health and Social Services would probably be the decision makers as to the designated smoking areas.

Miller In the cases of a change or unusual circumstance, the Legislature can pass a regulation by making a concurrent resolution.

Parr Would you consider the possibility of a mandate smoking area added to the bill?

Miller Would not feel right mandating a smoking area in such places as hospitals, archives, etc.

Ostrosky Spoke in favor of the bill.

Parr Against the bill as presently stated.

Hackney How many states have passed this legislation?

Miller Eleven I believe.

Swanson I move to send the bill out of committee with a 'do pass'.

Hackney Second

Chairman All in favor 7 Opposed (1) Parr

Chairman Tomorrow we will be taking up HB 59 and we will also set HB 97 tentatively in respect to our witnesses.

Mr. Swanson invited the Committee to dinner at his house on Wednesday evening at 5:30.

The position paper in regards to HB 97 from the Div. of Corrections was passed out.

Mr. Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting until 3:00 on Tuesday.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-11-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Osterback	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00. The first order of business was HB 59.

Rep. Miller-Sponsor of the bill

This bill is simply an oversight situation of the original drafters. At the present time a teacher may retire and get 50% of his current salary. If by chance he becomes disabled and rehabilitates himself, there is no mechanism for getting him back in the teaching area again. He loses all his teacher tenure. Under this bill he will regain all benefits and tenure rights. This was brought to my attention by a teacher who found himself in this situation. I doubt that there are many more cases that one or two a year concerning this matter.

Parr What happens to his retirement pay?

Miller Under this law he would simply get back what is coming to him.

Beirne A Teacher must teach at least 2 years before gaining tenure.

Parr Also he must have six credits every six years to keep his teaching certificate.

Mr. Van Houte-NEA Also spoke in favor of the bill.

Ose Would his salary scale be the same as when he left?

Van Houte Yes, if his certificate is still good.

Parr I move to pass this bill out of committee with a 'do pass'.

Hackney I have a few more questions, Line 13 - down to Line 20, what kind of pressure does this put the district under to rehire him?

Van Houte If he moves to another district he has no tenure rights. There must be a vacancy and he must be qualified. If these two things are in order he would have seniority over any other applicant for the job.

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Ms. Ostrosky seconded the motion by Parr.

Chairman All in favor 7 OPPOSED 1 (Hackney-No Rec)

HB 97

Mr. Pope Attorney from Fairbanks, formerly from Public Defenders Office and has worked with Juveniles throughout the state.

See some severe complications with this bill in the area of admission and denial. It is my feeling that it will force the defense attorney into a situation where he will, rather than concerning himself with the rehabilitation of the child, spend time and money in trying to get the offender off in order that his name won't be revealed; which could psychologically effect the child. Most cases are in admission, under this bill that would possibly not happen.

Swanson I don't understand the Defense Attorney's situation here.

Pope There will be an incredible amount of new trials if this bill goes through. The attorney wants to put his efforts into the rehabilitation of the child rather than all of the criminal part.

Hackney Would it be your feeling that there might be pressure on the part of the child to refrain from criminal acts in the event that his name is published?

Pope No, the bill will simply cost the state alot of extra money and do no good in the area of the child's welfare.

Osterback It seems to me that Juveniles will want their names published for attention.

Pope It has been my experience that most all cases go back to the need of attention. My suggestion is that the committe should amend CR 12 D.

Mrs. Berg - Concerned Citizen

This is a good bill and I am 100% behind this bill. My feelings are that the Judges are much too lenient. In 17 cases of drug abuse in Juneau, all were let go. When the judges were asked why, that information was never uncovered. It was requested that the Judges be made to write legal opinions as to the reasons for releasing the juveniles.

Swanson Personally, I am not in total agreement with the language of the bill.

Parr It is my suggestion that we send the bill back to IAA and investigate the wording. Also, the figures of juveniles in the state of Alaska are not available.

Swanson I think we should move this bill out.

Ostrosky I would like to hear Mr. Hickey first. I am not prepared to vote on it.

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Mr. Hickey- District Attorney-spoke against the bill

My testimony is taken strictly from my own experiences in these cases. There are no statistics available concerning the bill. It is my feeling that this bill is not good in that it does not get to the root of the problem, which is the child's actions and the reasons for those actions.

Mr. Hickey's testimony was quite lengthy and is available by tape recording upon request from the secretary.

Meeting was adjourned until 3:00 Wednesday.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-13-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

Vice Chairman Parr called the meeting to order at 3:00.

The first order of business was HB 83.

Bob Gates Dir. of Retirement

This bill is intended to provide ongoing mandatory post retirement pension adjustment and would be payable once a year in July. On the bill as it is drafted, we think the concept is becoming more prevalent nationally. As you are working as a teacher, at the time of retirement, your retirement is fixed unless there is something to supplement that. We would recommend that a specific reference be made in the bill to an index. Essentially two costs of living allowances are in the TR system. People continuing to reside gain an amount of 10% of their basic benefit while they remain in the state. Under this bill they would also receive whatever the cost of living increase happens to be.

Hackney How would it be funded? Out of the state general fund?

Gates The state share would be taken out of the state general fund. The school district would be provided for out of their respective budgets. I don't have a dollar figure, a minimum of a four figure.

Parr You previously gave me a figure of between 3-4 million which was a 17 year period.

Gates When you accrue a liability you are accruing more than a one year liability.

Van Houte Right after Line #16 add three words, 'for Anchorage, Alaska'. Then it would read what we have been talking about.

Parr The only place in the state of Alaska in which the Bureau of Vital Statistics does do an index is Anchorage.

Osterback This is only for the teachers is that correct?

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Gates This is addressed to Title 14 only. It would have to be put into Title 39 for public employees if such an amendment was made.

Van Houte This is a number one priority bill as far as educators are concerned. They are very anxious to have this Legislation passed. The suggestion of Anchorage being the base for the consumer price index is one which we recommend. We also recognise that this will have significant financial impact.

Swanson I move to amend the bill as follows: Change, in line 23, the word 'may' to 'shall', and ask unanimous consent.

Parr Without objection, so ordered. This bill will be held over until we are able to get the fiscal notes respectively.

HB 84

Gates We are opposed to this bill. We see the intent of this bill as being detrimental. Our objection is that once it has been repaid, it would be forgiven, then we see some adverse selection against the retirement system which would come about by originally being handled this way and its no out of pocket money (in the form of a payment of any time) but the person that dies three months after they start this option, the system never reimburses for the amount of the indebtedness. If this is the option that is selected, those that are receiving benefits longer than ten years are going to pay for those that live less than 10 years. Our recommendation would be to either let the statute remain as is or consider eliminating option two entirely.

Beirne They may pay it off while they're still teaching, pay it off anytime in a full amount, or in periodic lump sum payments.

Van Houte We would like to see a person be able to pay accumulative interest over a ten year period.

HB 84 was passed out of committee with individual recommendations.

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No Recommendation

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Do Pass

HB 121 Was also taken up by the Committee at this time and was passed out with a unanimous 'Do Pass' Recommendation. The bill was sent on to the CRA Committee.

Vice Chairman Parr adjourned the meeting



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-19-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ost	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

The first order of business was HB 107.

Mary Beth Hilbourne—Office of Drug Abuse

Ms. Hilbourne passed out a Departmental Position Paper concerning the bill. This same bill has been introduced in previous years. We have been trying to get the Uniform Control Substance Act in its updated form. We have a complete list of the 'substances' as they now stand. Alcohol is a depressant and should be included in any mentioning of depressant drugs. It is not on this list. We feel that this may be the time to introduce a much more constructive bill to revamp the entire Title 16.

Parr Concerning this Uniform Control Substance Act, we don't now adopt it by reference, is alcohol listed there?

Hilbourne No it is not and should be.

Gruening As stated in Title 17 can't the Commissioner of Health & Social Services set alcohol under this list by regulations?

Hilbourne I believe that he has to bring it before the Legislature a number of weeks before and hold hearings also before doing so.

Swanson What is it that you would suggest to amend line 16?

Hilbourne You could take out some of the wording but actually what is needed here is the total revamping of Title 17. It is an old bill and a new list of the Uniform Substance Act is badly needed for the whole Title 17.

Mr. Brenton - Div. of Corrections

Only here to answer questions as far as the effect of this bill on our department.

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Hackney I think we should hear from the Attorney General's office before acting on this bill.

Ostrosky I would like to direct a question to the sponsors of this bill and that is what exactly was meant by the wording of this bill, what were the intentions?

Ose I can't really say.

Hackney I don't feel that the intent was to make it a mandatory decision on the part of the courts.

Swanson I don't believe it is mandatory. Line 23 or 24 says 'probably' which removes it from being mandatory.

Parr The line above that has the word 'is' which makes that statement a definite fact.

Chairman Sullivan appointed Rep. Ostrosky to work as a subcommittee and research this bill further. She also asked that the Attorney General's opinion on this matter be taken into consideration.

Announcements:

Going to Anchorage for H & SS Hearings the first week in March will be:
Sullivan
Beirne
Osterback

On the first and second of March there will be meetings at the Eagle River Facility and also the MacCloughlin Youth Center. Sullivan, Beirne and Parr will be in attendance.

9:00 on Friday there will be a Joint Hearing for the HESS Committees with the Executive Board of the Alaska State School Board of Education.

Meeting Adjourned.

POSITION PAPER
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 107

"An Act relating to possession of depressant, hallucinogenic and stimulant drugs."

Pharmacologically, alcohol is a depressant drug (sedative-hypnotic) and it may cause some legal problems if a second offense alcohol possession on public or private schools or at some school or community sponsored activity attended by persons less than 19 years of age results in a felony charge. It is equitable but probably will not receive great community support if enforcement is stringent.

Recommendation: Consideration of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act in place of this legislation.

Department of Public Safety would have to prepare a fiscal note.

Recommended by: Kelly M. Watt for February 7, 1975
Mary Beth Hilburn, Coordinator

Approved by: F. S. Williamson Feb. 12, 1975
F. S. Williamson, Commissioner date

Comments by Governor's Office:

By: _____ date



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-20-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Ose	
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00. She then read an OVR testimony sheet sent over from Mike Morgan. It concerned disabled citizens of Alaska.

HB 13 - Rep. Beirne gave a briefing of her bill

HB 12

This bill is taking into consideration the handicapped as well as the aged. In 1974 663 Senior Citizens used the Alaska Ferry System. Nationally, 9.6% of the population is handicapped. In Alaska alone, 8.9% of our population is handicapped.

HB 12 asked for \$500,000. to install an elevator in the Malaspina. The major modification on the Ferries would be the elevators. Presently it is impossible to install elevators on the rest of the fleet (exception of Malaspina & Columbia which already has an elevator). Dr. Beirne recommends to complete the job on the Malaspina as far as installing the elevator. It may also be possible to set aside a couple of rooms specially equipped for the aged or disabled.

Mr. Hudson - Director of Marine Transportation

It may roughly cost \$50,000 a room to convert them for use by the aged. It all depends on how far you want to go.

Beirne The intent here is to get a facility to get them between the decks. You mentioned freight elevators. How about the Le Conte?

Hudson I would think it would be impossible at this point. The new Le Conte type vessel that is under construction at the present time is being built generally the same as the Le Conte.

Ose How many people are we talking about who would be involved with the handicapped passengers?

Hudson I don't know for sure.

Ose I can't see the need for one on every ferry.

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Beirne There are 40,108 handicapped Alaskans at this time. A large section of the population. Senior Citizens are the greatest traveling group at the present time.

Ose I don't think the returns will every compensate for the costs.

Beirne The bill is not addressed at renovating every ferry. It says that when and if they are improved or if a new ship is built, at that time an elevator or means of transporting the passengers will be installed.

Hackney If you take out Line 15. After the effective date no ferry may be re-constructed etc. The first part reads to me to mandate this.

Stu Hall - Legislative Affairs

There was no intent that all the ferries that go to dry dock next would have these alterations.

Osterback In place of an elevator would an escalator be more practice?

Hudson That has never been done before but I think it would be impossible.

Hackney Are you aware of the stair lift things, apparently you attache them to the railing and they pull you up?

Hudson That may be a possibility. The fleet that we now have is probably all we'll have for the next 5 to 10 years. The Columbia has the only elevator.

Osterback I would suggest that you hire more people to help these Senior Citizens get around.

Swanson We are catering to two kinds of people. Alaskans and tourists.

Hudson I'm open to any suggestions that may improve the system.

Hackney I am not against the bill but I think the State can't afford the cost of it at this time.

Mr. Reed - Alaska Rehabilitation Assoc. past Chairman

I would encourage any Legislation which would require the additions of any attempts to help the handicapped.

Beirne This fiscal note that is attached to the bill for the installation of the elevator on the Malaspina is \$500,000.

Minister of the Assembly of God Church Just came back to Juneau this summer on the Columbia with his family and has a son and a disabled daughter who is in a wheel chair. It is my feeling that there was very little attention given to families on the long 3 day voyages. I would suggest that it is necessary to somehow attempt to include those that can't get around. Rooms and Ramps were not accesible on our voyage. For the most part the people were very considerate. I am in favor of this bill. Because there was no way to easily get the wheel chair on and off the ship to the upper decks we were confined to the ship at the ports. I think it would have been a nice experience for my daughter to have been able to get off the ship and look around.

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Beirne I have some amendments and would like to bring these bills up again tomorrow.

Sullivan Okay, we will try to meet tomorrow at 2:30.

HB 89- Mr. Swanson gave a briefing of his bill. Anderson Village School. He suggested an amendment in Line 6 to delete 'Dept. of Education'.

Davis It also asks for a bus. Where does this come in?

Swanson The Anderson students are not on the bus line at all. The people have asked for a small van to haul the kids around and they will provide for the insurance and the cost of the driver.

Ose Is that school a breakoff from the Healy School?

Swanson No. Healy, Nenana, and Anderson are all separate. I believe the enrollment of the highschool is 31.

Hackney If we go giving this money to the Anderson school, how much money will the rest of the smaller schools want?

Beirne I'd like to know why this wasn't included in last years budget?

Swanson I suggest a vote on the bill, if anyone wants to change it that can be done in Finance.

Swanson I move this bill out of committee with individual recommendations.

Ose Second.

Chairman Do Pass 4 No Rec 4

Meeting Adjourned until 2:30 tomorrow, 2-21-75.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-21-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

HB 104 - Construction of a Pioneers Home in Ketchikan

Mr. Perry -Dir. Div. Pioneers Homes

Pioneers like to be as close to their home as possible. We anticipate that more people will stay in Alaska. At the present time they can't afford to stay, and unfortunately many of them can't afford to leave either. The Sitka Pioneer Home has been reduced in size since it originally opened. Originally it was about 225 beds and now it is 185 beds.

Beirne Are they presently building a nursing home in Ketchikan?

Perry Yes. The nursing home takes care of all ages, a Pioneers Home would be a live in residence for people who have been in Alaska 15 years. I would be very interested in an investigation as to the age limit for admission into the home.

Parr How many homes are presently in operation? And what is their capacity?

Perry 4 at the present time. Fairbanks, Sitka, Palmer, one under construction in Kotzebue and one in Anchorage. The Anchorage Home will be ready in Sept. of 76. At present we have a total of 223. When the Anchorage and Kotzebue Homes are ready we estimate 550 beds (possibly Ketchikan included in these figures).

Parr What capacity will this 5 million give us as to the number of beds?

Perry 90 to 100 beds.

Parr Any survey to make sure these beds will be filled once we have them?

Bob Gore Pioneer Home Advisory Board

Before the building is even completed we will have almost double the requests for residency. We would be assured of 250 applicants if it were opened tomorrow. The 1973 Board recommended that no more funds be spent on the Sitka Home because the renovation costs were higher than actually building a new one.

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Hackney If a resident gets sick and goes to the nursing ward, is his bed held open for him?

Perry Yes. And he now has two beds open to him which a big encouragement to him knowing that his room is still waiting for him.

Parr Has the state ever made a comprehensive plan as to the number of aged who are living in their own homes, homes of relatives or friends etc?

Perry Office of the Aging has these figures.

Parr What percent would want to be in a Pioneers Home rather than a private home?

Gore 1 in 12 Alaskans (8%) would want this. There are 1675 Aged throughout SE Alaska and approx. 5300 statewide.

Hackney How much longer can they last before some suit-happy individual makes a case out of the residency acceptance age for admission?

Perry A good question. Personnally I have an 88 year old mother whom I'd love to see in th Pioneer Home up here but she does not qualify. And I'm sure there are many more people who fall into this catagory.

Carol DeYoung 10% of the people in Ketchikan are 65 and over. And of these 400 do not recieve longevity bonuses. They have a gut fear of where they are to end up. Many of them are living in the boat harbor on leaky old boats because of the lack of anywhere else to go. Others are living in run down houses because of lack of funds to fix them up. I would urge the passage of this bill. It is up to you people to take care of these Alaskans.

Mr. Teague City Manager of Ketchikan

Read and submitted a resolution from the City of Ketchikan and also one from the Ketchikan Borough urging the passage of this bill. (See attached)

Osterback Any costs of the land for the construction of the building in Ketchikan.

Teague Wouldn't require any further costs as far as I know. It is available from the city.

Beirne I move to pass bill out of committee with a "Do Pass"

Swanson Second and ask for unanimous concent

Chairman Without objection, so ordered.

Meeting adjourned.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE

2-24-75

Members Present:

Beirne Parr
Hackney Sullivan
Ose
Ostrosky

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00. The first order of business was SB 28.

Senator Ziegler is one of the sponsors of CSSB 28 and gave a short briefing of the bill. As the Statute now reads, no one under the age of 19 can be married with or without the consent of the parents unless pregnancy has been determined. This bill was originally intended to lower that age to 18 and any age under that with the consent of the parents. However, with the addition of Sec. C, the intent has been changed and I'm not really sure what that Section means?!

Ose I move and ask we pass this bill out with unanimous consent.

Ostrosky Objection, I am troubled by Section C also and wouldn't want this bill passed out in this form.

Parr In Subsection C, before going to the Judge for permission, would there be a meeting set up between the parents and the Judge to aid him in his decision?

Ziegler I would think this would be an informal meeting. The applicant would probably set up a meeting. There would be no such requirement under this bill. The parents would not have to be contacted.

Beirne I don't think section C helps this bill in any way.

Hackney Would like to hear from a Judge on this matter. Possibly from the Juvenile Courts.

Ziegler Superior Court Judge Harold Butcher in Anchorage would be the most knowledgeable on this subject. Locally I don't know who it would be. One suggestion would be "below 18 they may obtain a license without the consent of the parents if she is pregnant." That's what the existing law now reads. The damage was inadvertently done to this bill last year so what I ask of you is to clean it up before passing it out.

Sullivan Personally, I have recieved a volume of calls on this subject.

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Hackney I fail to see the rush on this bill.

Parr Perhaps a period after 'license' in line 23 would clear up that section.

Sullivan How about Judge Stewart testifying on this bill?

Ose Prior to last year there was the parental consent to marriage and I've never heard of its being abused. I think we should just pass this thing out, doesn't seem to me there is any big problem here.

Hackney I would still like to hear testimony from a Judge.

The rest of the Committee were all in agreement with Mr. Hackney and it was decided that the bill be put off until such time as a Judge may be contacted and testify on the bill.

Chairman Sullivan also called the Committee Meeting for Tuesday at 10:30 as well as 3:00.

Meeting Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

2-25-75

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
Davis Swanson
Hackney
Osterback

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. The first bill up for consideration is HB 29.

HB 29 - School Tax On Oil

Mr. Swanson is the sponsor of this bill and gave a briefing of his bill. We are allowed to do this by Chapters 57 and 58. By law the revenue will go into the general fund. This is not a dedicated bill. With a tax of this type, a per barrel tax, as the production grows, the returns increase. The revenue goes right along with it. This bill deals with the future more than with the immediate time. It will add \$6 million annually to our treasury by the passage of this bill. Also it will be very easy to amend it if our costs are much higher.

Hackney On page 2, line 10. What is the meaning of this applying only on intra state oil?

Swanson Intrastate is the feeder line that we have control of, we have no control of the Interstate Pipeline.

David Walker Legislative Affairs

The meaning of this is that when you're talking about the transportation of oil, the oil transported within the state pertains to this bill. The rates are set by the Commission.

Beirne I am questioning the concept or content of this bill. We're dealing with proposing another small tax, it would seem to me, on how we tax our greatest resource. The big issue here is how much the oil companies put into the state. This might complicate it. Is there any other need for this bill, we already have a school tax which doesn't really go strictly for schools?

Swanson Putting tax on oil hoping it will go into the general fund. We shouldn't every top an industry, everyone can argue this but I don't have any sympathy for an industry that makes such an overwhelming profit from the state.

Davis What percent are we talking of, pertaining to Intrastate Oil?

Swanson 125 Million up to 620 Million barrels. (see attached sheet)

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Hackney This would tax all the oil moving within the state where there's pipeline action?

Swanson Yes, this is the only defense we have in dealing with interstate situations. We can tax, by this bill, any feeder line.

Beirne The only oil at this time is out of the Kenai area and its being taxed right out of existence. I'm insulted that you would ask to send this important bill out of committee with no more testimony than we have here.

Hackney I'm inclined to agree with Dr. Beirne, I think its a crime to treat such an important bill in this manner.

Davis I move we pass this bill out of committee with individual recommendations.

Chairman Sullivan Without hearing objection, so ordered.

Meeting Adjourned until 3:00 pm. this afternoon.

Chairman Sullivan recalled the committee at 3:00 to take up HB 113.
Mr. Ose was the only one absent

HB 113 Dr. Beirne is the sponsor of this bill. This is the same bill as was introduced in 1974 session (HB 201) At that time we had considerable hearings in Anchorage area. Dr. Fritz was the co sponsor at that time. Right now we have some considerations and amendments to add to this bill at its present state.

Charles Smith - Dept. Public Safety
We held meeting on this and proposed legislation in the Attorney General's office requiring periodic inspection programs to the state only relating to highway vehicles. We would suggest to incorporate some type of check on snow machines through motor vehicles registration. This would require certain controls on them at the time of registration.

Beirne Would you propose the section of motor vehicles be changed? Or reflect?

Smith This would reflect our regulations. At the present time there are nuisance regulations. And if motorcycles are used on the highways they are under our control.

Hackney Are you aware of any case of conviction of a nuisance case?

Smith No, not to my knowledge.

Commissioner Mueller - Dept. Environmental Conservation
If the primary thrust of this Legislation is for motor vehicles, then it should be under the Public Safety section. Our Dept. has an Environmental Advisory Board. A question we have is that this legislation speaks to motor vehicles and snow machines, would the Committee consider air craft boats etc. or do they come under this catagory? There would also seem to be a problem of enforcement, particularly the control on motor vehicles. Regulations should be developed, if the vehicle was sold after a certain year, it should have noise control devices on them at the time of sale and it would be illegal to modify or remove after point of sale.

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Osterback You mentioned boats and planes. I don't see how you could do this. To muffle an engine on a boat would ruin the engine. I think this bill should exempt boats and planes.

Parr Are there any municipalities to date that you know of that have a noise control ordinance?

Commissioner We have had some correspondence from Anchorage on these matters, you have some of the information in the pamphlet before you.

Parr Although the intent of this bill is good, I wonder if we're trying to do a little much here. For example comparing the noise of the City of Anchorage with the noise of a village.

Beirne The actual intent of this bill is to the decible of noise which is going to effect the health. It is not to address itself only to snow machines or motor vehicles but to building materials, architectural designs, road construction and boarders to reflect sound etc. It addresses itself to all areas of noise detrimental to health also to the psychological health of the individual.

Swanson I don't believe it is necessary to impose this regulation on country people. They couldn't afford to put control mechanisms on all their machinery.

Parr I have an objection to the Advisory Council or standards set by the department. Sec. 400 pg 3 reads to me that if you don't put the control at the local level it would be unreasonable and too costly to be regulated this way.

Beirne In terms of costs, in the big industries it will be cheaper in the long run to take these precautions rather than face the suits that are now beginning to take place.

Hackney Commissioner are you saying that OSHA would be in a better position to take care of contractors etc.?

Commissioner Not necessarily, the impingment on the individual workers should be handled by them, and construction operations.

Mr. Weeden - Dir. Div. Policy & Planning

I would only like to add that it seems that the section in the duties of the Council which speak of the education involved are the most criticle. And we would ask that the local governments be allowed to take up their own positions.

Swanson Are you comparing the noise of the typewriter with a caterpillar? In the same bill?

Beirne Every law is subject to a reasonable mans knowledge. At a decible level this could address itself to any noise making device going over the level of safety to the individual health.

Smith The biggest problem is where equipment is altered. There is a National Control Board and Federal Standards already in affect. Alaska isn't subject to the Federal Standards because it lacks the motor vehicle laws at this time.

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Swanson I don't think there is anything we could pass here that would control automobiles that isn't already in effect.

Canterbury - Communicative Disorders Program.

This program is responsible for hearing testing in field work. We see a broad range of hearing loss throughout the state. A lot of this loss is because of the style of living, activities etc. The most important aspect is that hearing loss can be prevented. (Showed Committee Audiogram Chart) The OSHA standards recognize 90 DB of noise for a normal working day. I believe this bill has some good facets. We would rather see a comprehensive plan to the program by educating people as to its importance, when and why they should wear ear plugs etc.

Swanson It seems to me we are dealing in two areas. Operators who have hearing hazard, and the nuisance hazard which probably has more pressure on a person mentally and physically.

Canterbury I'm speaking of physical damage. If you have the right education program it would help a lot. It's amazing how many people just don't realize that their hearing is going. They really take it for granted.

Parr Isn't there a certain amount of hearing loss with advanced age?

Canterbury Sure, progressive hearing loss exists in the elderly. What really disturbs me is the amount of hearing loss with teenagers.

Mr. Bridges Architect from Anchorage

The bill as proposed is a step in the right direction. We would hope that an architect be considered for the Advisory Council. The construction of buildings could be an important factor in adding the decibel range subject to individuals.

-----Chairman Sullivan recalled the meeting at 7:00 pm. to take up CSSB 28.

Rep. Ose was the only member not present for this meeting.

Chairman Sullivan asked Judge Stewart how he would interpret the proposed amendment.

Judge Stewart I'm not sure I know.

Hackney If that part were deleted, what would your interpretation be?

Stewart You have to make judgments on any issue like this by considering what is in the best interest of the minor. So, consider if this marriage was or evidence was to be in the best interest of the involved minor. An example of the evidence would be to bring in a psychiatric specialist to state that this is the case.

Chairman The competency and maturity of the minor, is this what you would judge your decision on?

Stewart Yes, that's what I had in mind when I used the phrase, best interest of the minor.

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Hackney Would a Judge call the parents?

Stewart Yes, the parents would certainly be able to come in and testify as to whether it would be good or bad.

Hackney Would the child need to have legal council?

Stewart Not necessarily, unless there is some question here about the Childrens Code.

Parr It seems that I don't understand why everyone in the family must be petitioned into court, why can't they meet informally in the judges chambers?

Stewart They must have records in the court unless you write statutes into the Childrens Laws (Title 47) to cover this.

Sullivan The whole subject here is concerned with section 3 and the amendment we have talked about, this is where the trouble will occur in courts?

Stewart Yes, what are extra ordinary circumstances?

Beirne Perhaps if we insert "in the best interests of the minor" this will comply with the childrens code.

Sullivan I think we should consider Judge Stewarts amendment: after the word "may" insert the words, "where it is in the best interest of the minor".
Another amendment I'm interested in, would you say that there are many 12 and 13 year olds in this situation? I'm wondering about setting absolute doors to the age limit.

Stewart No, but then those cases wouldn't come my way.

Sullivan I've heard this is happening and I'm very concerned.

Stewart That might be so in cases of pregnancy.

Parr This was originally an equalizer bill.

Swanson I move for the passage of these two amendments (see attached)

Chairman So ordered.

Swanson I move and ask unanimous consent to pass bill out of committee as amended.

No Objection.

Meeting Adjourned



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JOINT HESS MEETING

2-26-75

Mental Health Association (SB 24)

Members Present:

Beirne Osterback
Davis Ostrosky
Hackney Parr
Ose Sullivan
Swanson

Senate Members:

Chance
Bradley

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00 and asked Commissioner Williamson to be the first witness.

Commissioner Williamson Dept. Health & Social Services

Our Dept. favors this legislation. However, we have three changes we would like to see done to this bill as it now stands.

- (1) Pg.6 Sec. 47-30-605 (a), line 4, the council consists of twelve as opposed to nine members.
- (2) The following sentence should be stricken since the Health & Social Services Advisory Board is not an official board in existence now.
- (3) The next sentence beginning on line seven should read no more than four members should be providers or direct mental health services.

Robert Bowers Alaska Mental Health Assoc.

We would also like to see this bill go through. Many people are committed to this bill. If Anchorage is going to have a mental health services, it should be a 24 hr. services. At the present time each state has to have an enabling act to apply for grants from the federal government. This bill is needed for our immediate problems as well as for long range federal grants.

Parr Is this concerning the 75-25 percentage matching funds? Is this acceptable?

Commissioner \$150,000 is the fiscal figure in the budget for 1976. This is terribly inadequate for something of this size.

Ose Where, in Anchorage only?

Bowers We are talking about the entire state. What we need here is an enabling act to get the ball rolling in 10 communities around the state.

James Price Div. of Mental Health

In 22 separate areas this is badly needed, however, 10 areas are presently organized enough for this type of a program.

Senator Chance The proposal for the Norton Sound area, the ratio being 75-25. What are your feelings of changing it to 90-10 and would this endanger the program?

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Bowers It seems that this would be acceptable. Our main concern is to supply as many communities as possible with the program. We have talked about community contributions.

Chance Is the 25% figure too much to ask in the smaller communities?

Bowers Yes, I would think so, This is needed throughout the state. That is the main issue now and we have to provide for the funding somewhere in the bill.

Beirne Is this wording correct in allowing changes in the 75-25 or does it lock it in to that percentage?

Price Yes, I think it leaves it open to the community and the need there.

Dr. Schrader - Dir. Div. of Mental Health
Presently this bill does lock in this 75-25 percentage but it could be amended.

Parr On pg. 6, Sec. 580..I would be reluctant to see the funds appropriated to this purpose drained off for other uses such as drug abuse, alcohol abuse etc. Seems this is what this section does. The money for these programs is already available by other means.

Chance This mental health problem includes all of these areas you have stated.

Bowers Basically this would draw these services together so they would get comprehensive care.

Commissioner I see this as not locking this program into any one area. I think the whole interstate plan is to reach all the areas. The way its written gives us some flexibility as to the wide range of mental health problems.

Dr. Schrader Sec. 580 allows some flexibility. The other sections lock in the funds. For example, on page 3 & 4 of the bill the community has to have a plan and receive funds on the basis of that plan and report periodically on that program and what its doing allowing the funds to be restrained if mental health isn't being carried out.

Parr If you're asking for 4million, I would like to see the monies going strictly for these purposes.

Dr. Schrader The bill is written in order for this problem to be handled. Assume that all communities can come up with the 25%. We think it is good to have the communities come up with some of the funding, which creates a lot of local interest and enthusiasm. We could prepare an additional fiscal note as to the change to 90-10.

Chance Maybe the communities under the Federal standards could get 90-10 (smaller communities) and others could get the 75-25. Could you include these figures in your report?

Dr. Schrader Certainly, we will get the figures as to the comparisons of the two.

Claude Demientieff - Tanana Chiefs Health Authority

We are in support of this bill and will accept this bill with certain revisions. We are concerned with the percentage of matching funds. It is imperative that this legislation is passed because of the great need for the service. It would be our desire to see the 90-10 percentage accepted.

Sec. 530 pg. 3 & 4 - This should not be a duty of the Dept. rather it should be by the Mental Health Advisors. The existing trainers would not get any direct input into these standards if this were accepted. It would also illiminate staff assistants, and other workers presenly working under the Health Authority.

As to the confidentiality of records - pb. 6 Sec. 590 - Presently the teaching aids the goal is to reach a level of patient management. The present plan of the Mental Health program permits the patient to look at his mental records and if he is stable and can consult a physician, with his permission, the patient may have the information taken out of his records. As the bill now reads, our health aids are not qualified because of this. This is a great concern but we see no immediate need to change this at this time. The last sentence of the section could produce serious results to the patients.

A position paper will be submitted at a later date. Whatever is granted, it is imperative that this law be passed this year.

Commissioner What are your reservations about the training in Sec. 530?

Demientieff We do not feel that it should be a duty of the department but that it should be a duty of the professionals already in the program and who are doing the actual field work at this time. The standards drawn up by the people here in Juneau would not be as qualified as the people out in the fields.

Commissioner I am not aware of these professionals in this area in Alaska. We are interested in a program of training people in mental health care. These individuals that went through this program had to go through a very intensive study to qualify for this.

Beirne I am concerned with your second change Claude as to the confidentiality. I agree that 'best interest of the patient ' clause included here is very important and should be included in the present bill.

Demientieff I don't think it would be adequate in the legislation but rather in the regulation itself.

Parr I am reluctant to see well meaning amateurs be in the mental health treatment. I wonder if we have anyone equivilant to paramedics in other states. This is a very dangerous thing.

Demientieff The paraprofessional people closest to the patient seem to know more about the patient and his problems. The professional should not be left out, however, they are not always the most informed as to the problems of the individuals.

Ronald Mallott AFN Health Affairs

At the present time 46 states have more money invested into their mental health programs. Alaska is a black mark because of its lack in this interest. We have the largest alcohol problem, largest drop out rate in shcools, and many other more serious problems that any other state and yet we have no program for the improvements of these problems. I suggest we match the monies to the problems not the problems to the monies.

Joyce Munson AMHA

I appeared last year and am here again to urge the passage of this bill. The State resumed the responsibility for mental health residents during the territorial days. Out of this came API about 20 years ago. 10 years later a Governor's Commission was appointed to report on this matter. Nothing has been done since. The time has come that the communities are interested in having these services for their people. The State of Alaska hasn't taken full advantage of the Federal dollars available for these programs.

Mr. Choquette - Pres. Anchorage MHA

The input of this bill is a result of many professional people, citizens and no one at any time in the medical areas have been against this legislation. Last year the Legislature let this bill sit and we can't afford to do that any longer. It is time we address an effort to the cause rather than the outcome such as drug and alcohol abuse. The \$327,000 to be distributed among all these programs is a mere pittance of what is needed to do the right job..

Senator Bradley I am for this bill. Now, did we miss out on the Federal funds as a result of this?

Choquette We have never had a Statute on the books to make us eligible for these funds.

Munson There is talk that this will be demanded in the new legislation. A community could not come up with the funds necessary for such programs themselves. There is no mechanism for seeking any state funds.

Mrs. Rasmussen Kodiak and Ketchikan have Federal funds at this time. The Committee in Ketchikan began their work seven years before they got the program going.

Dr. Freedman I would like to suggest a few minor additions to the bill. To utilize some of the terms directing funds and energy toward prevention of mental illness.

Parr Pg. 4 line 6 & 7, the intent of this wording is not clear.

Price I agree with you Mr. Parr.

Beirne Dr. Richards, in mentioning paraprofessionals you seem to have some expertise?

Dr. Richards Alaska Area Native Health Doctor, Ak. Native Health Service
We have 30 trained paraprofessionals training through the Regional Corp. in Alcoholism and Mental Health who are getting their degrees through the college.

Ostrosky I'm interested in training people where they're at, training in the rural areas to help themselves. All in favor of this idea (on the Committee).

Dr. Richards Some Native Corporations are involved in running their own mental health programs. So the State, through this bill, would be able to support on going programs with little of their own money.

Commissioner How much grant money is actually used for training? Most of it?

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Dr. Richards No, most of these funds goes for salaries.

Parr Do we have the figures on the difference of the mental health problems in the rural areas in comparison with that of the cities?

Price The only figures that come to mind are that the mental health problems escalated in the rural areas.

At this point there was some vague discussion as to the definition of mental health.

Parr Suppose this bill goes through, then who is to develop the priorities? Will the bulk of the funds go to the bush or urban areas?

Dr. Colyer There was an attempt of a survey in the Anchorage area which came out to a 12% of needed assistance in that area.

Dr. Richards The problem of priorities might be thrown out to the consumers.

Dr. Colyer We are all highly in favor of this legislation and have no problem with the amendments. The Dept. of Mental Health has been working on this for a year. One big problem is in getting the vested interests together. We would like the responsibility of the state to help bring this together and the assurance that the state will continue to fund and support this comprehensive mental health plan.

At this point the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, 2-27-75. (6:00pm.)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Testifying</u>
Joyce Munson	Alaska Mental Health Assoc.	Yes
Robert D. Bowers	" " " "	Yes
Joyce Willis	Self	No
Richard Reminger	Office of Comp. Health Planning	No
Bill Richards MD.	Alaska Area Native Health	Yes
Claude Demientieff	Tanana Chiefs Health Authority	Yes
David I. Livermore	Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.	No
James M. Price	Div. of Mental Health	Yes
Ruth Livermore	Self	
Ronald Mallott	AFN Health Affairs	Yes
P. D. Choquette	Pres. Anchorage Mental Health Assoc.	Yes
Jerry L. Schrader	Dir. Div. of Mental Health	Yes
Charles H. Oxereok	Projects Dir. ANCADA	No
Wm. F. McIver, PHD	Kodiak Mental Health	No
LaPrele Rasmussen	Ketchikan Mental Health Program	Yes
John H. Keating	Exec. Dir. Nat'l Council on Alcoholism	Yes



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-10-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:15.

The first thing I would like to discuss is pertaining to the confirmation of Dr. Williamson. I would like to know your feelings of maybe getting together with him informally, perhaps in the evening on Wednesday, March 12, on a social basis at my house. Would that date be alright with all of you?

Beirne I would request we act on the Commissioner today?

Chairman Sullivan Personally, I have a few more questions to ask him before making my decision. I know that Mr. Hackney and Mr. Swanson feel the same way. I would not want to call another hearing for these few questions. Our hearings on his confirmation this weekend in Anchorage showed tremendous support for his confirmation.

Are there any other announcements?

HB 120

Beirne Gave a briefing of the bill. Its purpose is to include Optometrists under the Medicare Program Act. The Fiscal note indicates the cost of \$38,500 for 1975 year. Presently there are not enough ophthalmologists to care for all of the needs throughout the state and at the present time they are the only Doctors under the Medicare Act.

Hackney Where did they get the figure of 1150 people that would use this service in the position paper in front of us?

Beirne I am not sure of this. This bill will not change the Medicare Act in any way. I would request we ask Mr. Larry Sullivan from the Dept. of H&SS to testify on this question and perhaps we could take up HB 128 until he gets here.

HB 128 Ms. Sullivan gave briefing of her bill. Intended to make insurance available for newborns from the moment of birth. I am interested in it because of my own experience. Before my son was a week old we had thousands of dollars of medical bills and could not get coverage. This seems to me a very logical form of insurance. The bill does not say the state should pay for it only that it should be available to all residents of the state. The increase in the premium cost would only be 5 or 10 cents more.

Hackney I am in favor of this bill.

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Don Cooke Div. of Insurance

This bill would require that any insurance policy would include care for the newborn infant. This bill was endorsed by the National Insurance Directors Assoc. and on June 1974 it was law in 17 states and pending in 10 more. We didn't prepare a fiscal note because there wasn't any. The impact on the general fund would be nothing also.

Hackney Insurance is presently provided on the basis of what?

Cooke From day one on Blue Cross for state employees.

Beirne I would presume this would be an option?

Cooke No, I read it as mandatory coverage. Meaning mandate that they have to offer it, Line 15-16.

Beirne I favor this bill and for no cost to the state it seems most worthwhile.

Hackney This bill would also give the tax payers a little break.

Parr I move we pass HB 128 out of committee with a 'do pass' recommendation.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Cooke I would also like to add that SB 141 is exactly the same bill.

HB 120

Mr. Larry Sullivan Dept. of H&SS

Beirne We have the position paper and the fiscal note. Would like to ask you how you arrived at the figure of 1150 people who would take advantage of these services?

Sullivan This is the approximate number of people that would require these services. It would involve a \$38,000 increase in our budget. We do not provide glasses. The only service they will receive is the refraction. Glasses are available on a very limited basis. Available to children under the Medicare Act for early treatment. Eye, Ear, and Teeth Care for Children up to the age of 21 is mandate under the Federal Program.

Parr How much of this bill is new? Just the Ophthalmologist?

Sullivan Yes, the original bill says 'physician services'.

Parr To what extent are private agencies making glasses available?

Sullivan There is a fair chance of people getting glasses. We refer them to their local Lions Club etc. That is limited however.

Beirne The BIA and USPHS also will buy glasses. Explained difference between ophthalmologist and optometrist.

Hackney How was it that you arrived at the 1150 figure?

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Sullivan We took a look at the number of requests and the number of eligible people then took a percentage of these eligible people and arrived at this approximate number.

Beirne It will be 50% federal monies and 50% state monies?

Sullivan Yes, you have to authorize the entire amount in order to be eligible for the federal monies. The state had a contract with Alaska Optical of Anchorage and the contract has not been renewed because of such poor service. Now they can get glasses from their own doctors as long as it is authorized by the department.

Osterback What is the individual costs?

Sullivan Approximately \$35.

Mr. Swanson had a question in line 18 about the word 'may'. The attorney from LAA was brought in to answer his question.

LAA We have a drafting manual that we go by, when using a negative phrase such as none shall, this is the correct form in the meaning of this bill.

Swanson They will do whatever they please under the word 'may'.

I move to ammend the bill to read "no services can be provided unless approved by the Legislature".

No Second on Motion, failed.

Hackney I move we pass this bill out of committee with individual recommendations.

Davis Second

(See Committee Report for voting record)

Meeting Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-17-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3.00pm.

HB 244 Commissioner Lind gave briefing of the bill.

The Department has not been able to fulfill educational needs up to date. The Dept. is unable to continue to rely on Federal monies through Title 5. Local school dislike State interference. If the State is funding education 100%, they should be able to evaluate and plan for the education of students throughout the State. The present programs by and large are very good but perhaps there are other plans that will help us out. This operation may be broken into five parts:

- (1) Planning - Coordination of all resources, meaningful goals. Forecasting of various learner needs.
- (2) Evaluation - We need to generate data that is meaningful and can give us good data generation. We must also ask superintendents to do something about the evaluation of personnel for one purpose and that is to improve instruction. Also, we must evaluate our own operation.
- (3) Evaluation of District Projects - The intent of this bill is to accomplish the research aspect which should follow along the lines of being able to conduct studies by different populations. We spend alot of time and energy asking the Unive. of Oregon to assist us with our education problems. The budget just doesn't have enough set aside for Planning and Research.
- (4) Development - Materials & Staff

At the present time we have 5,000 certified people in the State eligible for teaching. In order to keep the certified status they have to have more education every six years. We should offer further education in this area in order that our teachers do not have to go outside (to Oregon) for renewal of certificate credits.

Swanson What is going to replace the money? You're Budget will be \$300,000 or \$400,000 more right?

Lind I would say that to prorate this money, we would save a great deal of money in the larger appropriation by the careful study and better placement of the main part of the budget.

\$352,000 - evaluation and planning
\$208,000 - general fund - Student Assesment Program

Swanson My concern is when we tie a study to a group of people to study themselves.

Lind We are asking to include the planning that is necessary to make those vocational education programs more effective. To make the staff members much more efficient.

Parr No school district really has any way of telling how good a job they're doing. The parents have no actual way of judging this. I would like to see this somehow included in this package. Having someone who would be able to give the information out as to how this is done and what kind of education the district is offering precisely.

Sullivan As a student I can remember taking many skill tests in school, is this still done?

Lind Yes, however a problem is that they are not being used to aid the student in learning, they are simply used in percentages and written down to include the child into an average.

Hackney You feel that the State will be able to tell the school districts where they are falling down?

Lind No. Our concern is to provide a mechanism for them to work with.

Beirne As to rural area problems, we put teachers in these bush areas with adequate knowledge of what they're going into. Presently they are told how to exist but they are not briefed as to the way of life or the education needed in that particular area that would be most beneficial to the resident.

Another point is that the Federal Act says that we have to show some means of evaluation of eareas to allow eligibility for grants, how we plan on using the funds.

Hackney I see it as becoming very autocratic.

Swanson A couple of weeks ago we had another department ask for \$300,000 to study themselves. You're doing the same thing in another approach.

Lind First of all.... 300,000 is additional money. This is not to plan and evaluate our own bureaucracy. 5,000 teachers and 90,000 youngsters is what our main concern is here. We are concerned that we use our monies wiser and get better use from those monies in an effort to maintain a degree of local education.

Mr. Nelson - From Dept. of Education

We are talking about more than just planning and evaluation. Development, for example, casting all activities into a General System Design which is how we get it a-1 together. We would be providing kinds of support necessary by giving teachers and districts options. The intent here is to coordinate activities.

Parr Are you dealing with Telecommunications?

Mr. Nelson Yes, we see this as the most significant kind of thin in communication. The Planning now is to determine how to best employ teachers in our system and using it to resolve problems.

Hackney I don't understand how teachers enter into this bill before us?

At this point Commissioner Lind offered to compile more information for the committee, including more financial breakdown data. The bills will be rescheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-18-75

Members Present:

Ose	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson
Ostrosky	Senator Hohman
Parr	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Carolyn Brown with the Alaska State Medical Assoc. was before the Committee for presentation of priority legislation in their field.

Ms. Brown introduced the members of their Legislative Committee.

Sally Brownsberger Health Education in Schools

Presently the Anchorage curriculum is used throughout most of the state. There are millions of dollars spent on health care and research but only $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% is spend on health education itself.

Don Rogers Medical Examiner Bill

Gave a briefing of bill. This is a very unique system in our state in that it falls under the Judiciary Branch. This is not found in any other state and I don't understand this reasoning for Alaska. Mr. Rogers introduced the bill two years ago and it was patterned after the legislation passed in Maryland with only a few minor changes for political reasons.

Parr Are there no provisions presently for coronaries?

Rogers Only in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks. Throughout the rest of the state the death certificate is signed by a magistrate. The only change or objection we have to that is to consider that the magistrate contact a physician before issuing the death certificate.

Senator Hohman

What changes do you have in the bill.

Rogers We have one may change, that is that the medical examiner would have the authority to order an autopsy over the objection of the next of kin.

Parr I have a question for Ms. Brownsberger. Isn't medical education part of the present program in grammer school presently?

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Brownsberger A lot of teachers don't feel competent to teach health education so they simply don't do it. Funds should be provided to give teachers the background to train in this area.

Ms. Brown made the statement that Comm. Lind is totally in favor of the Newborn Health Insurance Bill.

Dr. Witt Immunity from Civil Suits

Public interest in rising cost of insurance premiums. Also medical malpractice insurance premiums. Much review is necessary by physicians. Presently 31 states have passed legislation which allows this immunity. This would be conditional immunity, if there is malpractice, there is no immunity.

Swanson You want legislation passed to make the physician immune from law suits?

Witt Only the law suits that are personal ones between physicians concerning what we are allowed to do in hospitals. No physician making a statement should be sued for making such statement.

Dr. Bellflower Juneau Radiologist

Presently there is inadequate staff to see that X Ray's are being studied properly or that they are even given properly and that the equipment used is mechanically sound and working 100% correct. This responsibility lies with the Dept. of Environmental Conservation to see that the machines are working adequately throughout the state. There should be some investigation as to why this monitoring is not being done. Our primary concern is the efficiency of the machinery and making sure they are checked. All X Ray machines should be subject to inspection.

Ose Does someone in the hospitals keep the machines up?

Bellflower Medicare used to be responsible for system on persons in H&SS who did some monitoring in connection with medicare recipients.

Dr. Willson Board of Health

Under Sec 26 of the Constitution, this would be the best way to set the policy for the Dept of H&SS.

Dr. Hedges Surgeon in Juneau

The majority of the members feel that solid waste disposal is of significant importance throughout the state.

Dr. JJ Smith President of Anchorage Medical Society

Asks to continue support of the Alaska Medical Library

Carolyn Brown gave a briefing in support of HB 129. (see attached)

She also spoke of the necessity of the continuance of Family Planning. There was a 21-25% Federal cut in funds for the Family Planning services in 1975. The \$61,000 we are asking for would have been sufficient before the cut but now leaves us in a bad state. We would like to see the State appropriate a lot more money to Family Planning

Dr. Wilson We propose for the system to provide a study of malpractice and present awards.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-21-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

SJR 13 am by Meland

Senator Meland gave briefing of the bill. The children need special education and there is nothing for them. The residents asked the BIA to keep it open for the time being until something else can be devised for them.

Sullivan How many children are we speaking of.

Meland 100 or more.

Sullivan You are asking for only \$30,000? How are they referred to Wrangell Inst? Through their own village teachers and also through the BIA?

Meland Yes, on line 15, we have taken out the original clause of "have already failed" in their own village. The youngsters come from all over Alaska. After age 18 they go back to their village and usually with some type of skill, typing basic carpentry, basic plumbing etc.

Sullivan I think the key phrase here is that the children need individual attention that is not available in their local communities.

Sullivan As this is a resolution and not a bill I think we should act on this today.

Beirne I don't think we have enough information, we should contact the BIA and ask them of their position on the Wrangell Institute.

Chairman Sullivan asked to contact the BIA and inform them of the resolution and ask if and when they might be willing to testify to the matter.

HB 131

Overstreet I have submitted a position paper previously. The Governor's package would call for the net increase of a %15 average. The range this covers in each district is 4% to 44%. There are problems of escalating prices. The Governor's package can be divided into six sections:

- 1) \$21,750 to 23,500
- 2) 90% to min. of 93% basic need

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- 3) Units would become supplementary.
- 4) Would increase the number and size of area differentials, all schools districts are in favor of these first four components.
- 5) Repeal 874 Law - effects majority of the Districts. It says that the state will make a supplemental appropriation for children that are living on property not taxable by the State.
- 6) Looking ahead a year to 1976, there would be an automatic increase of \$1500 in the instructional area.

Swanson What was the entire figures?

Overstreet \$3,000,00. to cover the entire bill.

Ostrosky 3½ million would be being waved by dropping the 874 and would then be what?

Overstreet The Governor's total packet is 17 million, if 874 is dropped, then it would be 14 million. Our recommendation is to delete the sec of HB 131 that asks for the repeal and ask the Finance Committee to fund that separately.

Beirne Do you have the figures for the District areas?

Overstreet Yes (submitted copies to members)

Mr. Coffee Superintendent of Juneau Schools
The Superintendents of the state recommends: Support increase of value of instructional units. Intent to further increase funding for 76-77 is also supported.. Supplemental funding also has our support. We feel that the formula should stay at 11 to 1. We would prefer 9 to 1 however. We are opposed to repeal of 874. This is an important part of State funding. There should be some action given replacing funding before illiminating it from the budget. We think this bill is a step in the right direction. Juneau's budget for this year is 7.9 million and 8.8 million for next year. \$400,000 regular agreement with non certified workers.

Parr The Revised Foundation Plan-How much will your increase be?

Coffee Part would be 10%, if the 874 is left in the law, it would be a 19% increase in costs.

Nat Cole State Board of Education is in support of the bill.

Swanson What's your recommendation on the repealer?

Cole I have none, after adding up all the costs we had to look for a figure to meet our budgeted dollar so that's what happened.

Van Houte HB 131 goes part of the way in meeting the financial needs. The 874 should not be repealed. I am disappointed that the School Board isn't asking for more. We believe the figure should be 25,000. Also try to retain isolation factor in this bill for the new districts that will be organized with the decentralization of SOS.

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Tom Brown DEpt. of Education, Special Education

I will testify just to the Special education portion of this bill. Under the Gov's bill, 170 units for special education and an additional 80 units put back into the program. This will strengthen the program. (passed out breakdown by districts)

HB 131 will be continued at such time as more information may be presented to the Committee.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UNITS
FY-76

DISTRICT	FY-76 PROJ.	Gov's Bill	Units Lost	Gov's Bill Add Back	Net Gain
* ANCHORAGE	205	167	38	88	50
BRISTOL BAY	4	4	0	1	1
CHUGIAK	12	10	2	6	4
CORDOVA	11	10	1	6	5
CRAIG	2	2	0	0	0
DILLINGHAM	4	4	0	2	2
FAIRBANKS	65	54	11	26	15
GALENA	2	2	0	0	0
HAINES	4	4	0	2	2
HOONAH	5	4	1	2	1
HYDABURG	2	2	0	1	1
JUNEAU	40	34	6	24	18
KAKE	2	2	0	1	1
KENAI	15	12	3	9	6
KEICHIKAN	33	27	6	15	9
KING COVE	2	2	0	0	0
KLAWOCK	1	1	0	0	0
KODIAK	26	22	4	11	7
MAT-SU	16	14	2	7	5
NENANA	3	3	0	1	1
NOME	6	6	0	3	3
NORTH SLOPE	12	10	2	7	5
PELICAN	--	--	--	--	--
PETERSBURG	5	5	0	2	2
SELAWIK	2	2	0	1	1
SITKA	14	12	2	7	5
SKAGWAY	2	2	0	0	0
ST. MARY'S	--	--	--	--	--
UNALASKA	1	1	0	0	0
VALDEZ	11	10	1	5	4
WRANGELL	7	6	1	3	2
YAKUTAT	3	3	0	1	1
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* Less State Institution Programs

from Tom Brown
Special Educ.
Dept. of Educ.

Rationale for changing Special Education funding from a separate to a supplemental program.

The present funding system for special education requires that the special education ADM be subtracted from the total regular ADM. The end result of this method is a reduction in the basic education allocation. The basic education cost is the same for all students. Special programs such as handicapped and vocational which supplement the basic program require costs over and above the basic education cost. The present system only provides 2/3 of the necessary costs for special education students. Making this program a supplemental rather than basic will provide the basic 1/3 which is not now provided.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-20-75

Members All Present:

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. to take up first HB 251.

Mr. Muller, Program Services

Our request is for \$21,800, component is for instructional care for children.

Hackney Were these all additional funds to private child care facilities and are there listings as to the breakdown of each?

Muller Yes, schedule is available and we will submit them to you.

Medicade Program - The Division is asking for \$3,028,000. The projections were made by the consultant for the legislature last year and his figures were way off. We are presently facing a 3.6% deficit. There is also the increase of 35% of costs in the medical care in the State.

Ose If I remember correctly, you folks agreed at the time to the projected figures!

Mr. Sullivan No. We did not see these figures before or after they came out of Free Conference Committee.

Hackney You are getting 1,008,000 from Federal Program Receipts?

Sullivan ONce we sign the contract for medi cade with the Federal people, we must issue services to all eligible recipients. This is 100% a state authorization for 1974. - As of this date we are down to \$50,000 in the account. Costs have gone up in this program and we need at least \$26,600 to meet the requirements of the program.

Hackney What places would be closed down if the funds weren't available?

Sullivan We would have to close people off from the GR Medical Program, not necessarily close down the place. You people have complete authority for the GR Medical Program. We would have to reduce services immediately.

Parr I have limitations on how long people can wait before remitting a bill?

Sullivan 6 months from the date of the services rendered, this is now the law on the books.

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Milo Fritz One point, many times doctors don't get their bills for medications from 60 to 90 days under the GR Medical Program.

Mental Health - Dr. Schrader

This division is requesting \$113,200 for additional funds to pay for services in care of BRU. One problem is that we were budgeted for a five patient facility, presently we have 12, which is a large increase in the number of patients. We had to raise the rates. In the process of this transfer, many expenses were incurred. There is a \$39,300 deficit in this area presently.

Sullivan What is the sudden rise in people who need to be sent outside?

Schrader This was not unexpected, there has been more consideration of mental health in the Judicial process. There has been a change in the way cases are being handled.

Violent Crimes - Mr. Benson

We are in need of \$75,000 to cover pending fiscal 74 planes, also to cover the planes in 75. Five completed Board planes would mean an expense of \$37,000. we now have \$2,880 for this work. In the 75 planes we have 38 with 30 completed in file. We concurred that this would be an additional cost of \$101,000. There are also 24 incomplete applications. \$50,000 appropriation for 75 is totally inadequate.

Corrections-Mr. Adams

\$791,800 is our request. Adult confinement costs are \$176,000, which covers food fuel etc. All of these expenses have been rising by inflation. We are running an additional 45 offenders over case load. In the Juvenile confinement we need 19 beds to provide care. Adult Rehabilitation, the same 45 beds and mental and dental expenditures. Costs have gone up in medical care. The state building we are using in, for example, Ketchikan and Nome have increased rent. The increases in these buildings are \$25,000 alone.

Hackney Do you feel that some of this is a reflect of pipeline impact and did the Division go before the Budget & Audit Committee?

Adams We could not apply for enough additional monies. The impact funding permitted us to take on the assignment. The main problem is the increase of food costs and in the numbers of offenders. Foods are a very important part of this.

Parr The inflection has been numbered, what inflation factor did you put in for this year?

Swanson 34% assistance costs. The rest of the Budget we used the figures from the Budget and Audit Committee.

Chairman Sullivan asked the pleasure of the Committee on HB 251.

Parr Would like to see some of this backup data on the 7 Million dollars.

Swanson I would also like to know under what authority do we have to expend monies without authority from the Finance Committee. Unless there has been authorization from last year.

HB 251 was held over until another day when there could be more testimony to the bill.

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Continuation of Meeting at 3:00pm. Concerning package of Education Bills.

HB 229 HB 182
HB 131 HB 179

HB 229

Dr. Coons -Public School Foundation Program

The major recommendation which was done for the HESS Committee in 1974 was to coordinate the State. The ultimate recipient will be these groups: Study and Costs:
1) Quality Cost & Financing - involving citizens and educators and a basic look of education for children in Alaska. What they want to be done in Alaska as far as education.

- a) Basic study itself - examine costs of all areas.
- b) Involvement of agencies Committies, NEA, AFN, Alaska Schools Board Assoc. etc.
- c) Involvement of citizens in rural areas.

2) General Study Areas \$143,000, we would need this amount for a 19 month professional help and 13 months fo clerical help.

Sullivan Would you recommend a substitute phrase in this bill as an amendment?

Coons Yes, this could be replaced by using the title of our study here.

Hackney What happens if this is not funded? Will the sky fall?

Coons It hasn't fallen yet.

Overstreet This bill is very critical. The major problem is the understanding of the real needs of communities. The largest school districts in the state receive the lesser amount of money and spend the lesser amount per student from State aid. Because of pipeline impact this will change. Someone needs to look at all these factors. So There are so many areas now where there is a real question about the equity. We should take the objective look that will help us distribute the money which leads to serious inequities.

Swanson Don't feel that we have to go outside for anymore experts. We should use what we have through the Dept of Education. I am not in favor of hiring anymore outside experts.

Ostrosky It seems to me that this has been looked at before and has already been explored thoroughly in the last few years.

Coons This would continue this. C&RA is relying on the conference in Wasilla. We would utilize those, and a summary of all these services and studies haven't been put together into one summarized unit.

Beirne I think its going to cost \$200,000. This bill is for \$100,000 and we should let this go out with this notation. I don't think this budget would bring in many people in from outside. Shouldn't overlook the agencies that are available specifically for this financial matter.

Hackney How many people would be involved in traveling?

Coons These figures are all available and I can certainly get them for you at a later date.

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Hackney For \$24,000 where would you propose to go?

Coons There would be a regular staff and and affiliated staff. We will also provide these information figures for you.

HB 182 - BY Gov
HB 179 - By Beirne

Beirne Gave briefing of bill. This bill has a three year history. The concept has been accepted in both Houses. HB 179 is very similar to last years bill.

Mr. Piola These bills should be included. Concerning HB 182, the intent of the legislation is the same as HB 179, however it is written in the Governor's language. Sec. 36 040 - See changes on attached bill.
I believ the amount of this grant is miserly but our State financial position being what it is this will be sufficient. On the national level the program is 6 to 8% above the present service.

Hackney Does the State Board of Educ. assume the responsibility of this program?

Commissioner Lind

The intent of the Committee Council is to bring the policies together within the State. It was felt that reading effort also applies to community schools. The Board cona't deal specifically with community schools approach.

At this point the bills were held over until such time as more information could be produced for the Committee. By request of the members.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-24-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Ostrosky	

HB 131

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and took up HB 131 which was carried over from last Friday's meeting.

Mrs. Margaret Witzleben-Special Education teacher from Elmendorf

Our problem with this bill is that the law should be revised to apply to special education appropriations. The comptroller from the Anchorage School District said there was a 15 unit net gain under this bill and actually there was a 12 unit loss to the special education department. Regular education gains 50% and special ed. loses 12.

Swanson When you refer to the bush, are you referring to anything outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau? And what is the percentage of the raise and increase in the special education area due to these bush children?

Witzleben Yes, I am referring to these areas however I did not mean that there are any more coming in to the areas now. We weren't even able to take care of a 9 to 1 ratio let alone a 11 to 1. Anchorage is carrying far too many bush students to be able to give them the appropriate attention. Many of these bush students require more education & special handling.

Parr What percentage of 3 to 4 year olds are in special education?

Witzleben We have 118 special ed students for example in Elmendorf schools and 13 to 15 are 3 to 4 years old. This was increased by last years legislation. The intent of this bill was to put more money into the bush areas but it now puts more strain on Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau areas.

Parr What really needs to be done is to have each districts appropriations for the average cost of each handicapped child.

Witzleben Yes, our major concern of this bill is to take out the 11 to 1 and put it back to the 9 to 1 ratio as it is now.

Sullivan This is my area of most concern. I am wondering what is the actual intent of this bill?

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Van Houte The practise is that the funds go into the general fund in each district, then appropriated out from there which doesn't always allocate the same amount of funds to the special education.

Sullivan I think we should either add a letter of intent or something that will assure that this money will go to the purpose of special education.

Swanson I don't see where the ratio change will effect the student any.

Osterback What is the child classified as when he is sent from the bush?

Sullivan He is funded as a regular child, not as a special ed. child. He is averaged in and the money allocated by that bush area would be paid to Anchorage in their general fund. The difference between the regular per pupil cost and the special ed per pupil cost are putting a strain on the receiving districts.

Swanson Since this bill goes to Finance, this idea should be sent along with the bill.

Parr I am reluctant to mandate monies to be used for certain things to each school district. As has been brought up in the past, the districts don't usually agree to the state mandating appropriations or concerns.

Sullivan I think our problem here would be solved by attaching a letter of Intent that there should be a net gain to the special education problems. I move that this be so and asked for unanimous consent. I would also request that the Subcommittee on Education meet with the Finance Committee and discuss this matter.

Without hearing objection to the letter of intent, so orderd.

Swanson I move HB 131 be passed out of committee with attached amendment and ask for unanimous 'do pass'

No Objection, so ordered.



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HOUSE HESS MEETING

3-25-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

SSHB 24

Chairman asked Mr. Van Houte if he wanted to testify and he answered that he would be available for any questions of the Committee

Mr. Clark Our changes to this bill correspond pretty much with SB 35.

1) Pg 2 Line 14 (b) delete ' in each regional' and add 'of the communities receiving educational service from an attendance area' etc.

2) Pg 14 Sect. 14.14.200 - to read- shall review and make recommendations to the Board of Regional Educational attendance area concerning the curriculum, program and general operation of the local schools and shall exercise additional responsibilities and function as may be delegated by the regional school board.

3)Pg. 20 Line 4 - delet (or State Operated School) and insert 'or regional educational attendance area'.

Line 6, 9, 10, same as above.

4)Pg. 20 Line 26 - delete through line 27 to (.)

5)Pg. 21 Line 12 - After 'areas' add ' and a State wide Center.'

6)Pg. 24 Line 5 - After(.) delet rest of paragraph through Line 8.
Sect. 37 - Delete Lines 12 through 16

Hackney Could we Hear from Commissioner Lind on this last deletion of Sect. 37?

Lind The foundation program might not cover AVEC contractsⁱⁿ smaller schools, we would have to find some way to cover this.

Hackney The money is available through SOS but not through the school foundation Program?

Lind Yes, we can't drop those contracts but the foundation monies won't cover them in smaller schools.

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Chairman Can we hold this amendment over until tomorrow when we will have more information available? (No Objection)

Clark Pg. 1 at the bottom, addresses itself to the same thing as pg. 24, Sect. 37, lines 5-8.

Swanson They address two different things.

Clark It depends on how you interpret this section, my people say they are the same.

Sullivan I have to agree with Mr. Swanson, but my question is do we want to make these restrictions?

Swanson I don't think I want to delete that section.

Clark SB 35 struck this but added at the top of page two and inserted ' an educational service area....' that would cover sect. 37, Lines 5-8.

Swanson No, that doesn't cover the same material.

Sullivan Mr. Clark recommends that Sect. 37 be moved and be placed at Sect. B.

Parr I never minded it being deleted, only wanted to know why?

Swanson I didn't want to follow line by line SB 35 because it wouldn't fit into HB 24, I would like to think we were here to work on HB 24 since it is the bill before our Committee.

Beirne Mr. Clark, I would like to ask a question on military reservation schools.

Sullivan Excuse me Dr. Beirne but I don't think that applies at this time.

Beirne Does this wording negate what has already been done for the military erserv?

Commissioner Lind Yes, more work might have to be done on this bill considering HB 188. Mr. Hall can advise us on this.

Sullivan 'Military reservations shall' what is this intended to mean and how many are we talking about?

Lind Two primarily, but then we can wait for legal council on this by Mr. Hall.

Swanson There are three principle areas in my district, Ft Greely, and the city manager want to annex the base and so there will be no trouble.

Van Houte We need some language to cover HB 188 so as not to undo what has already been done.

Chairman Mr. Clark, do you have any other explanations of the amendments?

Clark Alright, with the insert of "B" are there any problems there?

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Swanson Yes, I don't want SB 35 inserted in the middle of this bill.

Chairman Do we want to move Sect. 37 to a forward part of the bill and expand SECT. B?

Parr I am in favor if we take out the "shalls" and insert 'if practicle'.

Chairman We will bring in some legal advice on this matter and let Sect. 041 B go for now.

Clark Line 14 B, delete and add, 'voters of the Community shall receive' this makes more sense.

Sullivan That doesn't make much sense, it might not cover everyone.

Clark The BIA schools may be included in regional educational areas but shouldn't be any trouble because they can still contract.

Parr I am wondering what the need or change is?

Beirne BIA can choose not to be part but can still vote and with an amendment they won't be able to vote.

Parr Are you saying that the village with SOS School and BIA would vote?

Beirne I move to accept this amendment.

Parr Object

Swanson Before we accept this amendment, let's bring in some legal advice.

Clark I agree.

Parr We also need legal definition of community.

Clark A possible problem area is on Pg. 8, Lines 26-28 Sec .14.08, deleted and reworded.

Van Houte This amendment was written by an express request by Senate Hess Committee.

Parr This amendment will help us to equalize education in this State.

Sullivan Mr. Swanson, do you want to move this amendment?

Swanson No I don't. When we worked on this bill our idea was to give these people the beginnings of local control of their government and we might be getting into people getting into 3rd Class Boroughs. If you want to hasten this than you can adopt this amendment.

Chairman Is there a motion to this amendment?

There was no motion to this effect and the meeting was continued.

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Clark Pg. 14 Sec.14.14.200 - Community School Committee shall review and....
This amendment gives more teeth to local communities to let them take on as much responsibility as they can handle.

Swanson I have no objection to that amendment.
(add)

Clark Pg 20 Line 4) a school district or regional educational attendance area
Line 6-7 " " " "
Line 9 & 10 " " "
Line 26 & 27 after area, delete rest of line to English.

Pg 21 Line 1 = After Department, delete ' this follows Federal legislation on Civil Rights Act.

Parr Is 14.34.400 covering regular schools now?

Lind No, this extends what we now have.

Beirne Deleting these lines will not do what Mr. Van Houte wants.

Chairman Do I have a motion on the amendment?

Beirne There may be another one so maybe we could sleep on it because we just don't want to lose it.

Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm. SOS will be taken up again tomorrow evening, Wed. 25th, at 7:00pm.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-26-75

Members Present:

Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. to take up DAY CARE bills.

Rick Davidge—Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks

The need is great for child care on the Fairbanks Campus. (Handed out material) The problem once again is due largely to pipeline impact. There are presently six facilities in the Fairbanks area, 162 children is the total capacity and there is a waiting list that is endless. We have taken a survey and come up with 300 children who are related to the University, and if they were to be taken out of the community centers and put in U of A centers, this would allow for the low income families to take advantage of the present centers. Three things we are trying for are:

1) money, 2) authorization, 3) cooperation. In the area of money, operating costs, capital improvements, and revenues, which would be put back into the program. We primarily interested in 3 year olds and up.

Ose What will this cost per child per day?

Davidge \$1 per hour per child per day. It is pretty much in line with the costs of the State Day Care Center operations now.

Ose Will this be for low income groups?

Davidge No, this will be for students, student families, and staff at the U of A.

Ose Have you looked into the possibilities for Federal support of this?

Davidge Our major problem is in the area of the facilities on or near the Campus to meet state requirements. (gave breakdown of financial aid, see attached) Childcare is not a new program to the University, We have requirements in childhood and early development and this would be extending our academic program that would also function as a campus service.

Hackney I am questioning the \$29,000 yearly salary for the coordinator?

Sullivan I agree with you Mr. Hackney, that sounds too high.

Davidge \$14,000 to \$20,000 is presently being paid in the local Fairbanks area for this service. This person would also be a registered nurse.

Sullivan Is there anyone who is going to introduce this Legislation for you?

Davidge Yes, the Fairbanks delegation of both houses will be putting together a bill after reviewing this material. Everything here has been developed by the students and this is the first time in 20 years this has happened. I think you have a very good point on the salary level for example and I'm sure changes will be made with the introduction of a bill.

Sullivan Thank you Mr. Davidge and we will continue discussion on this presentation when we have a bill to work with.

HB 161 & 162

We have had previous discussion on these bills. They should be going to CRA and I would like to get these two bills moving and on to that Committee. The basic thrust of these bills is to make day care available on a sliding scale to people who prefer not to receive AFDC monies.

Swanson We should move these bills on to CRA, and I make a motion to that effect.

Without objection, So ordered.

HB 349 Ms. Sullivan gave Committee a few minutes to read over bill.

Hackney How big and How many? In section 'C', I wonder if we aren't setting up a privileged class?

Sullivan I see your point, what would you suggest?

Hackney Again your giving state employeed something the general public isn't getting. It would almost have to be a condition between wage and state employees. I would like to hear from the AG on this matter. SEC. G may be a conflict with competitive day care centers.

Senator Chance Other employees could start providing these services, it could be by Federal Regulations tax deductible to the business. I have been working with the Chamber of Commerce as to this idea.

Swanson I think what we are trying to do is to add space or construct new space in new buildings for these services. Maybe we could contract its operation out o run the actual day care centers. All we are doing here is to put the facility in the buildings. If we kept it on a business basis it would be alright.

Senator Chance Back in WWII this was common practice as men went to war, to attract women to come to work, facilities were placed in many businesses. When the war was over, day care was dropped in these businesses to get women back into homes and let the men have the jobs.

Sullivan I think this bill has significant payback possibilities.

Hackney I would like to get the AG's opinion.

Ann from LAA I don't think you are going to have any Constitutional problems here.

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Day Care

Susan Clark The Federal people are providing day care, I can get the backup material on that for you.

Ose Who will make the Study?

Sullivan That's a good question and I wanted to bring this up for suggestions.

Hackney I al so think it would be important to define 'renovation' also a survey as to how many children will be involved per building.

Susan Clark I have just completed a survey in the Federal Building. Sent questionnaires out and will make a report available to the Committee on my findings.

Sullivan This will also take the pressure off of local day care centers to let low income families have these services available.

Meeting was adjourned and work session was continued on the bill.



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3-26-75

Members Present:

Ose	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. to take up a continuation of HB 24. HB 78 was also briefly considered.

HB 78

Mr. Wesley from SOS gave briefing of the bill. SOS classifies income as restricted income. The problem we have is that in order to honor our contracts (pupil teacher ratio) the commitments have to be able to be made in advance. It is impossible to reduce the program to 2.2 million because of contracts already made.

Hackney You say \$300,000 was found in the budget? If you had gotten the shortfall for this year would you still have found the \$300,000?

Wesley No, we would not have been able to reduce the costs, or have reasoning to do so. 75% of this budget is under Federal regulation 874. 7 or 8% of 874 appropriations are included in present SOS.

Hackney AVEC utilities did not go up this year?

Wesley Yes, they remained at the same rate of fiscal 74.

Hackney I don't understand why the utilities go up on the Bases?

Wesley The military command has the power to raise the utilities and did so of about 30%. AVEC changes their structure, the utilities went up only at the sites where there were multiple buildings.

Swanson I find it strange that under the sale of electricity to AVEC by SOS.... at one time the Legislature had to set the regulations by resolution, it seems to be changed to what it was three years ago.

Wesley AVEC did not raise the rates, when a new building was added the utility costs were increased.

HB 24

Senator Ferguson:

These are feelings of my own concerning the SOS Program. One problem I see is that there is not sufficient time for the transition. At least one years time

fall to let all Region 10 areas take care of themselves. I think we should allow SOS to continue to run for exactly one more year. Commissioner Lind in consultation with CRA could change regional attendance areas into sections allowing them to run their own schools. My amendments to the bill are as follows:

- 1) Pg. 1 Line 9 - Delete Repealer and put it on the last page where it would repeal it on July 1, 1976.
Line 29- Using Boundaries
- 2) Pg. 2 Line 5 - Delete 'may' and include 'shall'
Line 9 - Delete everything after control and add on 'July 1, 1976'. Propose that no area take over their own schools until that date.
- 3) Pg. 3 Line 11- Add 'only' after 'into sections'
Line 21- Add Sect. B after period
- 4) Pg. 6 Line 5 - Delete '60 days' and add 'Oct. 1976'
- 5) Pg. 23 Sec. 36 - Add 'remain in the regional educational attendance areas...'

Clark Do you propose that this is mandatory to wait a full year before the districts can transfer over?

Ferguson Yes, with the Oct. 76 date in mind. I fear that if we allow small regional attendance areas to be created all over the state there will be problems.

Hackney How would you propose to handle the chain?

Ferguson That could be done by the ALeut, their boundaries would be a Regional Board and set up subsections where the Regional School Board could delegate the powers. It is my understanding that first class cities can^{not} participate in the regional attendance areas.

Mr. Files Representing SOS Teachers from DIstrict I
Submitted amendment to the bill. (see attached)

Hackney Do any of the SOS representatives have any comments about extending the phase out for one more year?

Clark The only problem I see is when you try to have people phase themselves out. Working members now in SOS will be abit reluctant to phase out their own positions. The statewide trend is using the existing regional boundaries.

Parr On page 21, you mentioned Statewide Resource Center, what is that?

Clark One thing they may do is provide bilingual education type services.

Parr Does not mean that they will deal only with bilingual education services?

Clark Correct. I will go over all of my proposed amendments one more time for clarity purposes. (See attached)

Parr In the resource centers we're talking about three or four of them across the state.

Hackney I would like to request that we ask Rich Guthrie to check on AVEC situation to find the possible problems there.

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SOS continued

Van Houte At the top of page 24, We can not drop this out because of the existing contracts. This would make us liable for law suits.

Parr Who pays AVEC bills now?

Clark SOS does, they have contracts out on all these.

Sullivan Some SOS contracts include things such as buildings, etc. and I'm sure they don't expire on July 1?

Van Houte If the State has a lease they are their responsibility. The leases would have to be examined on an individual basis.

Mr. Hayes SOS Representative

The lease agreement, for example, on the SOS building in Anchorage is for three years. We have talked to the owner and he has made it clear that he is willing to compromise. Based on your bill it would be a year before these buildings would be evacuated. I personally don't see this as a problem to this bill.

Sullivan My intentions are to give Stu Hall all the proposed amendments and get his opinion in the legal area, then meet again to put it all together and complete this bill.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Bill will be reconsidered on April 1, 1975.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-27-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Sullivan
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

HB 311

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 11:00am. HB 311 was brought up for the second time and Chairman asked if there was any objection to passing it out.

Swanson I object unless we move it out with individual recommendations.

Ostrosky I vote to move this bill out with individual recommendations.

Chairman How many do passes do we have, we have a majority to the bill will be passed out with a 'do pass'.

HB 221, HB 231

Rep. Ted Smith was sponsor of the bills and gave briefing of each. Will provide facilities for campgrounds usable by handicapped people. These bills appropriate general fund money and matching federal monies.

Hackney Can this be paid for with soft money?

Smith No, 50% matching funds. I might mention this money doesn't provide full facilities but things like wheel chairs to help handicapped people to maneuver.

Chairman Are there any other questions, do we have a motion to move?

Beirne I would move and ask unanimous consent that we move these bills out with a 'do pass'.

Chairman Without hearing objection, so ordered.

HB 225

Beirne gave briefing of bill and brought up the fact that there was no fiscal note.

Hackney I am wondering what this bill will do to two story buildings. Since you can't have a ramp, does it force an elevator have to be put in?

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Beirne No, it doesn't mandate putting an elevator in because there are many alternatives to this problem.

Chairman Any further discussion?

Hackney Sect. 4 Pg 2 - with this I couldn't vote for the bill, it means we would be renovating a boat in 10 years that we built now.

Beirne - It really doesn't involve much money, maybe only a matter of hand rails or wider doors.

Swanson What is the effective date on this bill?

Chairman It takes effect immediately. Is there a motion to the bill?

Beirne I would like to request that the Committee accept CSHB 225 in lieu of HB 225.

Hackney I'm not prepared to vote this out.

Davis I don't think I could pass it out either.

Beirne I have no objection to holding hearings on this bill.

Chairman Sullivan called a break in order to call Commissioner Harris and request someone to come over and testify on the bill. No one came after 45 minutes and the bill was held over and meeting was adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-28-75

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
Davis Swanson
Hackney
Ose
Ostrosky

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

HB 202, HB 206

Rep. Naughton gave briefing of the bills. They deal with the Board of Regents and the term of office. General these two bills are the same, one being introduced by Rep. Gardiner. Reasoning behind the bill is to provide a wider district of representation on the Board. The U of A is experiencing a surge of interest in growth throughout the State. This is to insure that because of this growth, two more members will be added.

Hackney What would be the rationale behind holding a Regent to two terms?

Naughton There is such keen interest throughout the geographical sections and within these segments throughout the State.

Ostrosky I see this as a healthy change of turnover on the Board.

Naughton The present term is 8 years and then may be reappointed.

Ose How many do we have now?

Naughton We have 8 eight year term members and 1 2 year student member.

Charles Ferguson - U of A Regional

Ose I am concerned with the large representation being from Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau, no other geographical areas are represented.

Hackney What is the longest time that anyone has spent on the Board?

Ferguson Region Oneill was on 20 some years, I really couldn't give you that exact answer, I am not sure. We feel that it takes by the end of a four year term to know enough about the University. Under this bill a regent would just be getting familiar with all the problems and his term would be up.

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Ferguson From our standpoint this is an extremely complex statewide institution.

Nels Anderson Read a letter he sent to Governor Hammond per Board of Regents. Asked Governor to reconsider the list of appointments and include more geographical areas. I think we should get new blood into the system. And one question is what do we do when a Regent has a poor attendance record? This board should be made up of members throughout the state and should reflect the composition of the entire state, racial lines and geographical lines.

Ferguson I agree with you Mr. Anderson. My point was that it takes whoever is appointed several years to understand the process and workings of the U of A. Would like to remind you that it is a single statewide system. Should be representing the U of A without political undertones. If we have added a student to the Board, then why not add a faculty member also? This provides all kinds of problems.

Gardiner I disagree with the 8 year term because of the complexity of the U of A system. I don't see how this could possibly be any more complex than the Finance Committee of the Legislature and there is no 8 year term here. They are simply for two years.

Regent

Abel I would ask that you bring this bill up again at a later date in order to give other Regents a chance to speak on this bill. I have only been on the Board a few months and am not yet qualified to speak for all.

Naughton I would like to see a four year term. This is the common practice in a number of other states. My bill asks for a five year term because I couldn't see them going for the four year term from the 8 year.

Beirne Things have changed so much in the last six years. I had the feeling then that this was a prestigious job. Personally feel 8 years is too long. It should be a good hard working Board knowing what they're getting into etc. I believe a five year term is sufficient.

Ose Do they have any orientation to let you know what you'll be doing?

Regent Abel Not as such. I knew quite a bit about it because I am a graduate of the U of A.

Ferguson There are four regular meetings a year with special meetings occurring throughout the year.

Beirne Asked Mr. Naughton if he would consider a 6 year term. He replied that he and Gardiner would have to agree to the 5 year term.

Ferguson I would like to ask that the Regents be brought down to testify to the Judiciary Committee.

Ostrosky I move HB 202 out of the Committee

Swanson I ask unanimous consent with a 'do pass' recommendation.

Chairman Sullivan Without objection, so ordered.

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CSSB 59

Chairman Sullivan The major difference between this bill and HB 97 is that the Judge may decide to release the name.

Beirne This is very different than the last bill and makes it almost innocuous. Ose's bill made the releasing of names mandatory and this leaves the protection up to the discretion of the Judge.

Chairman Sullivan Do I have a motion on this bill?

Ostrosky I move we pass this bill out with individual recommendations.

Chairman Sullivan So ordered.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-29-75

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Sullivan
Hackney Swanson
Ose
Osterback

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Before that the Committee met at the Hilton and was treated to Lunch by Bob Van Houte, NEA.

HB 56

Ose Gave briefing of bill and stated that it just puts principals in their own class and not stating them as administration in the status.

Overstreet Would like to see the word 'reasonable' deleted from line 21.

Hackney Is there a particular reason for that word?

Ose I don't recall any.

Beirne Reasonable could mean that there was a question. I think principals think they are kind of no mans land- they want to have a place in the law and want to have some decision in policy making. How could we reword this statement and still allow principals to be brought in?

Overstreet Reasonable people still do argue over what is reasonable.

Swanson I feel we might be opening ourselves up for a law suit.

Hackney I move we strike 'reasonable' from this bill and accept it as a Committee substitute.

Beirne I object

Sullivan I'll take that as an amendment to the amendment, motion fails. Is there a motion to strike 'reasonable'? (hand count- passes).

Beirne I move and ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed out of committee.

No objection, so ordered.

HB 149 Rep Beirne gave briefing of bill. Teacher retiring before 1951 has different retirement system. The fiscal not shows small fiscal impact. Average age of teacher is 7



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 31, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

HB 305 Rep. Anderson

Gave Briefing of the bill. The City of Dillingham needs some quick action for these funds requested. The Main reason for submitting this bill is that we should not put children in rural Alaska in schools or buildings such as the present ones they use. The Dillingham School area supports boarding home students from the entire Bristol Bay area also. At the present time, these students will have to go elsewhere for their education, much further away from their homes. The Bristol Bay Native Association has drafted a resolution in support of the requested monies. (read res.) The entire area is experiencing rapid growth. The Bristol Bay Native Assoc. is expanding, the Health programs are expanding etc. Dillingham is the regional headquarters for all of these things. All of these organizations are expanding and bringing in more families. We have no way of knowing for sure but between 60-100 additional employees are presently working in Dillingham from the current date to 1976. (projected increase figures) Actually, we now have the needs for the buildings without the projected populations.

Dr. Charles White Superintendent of Dillingham School

Spoke briefly of the surprising population increase. The School was started with 60 new students. The projected figure was 35. In the past year we have increased our special programs. Indian Education, Bi-lingual, Community Education, and the Educational Radio Station is presently taking up the space of two classrooms. Also mentioned the impact of the SOS decentralization. The old building was condemned at one time but we were forced to open it up again for classrooms. We have considered going the route of just building a gym. What we would like to do is to have a science lab, library, office space, and do away with the old building entirely, having everything in one place. The cost of remodeling the old gym is \$2 million dollars and that is a low figure compared to our projected cost figures.

Parr What is the assessed property value?

White 1974 the figure was \$9,339,740. 18.5 mil rate with 3% sales tax. The School is getting one half or more of the present sales tax.

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Parr Your estimated construction figure of \$150 per sq. ft. seems high to me.

White We are speaking here of 1976 as the starting date of the building.

Parr What is the capacity of the present school?

White 400 and we now have 445 and are expecting 480-500 by next year. There is a lack of ability to pay back the money as far as bonding etc. We have a 5 member School Board in Dillingham.

Beirne I am wondering that with all the families moving into Dillingham from smaller villages, is there any chance of other population decreasing as to bondages?

Hackney Where would the students go if not to Dillingham?

White Anchorage, Bethel, Many don't want to go elsewhere. Families don't want them to go to the cities because they generally adapt much better here in their familiar surroundings.

Hackney Noticed reference to BIA, and they're not facing responsibility?

White Yes, they admit they left Dillingham with the obligation but the excuse is that they don't ever have money for BIA schools. They simply don't have the funds appropriated.

Hackney And yet they have a housing facility of 360 plus units to be constructed further North.

Osterback Would they take these funds from another area or school?

White The Administration is in support of this bill. The funds would be additional and not taken from elsewhere.

Anderson The Governor seemed to think that this would be the way to go with this bill.

Beirne Commissioner Lind, do you see any other relief than a direct appropriation?

Lind I don't know of any. I am here only to answer questions and I am aware of the need of the school. I don't think there would be any other way than a direct approp.

Beirne I am wondering what the Finance Committee can do as far as priority matters, could you build this in stages?

White You might be doubling the costs as far as equipment and getting it there to build, then bringing it back at a later date etc. Not to mention the cost increase of materials.

Ose I am in favor of this bill.

Parr What is the budget in Dillingham?

White \$1,117,000 from the general fund, State 97.3 funding.

Parr Have you considered double shifting?

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White We don't have enough teachers for this.
The Finance Committee was very sympathetic and seemed to be in favor of this
Legislation.

Hackney I would like to hear from Commissioner Lind as to what impact this will
have on the Dept. and other community budgets?

Lind I am not aware of another situation that is quite like this one as far as
urgent needs. Dillingham is providing this service of boarding homes for the State.
The school District is a natural regional center. An agreement should be worked out
that the District will provide boarding facilities etc. I think the Finance Comm.
would want to have an itemized listing as to exact costs, footage costs etc. I think
the location is very important for the surrounding villages and their needs.

Hackney I will move we pass this bill out with a unanimous do pass.

Ose Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, HB 305 passes the Committee.

Meeting Adjourned



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 1975

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Ose	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 111

Romana Kelley was the prime sponsor of the bill. Gave a briefing of bill. This bill sets a flat fee. Did not include an appropriation to the bill as it would be better to pass the bill as it now stands first. The revenues from the bill would be approximately \$43,000. The financial statement along with this bill was not correct because it did not take this particular bill into consideration. For example, in Anchorage last year there were 700 - 900 animals put to sleep per month because of the inability of the pounds to care for all the animals turned over to them. All inoculation shots would also be included in the spay fee of \$18.

Hackney What is the present situation? Are they spayed by the clinics now?

Kelley No, they are put to sleep after a weeks time and no one claims the animal. They don't have the facilities to keep them any longer than that.

Sullivan If, by chance, when a person was getting a dog from the pound, under this bill it would be feasible for the keeper to suggest the animal be spayed.

Kelley The only opposition I have heard pertaining to this bill is by veterinarians. I have recieved a considerable amount of correspondence in favor of such legislation. Presently, to have an animal spayed, the cost is anywhere from \$45 to \$115. In this bill it is only \$18. Many more people will be able to afford this service.

Ose I move this bill out of Committee with a 'do pass'.

Swanson Second the motion.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so orderd.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Hackney Sullivan
Ose Swanson
Osterback

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. The first order of business was SB 132am.

SB 132am by Chance

Senator Chance gave a briefing of the bill. The reasoning for sponsorship of the bill was the requirement under the Federal Regulations that nurses be licensed for Medicare funding. Presently there is no law on the Alaska books. The only law existing is that the Dept. of Health and Social Services had the power of emergency licensing only. Without this law we are taking the chance of losing Federal funding. This will only affect nursing homes that are receiving funds from the Medicare program.

Ose Objection to the amendment of deleting 'a person from the Pioneers of Alaska Grand Lodge'.

Chance Explained that the bill would not affect the Pioneer Homes because they are not eligible for Medicare assistance anyway because of their discriminatory process.

Hackney How much are we spending under this bill?

Chance The fiscal note is about \$24,000.

Hackney Apparently then, we are losing funding by the Federal regulations in our Pioneer Homes?

Chance Pioneer Homes are a separate thing entirely. This bill only affects the rest of the nursing homes and in order for the rest of these facilities to get federal funds, they must be licensed.

Hackney If this bill were passed, I see it as a problem to the Pioneers Home and I would ask that we hear from a Pioneer Home representative.

Barbara Walker - Alaska Nursing Assoc.

We have no objection to this bill. and have requested an amendment that has already been incorporated in the bill by the Senate HESS Committee. The two main important reasons for the passage of this bill are: 1) to insure Federal funding, and 2) the assurance of competent individuals in charge of these private homes.

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Donna Rogers Div. of Medical Assistance
Spoke in favor of the bill. Also in support of all proposed amendments.

Swanson I move and ask unanimous consent to accept all the proposed amendments.

Ostrosky Second the motion.

Chairman Hearing no objection, the amendments are adopted.

Swanson Move and ask unanimous consent to move SB 132am out of Committee as a
Committee Substitute for SB132am.

Ostrosky I second the motion.

Chairman Hearing no objection, motion carried. HCS for SB132am has been moved out
of Committee.

Chairman Sullivan then made several announcements:

At 7:30am the Committee was invited to breakfast at the Hilton by the State
Board of Education.

On Saturday, Confirmation Hearings on the Board of Regents were to be held in the
HESS Committee Rm. at 2:00.

Meeting Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 2, 1975

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 262

Rep. Gruening is the sponsor of the bill and gave briefing. This bill exempts (by Chapter 37) entity known as sheltered workshops. Some of the presently qualified associations are: Assoc. for Retarded Children, Anchorage; Fairbanks, Hope Center; also a Ketchikan operation, and a number of other organizations throughout the state. The state cost in direct expenditures will flexuate only a small bit. Thirty other states have such Legislation.

Ose How much stuff are they spending?

Gruening Not much at present. The only projects I am aware of is the silverware with Alaska Airlines and one with the City of Anchorage. The shelter workshops that I am familiar with are all non-profit organizations. I would hope that this kind of legislation would help get workshops started throughout the State.

Mike Morgan - Occupational Vocational Rehabilitation

ARCA has the designs and the funds necessary for a new building (\$200,000 construction grant with the HILL/Burton Funds). OVR would support this bill most specifically in relationship to services that they provide.

Ose Is there a fiscal note with this, why would it go to Finance?

Gruening A number of bills go to Finance without any financial impact and that's what I will inform that Committee when it reaches them.

Ose I move we pass this bill out of Committee with a unanimous 'do pass'.

Swanson Second

Chairman Without hearing any objection, HB 262 passes unanimously out of this Committee.

Meeting Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 7, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Sullivan
Hackney Swanson
Ose
Osterback

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

HB 142 Helen Beirne gave a briefing of the bill and handed out a memo from Stu Hall to each member which should answer all questions about this bill.

Some brief discussion was then taken up.

Beirne I move and ask unanimous consent to pass this bill out of Committee with a 'do pass' recommendation.

Ose I second the motion

Chairman Hearing no objection, motion carries.

Ose I would like to move to recind action on SB 132 am which was taken up last Thursday in order that we may have abit more testimony on the bill.

Hackney Second

Ose I feel that the Pioneers should have a chance to testify on the bill.

Swanson I would have no objection to Mr. Ose's motion.

Chairman Mr. Ose I would ask that your motion be to reconsider the bill rather than recind.

There was no objection and SB132am will be taken up on Tuesday, April 8 at 2:30 with testimony from the Pioneers Home.

There was discussion on HB 367 but it will not be recorded in the minutes as the bill was not referred to this Committee but to the Finance Committee. Rep. Sullivan asked Rep. Ostrosky to take this bill up in the Higher Ed. Interim Committee



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Osterback
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:30 to take up the reconsideration of SB132am.

Mr. Vern Perry, Director of Pioneers Homes

Objection to overall administrator. Objection to the bill as written. This would mean that the top man at each Home would have to be a licensed nursing home administrator.

Swanson Proposed an amendment to exempt the administrators of Pioneers Homes.

Ose Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, motion carries.

Hackney Proposed amendment delete "person from the general public" and add "a consumer of nursing home services".

Ose Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, motion carries.

Ose I move and ask unanimous consent to CSSB132 as amended be passed out with unanimous consent of the Committee.

Swanson Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, HCSSB 132as has unanimously passed the Committee.

HB 143

Dr. Sarafian This bill addresses fraud in post-secondary education. It needs to be amended so that it won't prohibit nonfraudulent activities.

Stu Hall Spoke of the present Statutes and how they need to be strengthened.

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Sharon Armstrong

The present accreditation system doesn't protect consumers. The FTC wants 50 states to adopt their model bill, HB 143 is in many ways superior.

Mr. Parr asked if this would cover operations that operate by mail from outside and Ms. Armstrong replied that it would.

Mr. Parr then directed a question to both Mr. Hall and Ms. Armstrong asking if this would in any way infringe upon the freedom of religion. The feelings were that this would not create any problems in this area.

Dr. DaFoe Pres. of U OF A

Addressed himself to Beirnes question about Tanana Land Claims College and to Mr. Ose's question about the U of A trying to prevent competition.

Dr. Sarafian

Expressed concern about the load placed on the Post-Secondary Education Commission

Mr. Andrus Local VA

Spoke in favor of the bill

Mr. Bannister Asst A.G.

Gave examples of fraudulent costs. Recommends a Sec. 5 be added at the end of the bill.

Mr. Bill Vaudin

Spoke against bill. Concerned about these standards and am questioning whether or not the people still have a voice. If there would be enough bi-lateral representation, then the intent of this bill may work.

Recommended: Pg. 5 Sec. 060 - 'has or has access to'.
We would like to be allowed by Statute to run our own program.

Eric Ekvall Ak. Native Resource Develop. Corp.

Offered two amendments:

Pg. 5 Line 14 change and to or

Pg. 5 Line 13 add "or has access to provide education of good quality".

Sheldon Jackson College Dr. Bovee

Asked a question in regards to the bonding section and if were actually required. Referred to Pg. 10 Line 9 the word 'may'.

Hall This would mean it would be permissive but not mandatory.

Beirne Would like to see rewording of the bonding section of this bill. It seems that this is often a prohibitive factor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00. Bill to be voted on at a later date.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE

April 9, 1975

Members Present:

All Present

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00.

HB 144 Dr. Beirne gave briefing of the bill.

Stu Hall - This bill is an attempt to update the existing law.

Swanson Expressed concern about feasibility studies.

Hackney - Questioning University Administration being 'top heavy'.

Beirne Questioned Mr. Hackney as to how this relates to SB 239 and 240.

Parr Asked Dr. Dafoe if this would provide for special interest courses, the reply was Yes.

Sarafian The Community Colleges would be exempt under HB 143 (in answer to a question of Mr. Ose).

Ose That may be the intent but that is not the way I read this bill.

Ostrosky I see the trouble spot as being 'as determined by the Commission'.

Parr At the bottom of page 7 and continuing on to the next page, I wondering what the reasons are for this. There is quite a difference between the Community Colleges and Senior colleges. Why are these included?

DaFoe This provides that in a location as Anchorage or Juneau where you have both types of colleges, that you have only one Advisory Commission to cover both areas. Under Sec. B., I doubt that this should be done by the Legislature. It should be done by the Advisory Commission. Presently, we say that they should adopt a set of by laws, much more democratic than the law reads.

Beirne That is correct, every Community College that we visited had no guide lines that were necessary.

Parr I doubt that the Advisory Board is going to have people who are capable of doing all these items set up in the guidelines. You are asking an awful stretch of one Board.

Sarafian - I would recommend that a fourth point in the definitions be included. The

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main purpose of this bill is to show that the Legislative intent would depend on faith and good will in Community Colleges. I agree that it is not wise to Legislate the Administrative officers but there is deep concern as to the community college leadership.

Swanson Pg. 7 Line 8. I am wondering about all these duties. It sounds like the Advisory Council will be doing all the work and I see no provisions for their time.

Bill Vaudin This outlines that if a program is located in an area that an investigation takes place and that if all the stipulations have already gone in, then we don't have to reproduce all this again. The existing program should be the recipients of these services.

Parr Wouldn't you be eligible for the same funds that Sheldon Jackson get and AMU?

Vaudin I have asked this question many times and have never been able to get an answer. The tuition at our school is between 5 - 6,000.00, a large part is paid by the NS Borough.

Swanson ASKed Mr. Vaudin to submit a written paper with proposed amendments to the bill.

Vaudin Line 7, 8, 9, Pg. 4. This defines relationship and holds to the University in line 8, complete operational authority.

Hall Then that is the place where your amendment will go and not on page 2?

Vaudin Pg 5, line 15 - & 21-23, no provisions for contracting the administrators.

Sullivan We will compile the amendments with Mr. Hall and then bring them back to the Committee to be voted on.

Bovee Spoke in support of the comments made by Mr. Vaudrin.
Pg. 2 Line 12 or so....wonder if this statement couldn't include "and other recognised non profit institutions of higher education."

Eric Eckvall AFN

I am not convinced that Community Colleges are the answer:

- (1) limited to two year programs, then forced to transfer.
- (2) the issue of locally controlled school boards. Advisory Boards work or doesn't work, depending on the leadership of the community college itself.

Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 10, 1975

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Ose	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 193

Stu Hall gave a briefing of the bill. Explained that this bill exempts SOS from the state personnel act and fiscal procedure acts, making it subject to the regulations of the Dept. of Education, incorporating it into SB 35 or HB 24.

HB 194

Stu Hall - This bill would provide for the division of the state into nine administrative Regions, taking transportation and geographical locations into consideration. The Board elections would be held as municipal elections. Subject the members to recall. Provide for a three year term, this seems as though it would cause administrative problems and should maybe consider a four year term. This bill does not go along with HB 24 or SB 35 as HB 193 does.

Chairman Suppose HB 24 or SB 35 was hung up somewhere, what would happen to these bills then?

Stu Hall You could go ahead with either of these two bills.

Parr HB 193, what affect would exemptions of State Personnel Act have here?

George White SOS

It would exempt the classified personnel as far as their pay and from the system that is established as job descriptions, grievances etc.

Stu Hall Would like to suggest an amendment in Sec.39-25-110. Amend this paragraph to include noncertified employees. Add new section between Lines 18 & 19, rewrite paragraph #8. A simple technical problem.

White My support of HB 193 does not mean that I do not support HB 24. I am in support of HB 24. In the event that HB 24 or SB 35 do not pass, then this bill would be necessary. Or in the event that these two other bills are amended drastically. This bill would allow SOS to be its own accounting system.

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delete "administrative" wherever it appears and replace it with "the Commissioner of Education in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Regional Affairs."

P. 3 Lines 4-18

HB 119

Rep. Miller gave a briefing of his bill.
Spoke in favor of the bill.

Ose Opposed strongly

Swanson Also in opposition to the bill.

Hackney Sympathetic with Mr. Swanson, I am against the bill.

Ostrosky Motion to move bill out of Committee with individual recommendations.

Parr Seconded the motion

Chairman Sullivan All in favor of the motion 5 opposed 4

In favor: Sullivan, Ostrosky, Osterback, Beirne, Parr
Opposed: Ose, Hackney, Davis, Swanson

Ose Objection to moving this bill out, I would like more testimony.

Swanson The man we want here is Mr. Gates.

Chairman Sullivan suggested the bill be reconsidered at a later date per Mr. Ose's request.

HB 193 & HB 194

Have been in contact with the Dept. of Admin. and they have no position paper to the bill. The Dept. of Education is in favor of the bills.

Chairman Sullivan asked what the pleasure of the Committee was on HB 193.

Ostrosky Motion to move bills out of Committee with Individual recommendations.

Osterback Seconded the motion.

The vote on this bill was 'no recommendation' from the majority of the Committee.

Meeting Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 11, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	Davis

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00. The first order of business was HB 181.

HB 181= Margaret Wolf, Advisory Board Chairman

Spoke of the history of the H&SS Advisory Board. Spoke in opposition to all encompassing. Would like to see this as the Div. of Family and Children Services Advisory Board. Would like to also suggest a Committee Substitute be drawn up. HB 553 (1974) projected expenses based on current costs, less than \$15,000. The Board exists now but is having trouble being funded by the Dept. because of no mandating legislation.

Swanson What will be the cost?

Wolf \$15,000.

Beirne It is my experience that the Board has been very helpful in Anchorage.

Hackney What kind of problems are brought to the Board's public hearings?

Wolfe In favor of HB 553 (1974 Legislation)

C. Kleinkauf National Assoc. of Social Workers. The Governor's Welfare Advisory Board will become H&SS, Div. of Family & Children Services Board with the enactment of this bill. The Board provides invaluable service such an advisory Board used to be mandatory in order to get federal funds, now it is voluntary but valuable so it should be retained.

Commissioner Williamson Spoke in favor of continuing the existence of the Board with state legislation mandating such board. Expressed that he was seeing HB 553(1974) for the first time and would prepare a position paper on the matter.

Beirne Motion to adopt HB 553(1974) as CSHB 181 (1975).

Ostrosky Second the motion

Chairman Sullivan asked if there was any objection, none being heard, CS for HB181 was accepted by the Committee.

SCR 16

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SCR 16 Senator Chance gave briefing of the bill. Emergency medical facilities are necessary in bringing attention to the need for special training to deal with rape victims.

Hackney Motion to move bill out with 'do pass'
Ostrosky SEcond

Chairman Sullivan, hearing no objection, announced bill out of committee with unanimous consent.

SCR 18 Senator Chance gave briefing of the bill. No aggressive self defense techniques can be taught that aren't applicable to aggressive action.

Ose Motion to move bill out with unanimous 'do pass'
Hackney Second

Hearing no Objection, SCR 18 passes the Committee.

Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 14, 1975

Members Present:

All members

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

SB 261am

Senator Chance, Sponsor of the bill, gave briefing. Bill relates to the project of the year for the American Women's Club and is endorsed by American Bar Association.

Parr There is a house bill by Bradner on the same subject with more specifics.

Hackney I am in favor of the bill.

Ostrosky I Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Parr Objection, I would ask for individual recommendations.

Ose Yes, I would vote no rec.

Chairman Sullivan counted the votes and the majority of the members voted do pass.

HB 12

Rep. Beirne gave briefing of the bill and recommended that since it doesn't pertain to this Committee any further, that the bill be passed out as 'no rec' and sent on to Finance where it can be studied in depth.

Hackney I would rather sit on it until next year than to pass it out, that is like saying the bill has our endorsement.

Parr I am in favor of the concept but if the figures on those pages submitted by the Dept. are correct, they are highly incorrect!

Swanson I am not in support of this bill either. I think we should move it out with individual recommendations.

Ostrosky If that is a motion Mr. Swanson, I will second it.

It was voted on that the bill be sent on to the Finance Committee with 'individual recommendations.'

HB 225 Beirne gave briefing of the bill. The same wording which includes the concept of HB 13 is in this bill. It is requesting that all architectural barriers be eliminated over a 10 year period in all government buildings.

Bob McGuire Deputy Commissioner/Public Works
see page two.

McGuire Spoke of the possibilities of the bill.

John Steinman - Chief Architect/Div. of Buildings.

Should clarify that some of our people have gone through these matters and placed priorities which is not what we're suppose to do and I wish to apologise for this. A question I would raise is whether or not this can be our prerogative to make judgments on the barriers rather than making it mandatory?

Beirne I am wondering where you got the idea that a handicapped person is one in a wheelchair only?

McGuire This was over simplified abit.

Beirne This is already being mandated on a Federal level. I think you're addressing this in a very small scope. This information you have submitted to Rep. Sullivan is totally irresponsible. I can assure you that unless the State does this now, they will be subject to suits and higher costs to the State at a later date.

Swanson Have we ever been sued in your knowledge with something like this?

McGuire No, not to my knowledge.

Beirne In Anchorage it is a group of handicapped students suing the State. This is a State responsibility that we put this into law. The Federal laws are based on the US Standards.

Steinman I don't think it is the intent here that is in question, it is the way in which we will have to carry it out.

Beirne I think the bill is very lenient.

Osterback We should start working in the rural areas first where, as you said, the majority of the handicapped people are.

Hackney How would HB 225 affect leased buldings?

McGuire I don't interpret that we would be changing the present buildings already in use. The Dept. of Admin. handles all leasing procedures. We've made requests and they're willing to do anything that we're willing to pay for. These costs to hand the handicapped are considerably higher than the average costs of construction. An expensive proposition!

Steinman In Sec. 4 I would like to suggest an amendment.

Page 2 Line 25 delete 'be planned, designed, financed, constructed, opened to public use, or otherwise placed in operation' and add after be "initiated for planning, design, finance, and construction" unless...

Ostrosky I Move for adoption of the proposed amendment.

Beirne Second

Chairman Without hearing objection, amendment passes.

Beirne Proposed amendments: Pg 1 Line 8, add "ed" to infirm

PG 1 Line 19, "*****"

Pg.1 Line 17, after the word 'federal' add "state or

other public funds,'

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Swanson Move the adoption of Rep. Beirne's Amendments.
Beirne Second
Chairman Without hearing objection, amendments adopted.

Hackney Still not happy as to whether or not this applies to leased buildings.

Beirne Sec 4 Pg 2 Line 27 - I believe this covers Mr. Hackney's problem.

Ostrosky I move to pass this bill out of Committee with individual rec.
Beirne Seconded

Vote= Yea 3 Nay 5

see Committee Report enclosed.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15, 1975

Members Present:

All members present

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

HB 349 Chairman Sullivan gave briefing of the bill.

Dept of Public Works Bob McGuire

Spoke in support of the bill and then turned his presentation over to Mr. Steinman, Chief Architect for the Div. of Buildings.

Steinman Listed 13 different locations with square footage being greater than 6,000. These locations are in existing buildings. In cases of modifications you can figure capital improvement costs.

- 1) capital improvement costs
- 2) Maintainance Costs

The maintainance costs figures to be \$4 per sq. ft. per year. \$approx. \$2,000 custodial and maintainance costs per year. Operational costs, staff ect. would be something the Dept of H&SS would want to address itself to.

Sullivan Wonder about you estimate of 50 sq. ft. per child, I was under the impression that it was 35'.

Steinman I did refer to the codes, this is where I got the figure.

Ose What is the purpose of this in the first place?

Sullivan There is a cronic shortage of Day Care facilities, the employee would pay the costs of the care. The only cost to the State would be the ameritization.

Ose We have DC centers and last year we increased State employee's salaries. This year we will be going into competition with DC centers. I think we are starting something here that will cause problems. In my own area we're trying to get a small state office building, and with this bill they would have to put in extra space just for this center. I am strongly opposed to this bill. I don't think this is the State's responsibility. The State can't afford this at this time.

Parr I think Mr. Ose is fighting a lost battle, the argument of whether the women should stay at home with the kids- we've got to deal with today's world and most women do work and the children need to be taken care of.

Osterback How many buildings are going to be built around the Fairbanks and Anchorage areas in thenear future?

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Steinman I'm not prepared to answer that question at this time.

Hackney What constitutes the renovation of an existing building? Its the "renovation" part that disturbs me.

Steinman Under this legislation the thing that would be required to meet the codes of this State is for example 1) one hour separation, fire regulation,.....etc.

Hackney What I'm asking is what does the word "renovation" mean?

Sullivan I would agree to that being amended to read "major" renovation.

Steinman \$60 sq. ft. @ 50 ft. per child= \$3,000 capital improvements per child per yr. The DC activity has to be on the ground floor of all buildings, having 2 exists avail. The maintenance costs would possibly be non-profit, and pro-rated. @\$2.75 per sq. ft. to \$9.00 per sq. ft.

Sullivan How many SOB's will be in the process of being constructed this summer.

Steinman 3 to 6 that I am aware of.

Sullivan I would consider amending sec. 2, this act is in effect in 180 days.

Beirne I am wondering about the contracting section, would CRA do this or the people that run the buildings?

Sullivan Open to any suggestions in this area.

Ostrosky The Dept of Admin determines space allocations.

Beirne How about APEA running this, should we amend this to the bill?

Ostrosky Line 18 & 19, How would you interpret space & facilities, furnishings, kitchen area, what would these facilities include?

Steinman CRA would provide the built in furnishings not other furnish ings, coaches etc

Parr Title 39 defines the "Dept." as the Dept. of Public Works and wo you will want to amend the bill to read the Dept. of C&RA.

The bill was held over to be voted on at a later date as time was running out.

Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 16, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	

HB 327 (see file)

Parr Are these positions carried out by the Special Education people now?

Mrs. Henry Henri House

Yes, they are not allowed to provide certain services to special education children at this time. Locally I represent 30 parents of handicapped children. The Education bill covers the cost of the certified teachers of special education kids. It doesn't cover any diagnostic care. The Alaska Crippled Children handles as much of this as presently possible. They can't diagnose now, the doctor must see them first, they are signaled out as a special education child.

Mrs. Anderson Presently they may receive medical testing and educational testing, then at this time it is necessary for these people to get together and discuss the child on the entire problem. This is what we would like to see done. There's no coordination at this point, the doctor and the educational instructors must get together in these areas. They are both more than willing to do these things but now there isn't any structure available.

Hackney Are you saying that you don't have the funds for such a program?

Mrs. Anderson In some areas yes. Also, medicare pays some of the costs. We understand that there is a Legislative Commitment that says the State will provide for a diagnostic program in the and throughout the State.

Beirne They are asking to bring together all those diagnostic points to find the entire problem of each individual child.

Parr We don't have any information as to how this \$75,000 should be used! Primarily for contractual services.

Dr. Spence Dept. of H&SS, Anch. Child Study Center

This center provides this type of coordinated diagnostic study: \$130,000-1/2 Fed. Grant and 1/2 from the State. It is hard for the staff to know what is available in communities throughout the State. Also costs a lot of money to send the child to Anch. not to mention the reluctance of the parents. We would like to see these centers set up throughout the State. Proposed one in Juneau and one in Fairbanks. The \$75,000 in this bill is not included in the Dept. Budget.

Beirne Any figures on how many rural children have been seen in the Anchorage Center?

Spense 100-120 new cases per year in the Anchorage area, 50% from the Gr. Anch Borough and the rest from the rest of the State.

Beirne This program has been going in the Anchorage area for the past nine years.

Hackney Talking of two separate individuals for this \$75,000? are they merely coordinators between the Departments?

Spense No, the Medical Director in the Anch. is a specialist and he should be one of the diagnosticians on that team. The service would be paid for on a contractual basis by the Dept. of H&SS, or another dept. This \$35,000 is for a complete staff, not just one position.

Osterback I move and ask unanimous consent for a do pass recommendation.
Beirne Second

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 78

If SOS is reimbursed @ a maximum of 100%, by losing 25 students, there is a limit to how much they can save, for every 25 students they would lose \$50,000 and make up only \$20,000.

Hackney What was your student loss number?

SOS Rep Originally, about 1100 students. Primarily this occurred at the military bases, 7400 students anticipated and enrollments were only 6,900. Military accounts for almost half.

Parr SOS overestimated and enrollments for a couple of years.

SOS Yes, they overestimated by 1000 students that they thought they got to collect 874 funds on. They were able to cut back, shortfall of expected revenue was about 20%.

Deputy Commissioner Cole

Dept. of Education would recommend that the revenue shortfall be made up. I see no alternative.

Parr 1) in favor of SOS, their costs figure on ADM rather than 874 funds would come in on ADA 2) All SOS would mean that it would be necessary to be tenured by March 15, 3) Since we've passed HB 24 out in order that 874 doesn't come through, it obligates the State to pick up the crumbs. Seems we should be a little more accurate in judgement.

Van Houte We urge that you pass the bill. Only alternative at this time.

Ostrosky Move this bill out with unanimous 'do pass'

Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 244

Mr. Madden Would earmark 1/4 of the Dept. of H&SS for the processes of studies for improved operations. Could be some confusion as to the total budget of \$230,000, the general fund would be \$160,000, this bill has been around since last session, down to 1/4 of 1% in this years budget.

Parr Why is this bill necessary?

SOS We must- be in accordance with the Budget instructions, we can only budget a maintenance budget and therefore we couldn't put any extra monies into the Budget.

Hackney A practical matter, it would cut all other programs to mandate this money.

Mrs. Lloyd Yes, we do some studies but cannot do a complete evaluation at the present time.

Hackney Have the monies been put into the 300 Sec. of the Budget which is contractual

Mrs. Lloyd \$200,000 in the Governor's Budget for the Div. of Children and Family Services. for a study in that particular division.

Parr This bill won't make significant difference.

Beirne Would provide for better planning

Mrs. Lloyd No comprehensive planning, we need it.

Beirne Motion to change 1/4 to 1/3 based on State General Fund Budget.

Amendment failed.

Sullivan I would like to appoint Mr. Hackney and Dr. Beirne as a subcommittee to amend the bill for tomorrow. Recess 5:00pm.

HB 24

Most of the last discussion applies to the Dept. of Ed. too.

Hackney Move to table this bill.

Davis Second

Chairman, Hearing no objection, motion passes.

Adjourned



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 17, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Davis
Hackney	Parr
Osterback	Sullivan
Ostrosky	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 394 Rep. Gardiner gave a briefing of the bill. \$71.00 per sq. ft. to build. This is a low figure because they have done alot of the work themselves. They own the land and have done everything possible to complete as much as they could before asking for funds.

Hackney Is that an SOS School?

Gardiner Some of the areas in the State that have already gone to independent school districts, this is one of them.

Mr. Thompson 1962 the Hydaburg School was condemed. It is a first class city. The Legislature made them a loan of \$350,000 and as repayment they pay a tobacco tax and have reduced it to \$207,000. In 1972 there was a \$420,000 bond issue under the Dept. and Federal matching funds.

Parr The fiscal amount is the same of the amount specified in the bill.

Swanson What about the Galena School, could this be added to this bill?

Thompson The Galena School will go to bid next week. Galena can obtain the facility for the funds available. This is a priority in my opinion.

Ostrosky Motion and ask unanimous 'do pass'

Parr Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HCR 26 by Guy - gave briefing of the bill.

There are no proper places for disposal, leads to many problems. If this Resolution should pass, I am hoping that a better means will be found. There is no fiscal note because we are uncertain as to how this will be carried out.

Swanson I have introduced a bill that will possibly be able to help with all villages and their disposal problems.

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Mr. Mueller Dept. Environmental Conservation

This is a real problem throughout the state. The present statutory responsibility limits itself. We do have a program which does this by water supply and sewage disposal. These could possibly be adjusted to include a wider ranged project. The Dept. is highly in favor of this project. We do have a draft solid waste management plan for Alaska, Perhaps this will help the problem. Probably uneconomical to send recycling materials to Anchorage.

Hackney Move and ask for unanimous do pass.

Swanson Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 281, HB 393

Don Clocksin - HB 281 grants our flexibility so that they can take the cost of living allowance into account. This covers all welfare programs, all cash grant programs. HB 393 relates only to Adult programs. This would require that the State pass along the Federal cost of living increase and also requires this in the State portion of the grant. Just adult programs only.

SB 309 applies just to aid to families, children, AFDC programs, not adult programs. It eliminates distinction between young kids and old kids, fiscal note explains the cost. The two House Bills, important principals are that we must tie the grants to the cost of living allowance.

Hackney Was that included in the Governor's Budget?

Clocksin None of the three bills were included in his budget.

Don Kemp Dept. of H&SS

Stated that he could not recommend these bills. HB 281's major problem is interpreted in Sec. 8 (see attached material). For the general relief program, this would increase the Dept. expenditures considerably. At the present time, the Dept. is only able to serve 1/4 of the eligibles. (see position paper attached). OEO poverty guidelines are based on gross income. AFDC is based on Net income.

Clocksin I don't understand why the fiscal is based on \$3200, it should be based on present case load. I don't agree with Mr. Kemp here.

Kemp As i read it, i felt that the intent of the bill was to take care of all the eligible people.

Beirne Right now we only have 800 recipients but there are 2400 that could apply and be eligible.

Kemp Our best estimates are that only 1/4 of those that apply are actually given assistance.

Parr Why is the proposed change going to raise the average amount to such a person?

Kemp There will be a minimum amount of assistance, Art. 8 of the bill - pg. 1 Lines 18-20, proposed amendment showing this.

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Parr Wonder if Line 18 is necessary for some kind of relief, don't no how you would define subsistence.

Sullivan I am distressed to know that we can only help 1/4 of the people that apply.

Hackney I read this bill that there should be no fiscal impact. we are saying you are going to help even fewer than the 1/4 because if they're going to be mandated to make to much money they won't be eligible.

Kemp Without an appropriation that may be true, but it depends on whether or not they are applying to the present maximum.

Beirne What's happening to that other 2400 eligible people?

Kemp Sometimes churches, salvation army etc. are able to help some of them. So what we are doing is operating purely on emergency.

Clocks Back to the position paper of 281. Para. #3 is no longer applicable because (pg 2 grants) one person would require \$250 per month, statutory amount, OEO guidelines offer \$244 per month, problem illiminated by providing greater of the two. Para #4 I disagree with. OEO amounts are larger than the present grants that the State has. Suggest changes here, possible on Pg. 2 Line 26-27- to change 'general relief', no floor (minimum grant) in the present Statute.

Hackney Where does it get the money to fund them.

Beirne HB 281 would actually take the cieling off?

Kemp Yes, that is correct.

The bills were held over for vote at a later date.

Adjourned @ 5:30pm.

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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 1975

Members Present:

All Present

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 375 Grace Wilson

Fishermen's Fund bill would provide for treatment and care for the fishermen if injured or becomes ill. 60% of license fees. Extension of benefits, present limit (\$2500) present extension has to go before the council, only meets twice a year; spring and fall.

Hackney What are the conditions of the fund?

Wilson \$577,000, has increased every year, don't anticipate change in stability of the fund by the bill.

Ose Move this bill out with a 'do pass'.

Osterback Seconded

Davis Ask for Mr. Eliason to testify.

Eliason It is the type of insurance that the fisherman pays for with the license fee.

Osterback How long in effect?

Wilson Since 1951

Bill passed the Committee.

HB 399 by Eliason

Read position paper.

Van Houte - Spoke in favor for NEA

Isaacs Read Dept. of Education position paper.

Parr Is the Dept. of Ed. in favor?

Isaac Yes.

James There are money problems here. Presently set up on the dues system, each school paying \$75-\$225.

Ose Move out with individual Recommendation

Beirns Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HCR 48

Davis Purpose of this bill is so that the young people can get education in their home towns.

Ostrosky The Interim Committee is in favor of this resolution.
Move and ask unanimous consent for 'do pass'

Davis Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 343 Rep. Smith gave briefing of bill.

Smith to Eliminate the hospital emergency room as drinking ground. Propose possible amendment to allow protective custody if refused by treatment centers.

Beirne Favor of the bill but opposed to amendment.

Parr In agreement with Rep. Beirne,

Mrs. Smith Drunks very much interfere with the operation of the emergency room

James Alcoholism is- a disease. Opposed to putting them with sick people. Jail needs medical care facilities.

Barkley Chief of Police, Juneau Disagrees with the bill. Question, the word 'shall' All the discussion has been with Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. That is not where the problem lies. In the bush areas throughout Ak. there just aren't the alcoholic facilities to handle the cases. The bill says that he 'shall' pick him up, but then what is he to do with him then? You have presented us with an impossible situation here. You have not planned for the provisions of the care of the individual.

Parr Couldn't a hospital in the smaller communities handle these people?

Barkley At this time not all of them could.

Parr Would you be in favor of an amendment in Line 10, change shall to may?

Barkley That won't solve the problem. The incapacitated should go to the hospital. It isn't fair to place the responsibility of the medical attention needed on the officer.

Smith Para A, deals with lesser degree of alcoholism.

Beirne Chief Barkley has a very good point. Some cases this has been solved by taking them to the medical facilities, but that is not always possible as the lack of the facilities throughout the entire State. I think we should get the Alcoholism people in here to testify.

Chairman I agree with Rep. Beirne and we will take this bill up at a later date for more testimony from the Alcoholism people.

Meeting Adjourned



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles Adams, Director
Division of Corrections

DATE: April 18, 1975

FROM: Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HESS Committee

SUBJECT: Prisoner Facilities

Please provide my office with your best estimate of the facilities and expense required to provide the following:

- a) adequate facilities for maximum security prisoners so that they will not have to be housed at the South Central Correctional Center at Eagle River, and
- b) adequate facilities for female prisoners in Alaska.

I would appreciate it if your response to (a) includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the re-creation of a halfway house in Anchorage and the refurnishing, as necessary, of the Anchorage Third Avenue jail.

Your expeditious response would be greatly appreciated.

cc: Rep. Sam Cotten



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 1975

Members Present:

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

HB 433

Dr. Scholz, Sheldon Jackson College
Spoke in favor of the bill.

Beirne I move and ask unanimous consent that we pass this bill out of committee with a 'do pass' recommendation.

Ostrosky SEconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 404

REpresentative Urion gave briefing of the bill.

Swanson Move for the adoption of an amendment, 'Delete Sec. 1'

Ostrosky Second the motion

Chairman Hearing no objection, motion carries.

Swanson Move and ask unanimous consent to move HB 404 out of Committee as amended.

Ostrosky Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

(a Committee Substitute was drawn up with the approved amendment)

HB 168 Urion spoke in favor of the bill as opposed to HB 272.

Cosgrove Office of the Aging
Spoke in favor of the concept.

Dozier Dept. of C&RA
Spoke to the difference of the two bills.

The Bill was held over until a later date.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 23, 1975

The meeting was unable to be conducted because of a lack of quorum. The only members present were Sullivan, Beirne, and Ostrosky. Members excused were Parr and Hackney.

The bills that had to be post-poned until a later date were:

HB 363
HB 181
HB 180



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 24, 1975

Members Present:

All Present

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00-. The first order of business was HB 435 by McKinnon.

HB 435 McKinnon gave briefing of the bill. The actual fiscal note is \$49,200, this will actually cost considerably less in consideration of the revenue for the State of Alaska.

Hackney I am not in favor of just sending this directly on to Finance Committee.

McKinnon Since HB 111 will most likely be held up in Finance Committee because of an inaccurate fiscal note, that is the purposed of this bill. \$420,000 a year in Anchorage spent on animal control, this will be reduced in future years.

Hackney Still opposed to the concept, The State cant' afford this at the present time.

Ose Seems like it would be cheaper for the Anchorage Borough to carry this program on itself.

Ostrosky In support of the bill. In contact with the Anchorage Animal Shelter and it is true that the problem is getting out of hand.

Davis Motion to Table the bill.

Hackney Seconded

Motion failed 4 to 4.

Ostrosky Motion to move out with 'individual recommendation'.

Parr Seconded

Chairman Motion passes the Committee.

CSHB 229

Overstreet The present system is subject to inequitable funding. A careful study needs to be undertaken. Our primary thrust in the past three years has been exactly what this bill would take care of.

Swanson Who will be doing the hiring for this study, someone from the outside?

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Overstreet I will not be doing the hiring, You should direct your question to Commissioner Lind.

Lind Outside assistance would only happen if we could not do it ourselves. It is not our intent to get outside help for the build of the work. This is a necessary report. BIA funds will be for 18 months of personal services = \$62,000 (confirmed figure). Spencer Foundation for \$20,000 requested (unlikely), and Ford Foundation a requested \$25,000 (verbal approval). \$15 000 from other State sources, \$5,000 from the Dept. of Educ. and \$10,000 from the Legislative Interim Comm. Grant approved 10-25-74.

Dean Coons Dept. of H&SS
Will be studying means of adding BIA schools into regional attendance areas.

Hackney How much is your dept. spending on studies of the various kinds?

Lind I can't answer that, I would have to take a closer look. Smaller studies with teachers of reading etc.

Parr I don't have a problem with this need of the study itself. One change, no way of accessing quality. What is intended by quality as far as that is concerned?

Lind My perception is that our frustration with determining quality in education, in order for a workable situation is means that it is a degree to which the instruction is individualized.

Swanson- Where will your attentions be focused?

Lind Enable us to study busing, construction, hardship areas etc.

Davis Would like to see the fiscal note.

Swanson We've got enough studies in this state.

Beirne See this as being an extremely invaluable study for the State in future education of our young people.

Hackney We never actually adopted the CS. Would like to move for the adoption of the Committee Substitute for HB 229.

Parr Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Hackney Would like to move of the adoption of an amendment in Line 11 changing \$143,000 to 43,000.

Parr Objection.

Chairman (Took Vote) Motion failed

Parr Motion to move this bill out of Committee with a 'do pass'

Ostrosky Seconded

Chairman (Took Vote) Yea 5 Nay 4

CSHB 229 passes the Committee.

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SSHB 256 Rep. Wallis gave briefing of the bill.

Beirne Why do you want them not to have to take the exam?

Wallis This will only be until the exam comes up, then they will have to take the exam. So he can practise up until that time, he is able to take the exam which is only offered once a year.

Davis In Nome, there are not enough Dentists in the area, they have to cover 22 village

Hackney Would that mean that a Peace Corp Dentist could work for a non-profit organization for one years time, would he be able to do this?

Wallace Yes, as long as he had a license from some other State.

Pratt Representing the State Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Riddell Local Dentist and also on Board.

Spoke against the bill. Board's function to maintain quality in the State. Under the present law it is possible for a temporary permit to be issued anywhere in the bush area. Under this bill the Board would not be able to do anything about an unqualified dentist practising for a year. It does not address the problem of dentistry in the bush at all. 386 licensed dentists since statehood, 250 are practising now. Concerned with the loss of control of practising dentists.

Dr. Horschover Local Dentist

Representing the Dental Association. Has no legal authority as does the Board. As I see it there is no problem under the present law. Against the bill.

Beirne By putting shall in you are taking away the Boards power of criteria.

Wa-lis Perhaps it can be amended in Judiciary, language that 'if a corporation had more than 3 or 5 temporary permittees that there would have to be a licensed dentist working with them.'

Barr Move for the adoption of an amendment, changing shall to may.

Ostrosky Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Parr Move for the adoption of SSHB 256 as amended
No Ojbection, so ordered.

Meeting adjourned until 8:00 pm to take up HB 387.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 24, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Hackney
Parr	Davis
Ostrosky	Sullivan
Ose	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

Sullivan Are any of the kids at Alcantra eligible for Federal monies?

Holm Recently 51% were eligible for AFDC Foster Care. Devro Foundation is an excellent facility with years of experience. Would be much more expensive for Alaska. Jessee Lee does excellent job with younger boys, wouldn't meet needs of the kids that go to Alcantra, it is not structured enough.

Ostrosky What needs does Alcantra meet that Jesse Lee & McLaughlin doesn't?

Holm & Brantron - We can't place Family and Children Services Kids in McLaughlin, the need can't help the delinquency problem.

Ostrosky What is the nature of problems there?

Holm F&CS kids in institutions have considerable problems.

Parr Are the kids confined?

Holm They are not locked up, first step in Alcantra, freedom restricted, steps toward more freedom. Freedom circumscribed for own benefit.

Ostrosky What diagnostic services are there?

Sullivan How do kids get there?

Holm Referred to Alcantra by Social workers who determin the need of the child.

Branton Some correctional kids there. Probation officer monitors the needs of these kids.
Mailer S.W. takes the kids through the juvenile court hearings after a jurisdiction, extensive amount of psychological tests. Letter of reference sent to chosen institution and they can accept or reject.

Beirne Any attempt to work with Jesse Lee to start program for Alcantra type kids?

Mailer Feeling that they are not getting their money worth at Jesse Lee. Program Audited annually.

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Beirne I don't think there's enough outside staff like probation officers to keep the kids out of the institutions.

Mailer Yes, I agree

Branton Occasionally there is the child that can't be put anywhere else other than Alcantra.

Williamson Is this Alcantra's present role, presently sending some of these outside?

Branton Corrections has the kids in detention waiting for programs.

Beirne Would you be inclined not to put additional money into institution until some studies (two presently in progress) are completed?

Williamson The States (outside) that have gone the institution route have pulled back.

Branton Occasionally you have the unique child that can't be placed with other facilities, expensive proposition to provide for that child.

Hackney Isn't that the role of API?

Sullivan Any more discussion on bill, if not I move to pass this bill out of Committee with individual recommendation.

Beirne -Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 1975

Chairman Sullivan Called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Members Absent:

Ose

Osterback

Hackney

Sullivan Bills on today's calendar were introduced by HESS by request of the Dept. of H&SS and are primarily "housekeeping measures".

HB 421

Held over for more information.

HB 422

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 423

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Davis Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 424

Swanson I don not like the language, 'recovered alcoholic'. Proposed amendment to add 'known' recovered alcoholic. (amendment failed unanimously).

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for a 'do pass' recommendation.

Davis SEconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 425

Parr In favor of bill.

Beirne Opposed to bill. In reference to working with insurance companies, proposed an amendment Line 11 Delete '60' and insert '90'

Swanson Seconded

Amendment adopted unanimously.

Parr Motion to move bill out of Committee as amended.

Davis Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 426

Beirne Request it be held over for more information.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 427

Davis Request it be held over for more information.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 428

Beirne Opposition to change in Sec. 1
Chairman Bill will be held over for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Parr
Hackney Swanson
Osterback

Vice Chairman Parr called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. The first order of business was SB 220.

SB 220 Senator Hohman Gave briefing of the bill.

Swanson In favor of bill.

Hackney What we are asking for here is a review of the construction by the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee. How often do they meet?

Hohman More frequently than once a month by history.

Phil Thompson - Dept. of Education

Neither the Dept. or SOS goes to bid for the construction projects. Offer an amendment: Pg. 1 Line 16 insert "the Dept. of Public Works". With this amendment, we have no objection to the bill. The bill is not retroactive. Most of the projects have not gone to bid. The Key here is if the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee meets regularly. Core Drillings should be taken and included in the reports to the L. B&A Comm.

Hackney Do you have any objection to perhaps a language change?

Hohman I think this language here is sufficient. It is stated that the Committee will study all reports of construction when they meet.

Parr Move for the adoption of Mr. Thompson's suggested amendment to add Dept. of Public Works.

Swanson Seconded

Parr Hearing no objection, amendment adopted.

Swanson Move bill out with a 'do pass'.

Davis Second

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 415 & HB 419

Jeff Jeffers (HB415) Dept. of Education.

Parr Are these Companion bills?

Jeffers No, they are separate. HB 415 would place the money with the Dept. of H&SS, it provides a good sum to begin a process that would take longer than one year. We are in favor of the bill.

Beirne Last year this bill did not pass, are we building on what H&SS already has?

Jeffers We agreed that they would hire a person and put them temporary duty with our Dept. A study was done with 314D Funds.

Hackney Were the funds in the Gov's budget?

Jeffers No, they were never there.

Beirne Why should we put it through H&SS again for it to go to the Dept. of Educ?

Jeffers It doesn't provide a continuous program the way it is written here. In 415 it doesn't provide for the employment of anyone for the position.

Beirne If we were to change this to the Dept. of Educ. what would it do?

Jeffers It would not in itself establish this position.

HB 419 Would provide a position and enough funds to add to the curriculum teacher training as such. No price tag to this particular bill. Provides a more sustained effort than 415. They treat the same problem however.

Parr Is the Dept. prepared to explain where they are to suggest to the School District where to add this extra program....will something have to be deleted?

Jeffers We would not, the wording in the bill takes care of this. A Health Education specialist at range 21 A, about \$1800 per month, \$26,460 per year. Would only be funded if money were provided. The money in 415 would go to the Dept. of H&SS.

Swanson I don't think this kind of education should be included in Kindergarten.

Larry Sullivan - Juneau School Board

415 & 419....In '68 and '69 they recommended the need for Health Education. I disagree with Mr. Jeffers that Health Education is presently taught in schools. See definite need for this in Alaska. Don't need to drop anything in the curriculum, it could be added to the Science program. On behalf of the Juneau School Board, we support this bill

Swanson This bill should have come to us as a bill and as an approp. bill accompanying it.

Parr I question the need for State aid here. With the School leaders being paid what they are, they should be able to originate such important programs.

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Parr Proposed amendment, Line 12, Delete Dept. of H&SS and insert Dept. of Education.

Beirne Proposed amendment to HB 415, would say that the funds would flow to the Ept. of Education.

Parr This could be done by amending the Title of the bill.

Ostrosky Line 12 & 13, move for the adoption of amendment: Substitute "Coordination" for "Initial Development".

Parr Hearing no objection, motion passes.

Beirne I would like to get the Comm. of Education to answer to the bills, we need more input here.

Swanson I would like to know more details about the program, what is going to be taught and at what age etc.

Beirne I move to hold up on the bills for Comm. Lind to reply. Fiscal notes etc.

Parr Hearing no objection, motion carries.

HB 421 Don Kemp - Div. of Children & Family Services.
Purpose of the bill is to amend the Ak. Statutes to bring them into conformity with supplemental security income program. This does not effect persons eligibility for help.

Beirne Move out with a 'do pass'

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 426 Dr. Schrader, Dir, Div. of Mental Health
We are in support of this bill. It will allow to claim reimbursement through Title 19 for services that are already provided. It will enable the Dept. of collect approx. \$365,000 for the Fed. Government.

Ostrosky Intermediate Care facility?

Schrader For the mentally retarded, the regulation specifically talk about the mentall retarded. Harborview Memorial Hospital in Valdez for example. This will allow us to clai reimbursement for an additional number of residence there.

Hackney It gives me great pleasure to move and ask unanimous concent for the adoption of this bill.

Parr Congratulations, Mr. Hackney. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 427 Roger Lang Dept. of H&SS. 5.2% of the total case load was ineligible for total grants. In each case we are talking on the average of about \$270.00.

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Hackney Where would you get the money to put this into effect?

Lang We could get a run from the Empl. Sec. Div. based on the SS# from the recipient payrolls and have someone do a physical check where there are discrepancies. To start out we should be able to do it with our existing staff. All this bill does is allow us the right to get the information through the Empl. Sec. Div.

Hackney Move out with a 'do pass'

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 428

Beirne Offered amendment: Line 15 delete "amount set by the Commissioner" and
insert: 0-50 beds \$50.
51-124 beds \$100.
125 or more beds \$150.

No objection to the amendment, motion carries.

Swanson Move HB 428 out with a Committee Substitute and a do pass recommendation.

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Meeting adjourned @5:30pm.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 29, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. The first order of business was HB 432.

SSHB 432

Marcia Hubbard. Purpose of the bill 1) assist to local groups and 2) State Child protection Statutes in conformity with the Federal regulations.

Mrs. Peck Social Worker

Expressed concer. Worked in the area for 5 years and am aware of the great need for more funding. \$100,000 is very small amount and it should be more like \$200,000.

Beirne How would you see the money flowing into this district?

Peck We have some very good people in the community who are quite capable of working with others and solving many of the local problems in this area. Rural Cap, etc. could do a tremendous job working on a preventive basis with this problem. There should be an effort to train people already in this field. Money spent for training and coordination. There is nothing actually being done in this area other than referrals to the Dept. Juneau and outlining areas are experiencing many problems in the child abuse area.

Davis How would this money be disbursed throughout the State?

Sullivan Hopefully to be used and matched by Federal funds, the money would be disbursed around the State.

Davis Who would administer this program?

Sullivan The Dept. of H&SS and the Office of Child Advocacy would pass on the grants.

Beirne \$100,000 could be used just as well as a million dollars of bureaucratic spending, if it is disbursed correctly.

Sullivan It would go into a fund only for the purpose we've mentioned and it would be allocated by the Office of Child Advocacy to the different areas throughout the State.

Parr Offered an amendment to Line 11 (HB 431) specify granting to community agencies.

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Beirne (HB 431) Line 11, add 'and facilities and programs' at the end of the sentence.

Mr. Peters No major objection to raising the age or expanding the type of injuries inflicted. Perhaps on Pg 1 line 25, should clear that it not be required unless they're going into court.

Sullivan I will request that HB 432 go to Judiciary as it has no further referrals at this time.

Swanson Line 27 amend it to read 'not less than \$100 and not more than \$5,000.

Swanson Offered amendment

Pg. 2 Line 14 strike word 'professional'.

Beirne Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Parr Offered amendment in Line 11. delete (,) and continue sentence (see file)

Beirne seconded.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Beirne Move SSHB 432 out as amended with a 'do pass'-

Davis Objection, move out with 'individual recommendation.'

Parr Seconded

Chairman So ordered, bill passes the Committee.

HB 431 am

Beirne Move out with individual recommendation.

Parr Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 363

Beirne The purpose of the bill is that it would provide medical insurance for retired teachers until they're eligible for medicade.

Bob Gates Would act past 65 as supplement to medicade until death.

Beirne Motion to move bill out with individual recommendation.

Ostrosky Seconded

Chairman No objection, so ordered.

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HB 143

Stu Hall Explained purpose of amendments that he proposed.

Beirne Move ammendment #1
No Ojbection, so ordered.

Ostrosky MOVE amendment #2
no objection, so ordered

Beirne Move amendment #3
no objection, so ordered.

Ostrosky Move amendment #4
no objection, so ordered.

Beirne Move amendment #5
no objection, so ordered.

Beirne Move adoption of all amendments into a Committee Substitute.

Ostrosky Seconded

Chairman Hearing n o objection, so ordered.

HB 144

Parr Purpose of the CS is to incorporate SB 239

Ekvall Policy council should have power to 1) suggest directors and confirm,
2) review and approve budget 3) and other powers as delineated in AFN position paper.

Beirne Perhaps we can move this out and after meetings next week, propose changes
can get brought up before House Fin ance or Senate Committee.
Move out as CS to be amended and drawn up by Stu Hall

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 30, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Swanson
Osterback	

Vice Chairman Parr called the meeting to order. The first order of business was HB 180.

Bob Gates Dir. Div. of Retirement

This bill would provide changes in the present system. It would allow on an optional basis for the employee to make required employee contributions. The optional portion would be somewhat limited in time. Period of 3 years to collect supply of contributions. I am wondering if this also applies to supplemental contributions? It is unclear in this language.

Osterback Sounds confusing, I think the teachers already get a large enough salary. If the teachers are going to get this then so should everyone else.

Parr The intent here is that a school board might allow for employee contributions. Am wondering about income taxation here?

Gates If the intent says that no longer the employee contributions are collected if the school board pays it then it would be subject to taxation upon receipt by the member. If you have it optional you still have it to mean teachers mandatory and the teacher would report it as income and pay taxes on it. Have one or the other, this would solve the problems with this bill.

Hackney Questioned return of employer contributions.

Gates This would be reported as taxable earnings in the year they were made. Doesn't change things in the standpoint of funding, our concern would be accountability, if districts handled this separately they would all be handled differently and this would be confusing.

Parr Perhaps the Legislation needs to be redrafted but why would it cause you any more work?

Gates Rep. Parr is assuming that the contributions are fully repaid. It is possible that we would have to create two separate processes for each teacher.

Parr The intent of this legislation is that it would be a negotiable item.

Osterback I read the bill that it would cut out something else in the monies to allow for this extra process.

Swanson In agreement with Osterback. Wouldn't it be simpler to say that the State pay for all employee retirement. Could we amend this bill to say 'all state employees'?

Gates No, that is not possible in that particular bill.

Van Houte Position is that if the employer "the payments not be refundable if the teacher resigns". this is an option available to him.

Commissioner Lind This would open up another area for negotiations, and I see this as a potential problem area. We would not want to see this paid entirely by the state and the employer.

Overstreet In agreement with Lind, Board members are not in favor of this bill.

Hackney Move bill be tabled

Swanson Seconded

Chairman Parr What is the vote?

Yea _____ 3 _____ Nay _____ 2 _____

Motion carries, bill is tabled.

SB 24

Schrader Div. of Mental Health

HB 311 is almost identical, minor change, it defines more specific concept of 9010 Funding for designated poverty areas. Very important Legislation and essential for the operation and development for mental health programs for the State.

Hackney What was the fiscal note for FY76?

Schrader \$590,000, \$350,000 of that for new funding in the Governors budget. the remainder is to fund programs in Ketchikan and Kodiak.

Ostrosky Inquired as to difference of the two bills.

Schrader Barrow, Kotz, Bethel, Tok, Galena, Glenallen, Dillingham, Cold Bay are all poverty areas, the total fiscal impact is not very great here.

Philip Guy Spoke in favor of the bill and offered some amendments which were decided to be unnecessary as the bill covered all these areas already.

Schrader the actual census of the area would not be relevant in one sense. This language is the standard approach to establish a poverty area.

Parr Reservations with the bill. I don't want this to be a loophole to fund any more alcoholism. Too much money is already being spent on alcoholism.

Sen. Chance As far as funding, this will be designated for MH funding.

Swanson Move bill out with individual recommendation

Osterback Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
Davis Swanson
Hackney
Ostrosky

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

HB 443 Correspondence Study

Commissioner Lind spoke against the bill as such. (See position paper) Also spoke briefly to SB 367. The state should be responsible for the correspondence study program. We don't see any problem with the present operation. 367 speaks to the development of a division. Adult education and correspondence study should perhaps be merged.

Hackney What has been the feed-back from the school districts themselves and also from the individual from the correspondence homes?

Lind Response from parents has been negative to any change. they are happy to the present system.

Beirne Line 21 (SB367) Isn't this saying that the borough will pay back into the Dept. At the present time, how much are they giving back?

Lind Yes, 500 out of 15. a-1 this would do is raise the amount going back to the Dept. It has been completely a State program but depending on the location they may need more than \$1500. The entire amount given to them for correspondent study must be spent only for that purpose.

Beirne I read it to say that the 1/3 will be returned to the Dept.

Lind I think this is true in the unorganized boroughs. All this will be altered with the passage of HB 24.

Hackney Would you consider it necessary to have that handled on a division basis?

Lind No. building all the components together, I think you would be taking up division justification, I don't recommend the establishment of division.

Williams Dept. of Education.

Sullivan What kind of functions would be handled with the local level?

Williams Options, depending on the readiness, the total responsible would mean the delivery of study to students, this covers correspondence with the parents, training teachers, home visitations, providing own curriculum materials.

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Sullivan Why would this be helpful?

Williams Places the operation closer to the people receiving the services. More sensitive to the needs of the students in their area. The program operates with it doing home visitations and one to do the study services. There isn't enough coordination of student needs. Provides a unified service to the students. Concerned with the quality of the program to the student in the home.

Lind The School Districts only provide so much. A smaller village or town would be provided for by the State until they are ready or the closest borough is ready to help themselves. This could take quite sometime.

Hackney This is my concern, if Fairbanks would be able to handle the outlining areas.

Margaret Justice I think HB 443 is very farreaching. Preschool should be encompassed and also post-secondary until the government decides to fund such levels. Something great happens when parents teach their youngsters. The state has a choice to develop a system called home study and this is a unique and important change. We must have a choice for our children, at the present time we don't have this choice, they are required by law to go to public school whether they are learning or not. We would like to have the opportunity to prove to you that a centralized correspondence study is the right of the individual and hopefully this trend would spread to other states.

Beirne ASKed that the bill be held over until a work study could be done in this area and prepare the members to vote.

Chairman It was unanimously agreed upon, bill held over.

HB 349 Everett Simpson, Chief Architect for the Div. of Bldgs. Almost impossible to come up with the total costs for such construction. Based on 12 child capacity, it would require 800 sq. ft. or 80\$ per sq. ft = \$64,000 for new facilities

Sullivan Point of contention here, I am under the understanding that \$35 sq ft was the licensed rate we used in Anchorage, including restrooms corridors etc.

Simpson According to 1973 Building Code it is 50\$ per sq. ft.

It was decided that Mr. Simpson would do further study in the area and study a re estimated cost of expenditure to the state.

Meeting adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 2, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Swanson
Hackney Sullivan
Osterback
Ostrosky

Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:15pm. The first order of business was SB 140.

SB 140

Susan Gordan - Alaska Youth Advocates

The intent of this legislation is to put the Federal requirement into the Alaska Statutes. Congress passed the Act in 1974. Money will be coming through the State Planning Agency. It is required that each State Commission on Administration of Justice have two juvenile specialists on the Commission. All juvenile monies will come through this Act from now on. This important in terms of grant money for the entire state.

Swanson What type of grants are these, matching?

Gordan No, 90% Federal, we have to match 10% cash funds, 100% Federal money in that sense.

Swanson Move and ask unanimous consent to move bill out of Committee.

Osterback Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

CSHB 181 Work shop type discussion on the bill, no witnesses were present at this time.

Ostrosky Move out with individual recommendation.

Beirne Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
 Swanson
Hackney
Ostrosky
Parr

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.

HB 281 & HB 393

Don Clocksin HB 281 ties the Public Assistance Grants to OEO guidelines. HB 393 as we see the bill has the problem of not enough money being provided for needy persons to live on. One purpose of these bills is to increase the funding. There is also a problem here as to the people who are on both Federal and State programs. The way it is set up a Federal increase ends in a State decrease, adding no extra increases for cost of living at all. Alternatives, cheapest first:

- 1) Provide that the State shall pass along the Federal cost of living increase.
 - a. \$140,000 top cost of this change
 - b. \$117,000 - expanded eligibility and recipients of the State share only.
- 2) Federal cost of living plus the required State grant increase by the same Federal percentage.
 - a. Effective next fiscal year \$348,000 State funds = \$250-271 increase per person.
- 3) Same as #2, making it retroactive to July 1, 1974 (changing effective date)
 - a. \$348,000 plus additional cost of \$212,000.
- 4) Fed. Cost of living plus a State supplement increase
 - a. Slightly more than #2 (uncalculated at this time)
- 5) Increases in dollar amounts that the recipient will receive.
 - a. \$250-350 - (SB 219) would affect elderly only
 - b. 4.1 million for Old Age Assistance only
- 6) Same increase as #5 for everyone. (Includes cost of #5).
 - a. 7.1 million

Would recommend the the State cost of living be increased (#4). This can be done at relatively resonable cost. #2 above is the present HB 393.

Marcia Hubbard AA to Genie Chance.

Explained intent of these bills and each alternative listed above.

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Parr Any possibility of giving supplemental assistance out of Title 20?

Hubbard No, we could not use Title 20 monies to supplement a Title 19 program.

Mr. Kemp Div. of FCS

There's going to be additional costs on any of these options, the Federal regulations will be reducing their checks as of next January and the State will have to pick up the extra costs. Trying to get the Federal law changed to make the Longevity waiver permanent.

Mr. Charney Dept. of H&SS

Explained that there are funds left over from last year's grant money and the funds from this year are in the general fund that will lapse if not used. This could allow the use of alternative #3, making it retroactive without any extra funding or appropriation by using this money.

Marcia This would take a letter of intent to authorize that in the June check of this year that they (the recipients) be given the cost of living increase over the last 12 months, by changing the effective date in this bill back to 1974.

Beirne Move CS for HB 393 be passed with a 'do pass' recommendation.

Ostrosky Seconded.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6, 1975

Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HCR 49

Parr Explained purpose of the Resolution.

Beirne Move and ask unanimous 'do pass'.

Chairman No objection, so ordered.

SSHB 349

Sullivan - Drew up sponsor substitute per the Committee's recommendation.

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for 'do pass' recommendation.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 465

Mr. Spazianni Vocational Rehabilitation

There is available 1/2 million dollars in Federal funds for this program.

Parr Is this to be matched by the State?

Spazianni - No.

Ostrosky What is the \$160,000 for?

Spazianni - To bring on staff and get the program off the ground.

Beirne - Move out with a 'do pass'

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 461

Swanson - I don't expect to do anything with this bill until next year.

Chairman - If there is no objection, I'll move this bill out with individual recommendations. No Objection, so ordered.

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SSHB 376

Beirne Gave briefing of the bill. The Interim Committee Bill had been cut by the administration to \$283,000, then the Governor cut it to \$57,000. This bill is asking to have more monies put back into the bill to make it workable. Back to \$571,295.00.

Chairman Asked for a motion to the bill.

Beirne Move out with a do pass recommendation.

Chairman Hearing n o objection, so ordered.

Adjourned.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Parr
Hackney Swanson
Osterback Sullivan

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

HB 474 Sheri Gross representing Speaker Bradner
In favor of the bill.

Parr Move the bill be ammended to add "common" in line 11 after the word "whose".
Chairman Hearing no objection to the ammendment, so ordered.

Swanson Move and ask unanimous consent for 'do pass' rec.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

CSSB 35 am

There was a motion to replace the language of this bill with that of HB 24.
Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Swanson - Move out
Chairman No objection, so ordered.

SB ~~43~~ am ^{113 Am}

Dr. Dave Canterbury Testified in favor of the bill.
Senator Ziegler - Stated that this was a ASMA bill and also testified in favor.

Dr. Spence Testified in favor of the bill

Beirne - Move and ask unanimous concent.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HJR 28

Hackney Move out of committee.
Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Adjourned/



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Sullivan
Hackney Swanson
Osterback

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. The first order of business was HB 415 & 419.

HB 514 & HB 419

Dr. Price: These measures are urgently needed. The 1972 Council considered the number one need to be School Health Education. A survey was taken in 1973, on the elementary level it was taught by individual teachers as they see fit, the administration is not aware of the curricula. In Junior High and High School there is some curricula taught by the physical education teachers but they rarely have training in Health Education specifically to teach the subject. 90% of the PE teachers have never taken first aid courses. We presently have 12 candidates for the position of School Health Educator, the money is not available after July 1, the funds will be lost. Funded through Federal D14 monies. SB66 (Congressional Bill) if passed, would be taking new monies into consideration.

Swanson Line 18, is this just seed money or would this take care of the entire program?

Price This will take care of the program for the first year. We would like to see this as a collaboration between the two departments, H&SS and Education.

Jeffers One professional employee and one clerical, there will be contractual methods to do other things.

Swanson What to you class and Health Education in grades K-12?

Jeffers The intent is to structure so that the younger kids could benefit as well as the others. The more sophisticated problems are handled at a later age. These programs will be introduced when the students are old enough to benefit from them.

Hackney Couldn't ^{we} legislate something to insure that the individual school districts will hire trained Health Educational staff on the local level?

Jeffers We would provide some sort of training program so that they would get training as well. A Health Education Curriculum would be added for use on the local level.

Hackney Any Health Ed. taught today?

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Commissioner Lind Further explanation of the bills. Also expressed the Dept's concern and urged passage of these bills.

There was some discussion at this time as to the word "initial" development added to the bill.

Ostrosky Motion to add "Dept. of H&SS"

Swanson Objection.

Chairman Vote on the amendment, changing the bill back to its original form. (Unanimous)

Sullivan Move bill out with Individual recommendation.

No Objection, so ordered.

HB 447

Richard Dowling, Ak. Educ. Broadcasting Commission

Handed out material, here to answer questions. The reason for this legislation is that KAKM will serve to the areas on the map, Kenai Pen., Turnigan Arm, Talkeetna, Palmer etc.

Parr Who would do this, the State or a privately funded operation?

Dowling The Television Station itself would contract with some individual to do the work

Parr Question, the pay of the project coordinator?

Dowling Explained what the position was to do, prepare spec. for equipment; hire two man crew for installation; performance tests; system tests, and document the system so that it can be maintained, this has to all be completed in four months of work. PBS, locally produced, KYUK-Bethel, KYAK-Fairbanks, Educational Programming coordinated with these stations. Most of these areas do not have commercial programming. 1/3 to 1/2 currently do not receive regular commercial television.

Sullivan Would like to hear Rep. Beirne's views on this bill before we take up a vote.

Ostrosky In favor of the program. Public television is an asset and quality of programs are quite beneficial in comparison with commercial television.

HB 487

Parr Motion to move bill out with 'do pass'

Chairman No objection, so ordered.

Adjourned at 5:00pm.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 1975

Members Present:

Davis
Hackney
Osterback
Ostrosky

Sullivan
Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.
The Committee met only briefly before going back into
budget caucus.

CSSB 76

Ostrosky: Motion to move the bill out of committee.

Chairman: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 17, 1975

Members Present:

Bierne Ostrosky
Hackney Sullivan
Osterback Swanson

Testifying Guests:

Dr. Price

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

HB 395 Registry of Persons with Impairments

Bierne: The Senate version of this bill, I believe, has met with some problems.

Price: Yes. It has been returned to Senate Committee. They are having problems with who is to be determined as handicapped, and with establishing safeguards to ensure confidentiality. They have cut the list of impairments to be registered to cerebral palsy, mental retardation, epilepsy, and genital transmitted defects. It believe that this cut was a mistake.

Bierne: The bill requires some rewording so that it would ensure that this does not impinge upon individual rights.

Parr: We can only justify voluntary registry.

Price: I'm afraid that with the voluntary thing, we would have nowhere near the potential effectiveness for protection of those individuals with impairments.

Ostrosky: What use is presently made of the register?

Price: When a doctor must treat one of these persons, he can work with a consultant who knows the patient's specific problem. The register can also assist the State in determining where special clinics are needed, and the register can be used in applying for federal funds. This knowledge would also function for prevention in streptococci related impairments.

It was decided that this bill be held in Committee.

HB 329 Pupil Transportation

Ostrosky: I move that line 13 should be changed to " must be based upon two competitive bids" rather than three. There was a problem in our community where there wer only two competitors, and there are no stipulations for this.

This amendment was unanimously passed.

Swanson: I think that we should omit item (g). The department will write negotiating contracts right into it. We need a review committee to go over administrative regulation written by the departments.

The role of the departments in determining regulations was briefly discussed.

Hackney: There is an error in line 23. "Read" should probably be "reach".

This amendment was passed without objection.

HB 329 was passed out with the two amendments. There was no objection.

CSSB 367 Centralization of Correspondence Study

Sullivan: I believe that there are many people who want this bill, so I would like to get it passed out.

Hackney: I would like to hear more testimony. I have heard two conflicting stories.

Ostrosky: I think I have figured it out. The general operating theory of the Department of Education has lately been to decentralize programs. Correspondence Study, however, has been very successful on a centralized basis.

Sullivan: From what I understand, grades 1-8 have been handled by S.O.S., and high school grades, more satisfactorily, by Margaret Justice. The intent of the bill is to put them all under Margaret Justice.

Hackney: I am not hung up either way on the bill. I just want to be sure that there is a viable option to the local schools open to those who want one.

Sullivan: The way it is now handled, school districts are being paid for correspondence students.

Hackney: School districts get about \$1700 per student, and only \$250 reverts to the Department.

Sullivan: I think we should get that excess money out of the boroughs and give a larger amount to the Department for the correspondence program.

Hackney: Why don't we pass this bill out with a letter of intent stating that we want this money to be given to the centralized program.

Sullivan: I agree. In the letter we could state that the school districts should not be funded for correspondence students, and that a larger percentage of that money should go to the Department for correspondence programs.

The bill was passed out with a "do pass" recommendation. One member objected with four concurring. Rep. Bierne had had to leave prior to the vote.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 19, 1975

Members Present:

Bierne	Parr
Osterback	Sullivan
Ostrosky	

Testifying Guests:

Norris Johnson, Juneau Wastewater Operator
Jerry Reinwand, Dep. Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Gonald G. Hansen, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Don Clocksin, Alaska Legal Services
Bob Cooksey, National Education Association
Alphie Newell, Legislative Staff member

HB 407 Certification of Wastewater Operators

Reinwand: The purpose of this bill is to make certain that once a facility is build, it will be possible to find a competent person to operate it. Our department supports this bill as it is.

Hansen: The bill would set up the requirement that all wastewater operators are certified. As public health is in the hands of these operators, we want to be sure that they are adequately trained. Last year, 170 million dollars was spent on sewerage treatment facilities in the State. 40 million of this was State funds. With so much spent on the facilities, we want them to be run properly. The hiring is presently done at the municipal level. (presents fiscal note) There is a large initial expense which would drop off.

Johnson: I am in charge of the Juneau Borough Wastewater Operators and would like to speak about how this bill would benefit operators. Presently, Alaska has no certification program for waste water operators, and I believe we are the last state without one. Certification requirements would support the establishment of training programs within the State, and would assist in application for EPA (federal) grants.

The majority signed to pass the bill out with a "do pass" recommendation. As Mr. Parr had arrived late, he chose not to sign until he had heard some testimony, so a quorum was not formed.

CSHB 402 Emancipation of Minors

Clocksinn: I support this bill as it is. It provides procedures for a minor to petition the court and become emancipated if he is self-supporting. It is presently not permitted for a minor to petition the court in his or her own name. Age restriction for voting, consumption of alcohol, and constitutional stipulations, however, cannot be waived by a court.

The bill was passed out with a "do pass" recommendation, with no objection.

CSSB 128am Transfer of Federal Agency Schools

Cooksey: This bill was drawn up to assist in the transfer of BIA schools to the State system. It provides for the transfer of BIA teachers so that they may receive the benefits currently enjoyed by State teachers, including the same pay scale, accumulated sick leave, tenure, and retirement. The original bill mandated the transfer; this one does not.

Bierne: What would happen in a case where a BIA teacher was not certified?

Cooksey: The bill specified Alaskan certification as a requirement in order to be transferred.

The bill was passed out with a "do pass" recommendation without objection.

HB 500 Halfway House for Female Prisoners

Newell: The 6th Avenue Annex, where female prisoners are presently kept in Anchorage, puts all women, pre-sentenced or post-sentenced into one big cell. This not only allows no privacy, but is not conducive to any rehabilitation program. There are constant interruptions as persons are brought in for such problems as drunk and disorderly conduct. This bill would provide funds to move sentenced prisoners to a half-way house operated by the Salvation Army.

Parr: In accordance with equal rights, why aren't the women sent to Eagle River? There should be no distinction made.

Adams: The present conditions are not equal. For men, there are separate facilities for sentenced and unsentenced persons. Facilities must be maintained for women in five places in the State, while they are awaiting trial, and there are not that many women.

Osterback: How many women could you take care of for this sum?

Adams: This would provide five beds in Anchorage.

Parr: You still have not answered why the women could not be sent to Eagle River.

Adams: Eagle River was designed specifically as a facility for men. There are no separate units for women, and so physical alterations would be required.

Parr: What does the Salvation Army charge?

Adams: \$22 per day.

Parr: What would be the legal responsibility of the Salvation Army under this set-up as they are not legal officials?

Adams: Under statute, we can furlough an individual, so we would be furloughing these individuals to the Salvation Army. If a problem should arise, the Salvation Army would notify us. We don't hold them legally liable.

Sullivan: There would be some sort of program provided for the inmates, is that right?

Adams: They would provide some counseling. Most of these women would be involved in outside activities.

Parr: Why couldn't we have on State facility for all sentenced women instead of having them in five places?

Adams: Particularly with short sentences, it would be a disservice to ship a woman far away from her community.

Bierne: I make a motion to pass the bill out.

The bill was passed out with a "do pass" recommendation, four signing in the majority, and one in the minority.

HB 501 Prisoner Relocation to Anchorage

Adams: This bill would provide for half-way house operations to be moved out of the 3rd Avenue Building so that we can use this as a maximum security facility. The estimated cost is \$167,700. This would allow more persons to be housed in the maximum security facility, and would allow some others to get into half-way houses.

Parr: We are not anticipating an increase in the number of prisoners, but will need five more positions. Is that right?

The bill was passed out with a "do pass" recommendation. Four signed in the majority, and one in the minority.

Sullivan: I would like to put together a calendar for the first two weeks of next session before we close. If any of you have any bills you would like to be included, please let me know.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE
May 23, 1975

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Osterback	Sullivan

A brief meeting was held concerning SJR 36. It was called to order at 11:45 am.

Representative Parr explained that the purpose of this resolution is to urge Congress to enact legislation to continue the longevity bonus.

The resolution was passed out with a "do pass" resolution.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 27, 1975

Members Present:

Bierne	Parr
Davis	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson
Ostrosky	

CSSB 135 (2nd Rules)

A very brief meeting was held concerning CSSB 135 which relates to negotiations for school district employees. The meeting commenced at 12:15 pm.

Representative Ostrosky moved that the bill be passed out with a "do pass" recommendation. Rep. Bierne seconded the motion. The bill was passed out with five in favor of a "do pass" recommendation, and two with no recommendation.

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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Jan. 19, 1976

Members Present:

Bierne	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson
Parr	Hackney
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Testifying Guests:

Charles Adams, D.O.C.	Bradley	Kelley
Carolyn Burg	McKinnon	

HCR 74 HEALTH CARE DELIVERY - Bradley

Bardley introduced this bill giving the reasons why health care delivery services should not be stopped. At times life and death can hinge on delivery of services, the public has not options in that they cannot become efficient at the medical profession overnight.

Parr suggested that the bill include other personnel such as nurses and other individuals employed by hospitals.

Discussion continued regarding inclusion of other professions.

Testimony by Caroline Burg- She feels the bill is good and that most doctors would be in agreement with it.

Parr moved for amendment that would change health care providers to physicians and surgeons, because nurses and other hospital employees so underpaid that they need the leverage to strike.

Discussion regarding amendment.

Sullivan - Vote on amendment, 1 in favor, 3 against, amendment voted down.

Hackney suggested amendment which would include firemen and law enforcement personnel.

Discussion regarding this,.

Sullivan - Vote on amendment, voted down

Sullivan - Vote on resolution - passed 4 to 3

HB 563 HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE NEW CAPITOL



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Bradley presented his bill remarking on the many reasons why there should be housing made available for elderly people at the new site of the capitol. He included the enrichment that is received from older people.

Caroline Burg testified that the bill was irrelevant since the capitol as yet had not moved and would not. She felt the publishing of the bill would be detrimental to the citizens of Juneau.

McKinnon, who sponsored the bill with Bradley testified.

Discussion by the committee regarding the possibilities of having a fiscal note drawn up; putting the car before the horse, by passing this bill.

Bierne amendment, to include "if" on line 10, to include a reasonable. ~~xxxxxx~~ line 13; and include handicapped to reside and be employed, line 14.

Discussion regarding the amendment.

Sullivan: Vote on amendment, passed 6

Discussion

Sullivan: Vote on H.B. 563, do pass 6

Decided to make this a committee substitute bill

H.B. 541 Visitation privileges for honor prisoners who are about to re-enter society, Kelley

Kelley stated her reasons for wanting this bill and related that it only changes the fact that other people besides family members can be allowed to have prisoners released on passes to them. It would still be virtually the same as far as other rules relating to this.

Charles Adams testified. He feels that an extended family for many Alaskans is needed because of the distance that many prisoners are from their homes.

Committee members questioned Mr. Adams regarding the past performance of prisoners on passes, how the change would affect this.

Use- amendment to read his family or any persons. This would be "His family" back in.

Sullivan - Vote on amendment pass 3 to one

Sullivan - Vote on HB 541, do pass 5



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

JAN. 20, 1976

Present:

Osterback	Sullivan
Hackney	Beirne
Parr	Swanson

Testifying:

Marshall Lind, Commissioner of Ed.
Mr. Greaser, Dept. Div. of Law, Management & Finance
Nat Cole - Deputy Comm. of Ed.

HD 517 -

HB 547 - Extension & Modification of school bus routes- Swanson

Swanson explained reasons for the bill, asked no action to be taken on it at this time.

Greaser, D.O.E. , quotes from regulations which change wording on line 11, from shall to may. State has ascertained that cost would be in excess of \$2,000 /child and is beyond the responsibility of the schools.

Discussion by committee members, regarding cost and other factors.

Nat Cole, handed out packet to members of committee.

Dr. Lind, stated 300 people have filed for school board seats, decentralization of S.O.S. progressing according to schedule.

Sullivan - How many school districts are there?

Lind - 21

Osterback - wanted to know how the school boards would operate
Discussion ensued about rights of school districts to hire and fire teachers.

Lind - D.O.E. will conduct orientation for members of new school boards

Parr - inquired about safe water and A.V.E.C
Cole, D.O.E. feels fiscal responsibility should be handled by more approp.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

JAN. 21, 1976

Present:

Parr	Osterback	Ostrosky
Sullivan	Ose	
Beirne	Hackney	

Testifying:

Charles Adams, D.O.C.
Patricias Monroe H &SS

Sullivan- Legislative affairs asked committee to reword CSHB 563

HB 560 Day Care Facilities - Rules/Gov

Patricia Monroe, read position paper from health and social services, general discussion. Questions centered around the input needed by Community and Regional Affairs. Decided to table until more testimony could be arranged.

HB 562 Interstate Corrections Compact - Rules/Gov

Adams testified how the compact would work. That so far 18 states had accepted it and 5 more were in the process. Compact was developed by the council on state governments. It would enable DOC to send offenders from one jurisdiction to another.

Sullivan, Vote, do pass 7, no rec. 2

HB 592 Correctional industries - Gov/Rules

Adams presented the position paper for the state. Many benefits from having trades outside of prison. Rehabilitation, productivity, help defer cost.

Committee debated the economics of project. Considering about 120 persons would be eligible and cost of care at \$29 per day. Minimum wage would not cover. Also discussed areas of industry that prisoners could be involved in without competing with other businesses.

Hackney wants amendment to ensure that prisoners receive some restitution.

Sullivan wants to see fiscal note on this, also to include effect on unemployment rate in Ak.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

JAN. 22, 1976

Present: Ose Parr Sullivan
 Ostrosky Swanson
 Osterback Beirne

Testifying: Francis Fleek, Public Health H&SS
 Lois Jund, H & SS
 Tim Grieser, D.O.E.
 Nat Cole D.O.E.

HB 601 State aid for public schools - Rules/Gov

Cole & Grieser, spoke about the states need to raise the basic support from 93% to 95%. This is due to increased costs, inflation, unit value, etc.

Committee discussion about the quality of ed. in Alaska, kids can't even read when they get out of school. Fiscal note was reviewed by committee.

Sullivan - vote - due pass 6

HB 596 Local Health Services -Rules/Gov

Jund related purpose and reasons for the bill, how it is necessary to start contracting health services to areas.

Committee concerns related around whether communities really wanted contract services of the state or whether they would rather do it themselves.. Is there an actual need to provide this service. Swanson very concerned about communities right to provide their own health care. Discussion continued regarding the cost breakdown, as provided in the policy statement. A lot of additional staff, travel, etc.

How this bill would effect the lack of medical services on the chain was discussed, basically it will not change that, they will still have their itinerant nurses and health aids. This will not establish doctors.

Committee decided to hold and have more input into this because of the cost factor and controversial discussion regarding communities self-determination.



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

JAN 26, 1976

Present: Osterback Ostrosky Ose
Parr Davis
Hackney Beirne

Testifying: Sharon Andrews, Director, Occupational Licensing
Dept. of Commerce HB 524

HB 524 - Practice of Podiatry Hackney

Hackney - explanation of why there is a need for the bill in Alaska states that there are about six practicing podiatrists, feels they endorse this bill.

Sharon Andrews - opposes this bill because licensing needs to be looked at in total, which the gov. has been doing, reviewing and proposing new legislation.

Another problem she is is that you must be licensed to prescribe medicines, under federal law (DEA#) Right now the six practicing podiatrists are not licensed but would be so under the grandfather clause of most bills. There is a bill right now that should be in effect in July, if it passes the legislature which would be a credentially bill for podiatrists.

Committee decided to pass it out with a do pass and recommendation that it go to House Commerce, because they are having a meeting on Thur. to discuss other licensing bills. Committee members plan to attend.

HB 190 will be taken up at a later date. Mr. Duncan needs to locate his information on it.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE

JAN 28, 1976

Present: All present except Osterback

Testifying: Eric Lee CRA Bob Gregovitch, H&SS
 Harvey Pitts, CRA

HB 560 - Day care facilities - Rules/Gov

Eric Lee stated that this bill intended to clear up problems of statutes so that the bill conforms to legislative intent.

Committee wanted to know how much of 1.2 million was committed and to whom.

Harvey Pitts - to date \$900,000 all over state, read list of locations.

Committee wanted to know the relationship that the municipalities would play in day care program. What areas and problems particular to rural areas, how can rural facilities meet requirements.

Sullivan - move to pass out , no objection, do pass

HB 645 - Guardians for incapacitated persons - Rules/Gov

Bob Gregovitch H&SS, This bill reinforces partial guardianship

Committee would like someone from the Dept. of Law to testify, also would like Clark Gr. to testify because he worked in this area during interim.

Sullivan - would like dept of law to testify before Judiciary on bill and would like to hear Clark.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE

FEB 2, 1976

Present: Parr Ose
 Swanson Osterback
 Hackney Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Robert Coleg, Office of Alcoholism
 James Hanley, District Attorneys Office, Juneau
 Bill Houston, Director, Div. of Corrections

HB 602 Treatment of Intoxicated Persons Rules/Gov

Houston - feels this bill does not speak to all the needs, what about segregating these people from others in custody, impossible because of limited facilities. Also problems with liability if individual is hurt or unconscious.

Cole - no increase in cost to DFCS, but would affect corrections budget, need to get ahold of fiscal note for corrections on this.

Committee - are individuals read their rights when picked up, no. because they are not under arrest. Does this bill also relate to those individuals incapacitated by drugs??? need more testimony will ask law enforcement people to testify.

Hanley - This bill is a police oriented bill directed at rural areas, does not speak to the needs of all areas.

Committee - Does this mean just correctional facilities, what about including all health facilities and make it mandatory for them to take alcoholics temporarily. Incidences related where drunks had no place to be taken. Look at section 1A of bill, that basically covers this question, doesn't it?

Hanley - Involuntary committment, has a diferent concept and definition of incapacitated person. Section 3 of this bill defines incap. person. This definition would make it impossible to have a involuntary committment. Needs revision.

Sullivan_ Need more input into this bill - problems of this bill includes the fact that it does not address large urban areas and their problems. Need more research into this.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB. 3, 1976

Present Swanson Osterback
Beirne Davis
Ose Sullivan
Hackney

Testifying: Rose Palmquist, citizen
Vernon Perry, Pioneer Benefits Div.
Marie Swanson, citizen
David Freer, DFCS

SB 476am Longevity Bonus increase Kerttula

Palmquist - brought up question of those individuals who are disabled and have not reached 65, can this be amended to include them?

Freer- Pub. Law 202, states that individuals receiving long. bonus do not have to pay state income tax on this, only fed. That is the same as public assistance, it is not taxable. There are 5400 people now receiving long. bonus, 1200 also receive old age assistance, but that money is usually for basic needs.

Committee - discussion ensued concerning the possibility of changing it to 30 year residents, continual residency; broken service affect; having a five year clause for those individuals leaving state and returning.

Perry- bill in senate now to have total 30 year residents receive \$125. SB 533. This will speak to some of the issues of continual service, etc.

Committee- decided that there could be many amendments and changes to this bill, but that it would change the whole meaning and intent, thus they voted down an amendment proposed by Beirne.

Freer - right now there are over 420 people, over 65 in state who would be eligible for this long. bonus and are not collecting it. Committee asks that he get this info., who they are, why they are not collecting.

Committee - decided to vote as is.

Sullivan - Vote do pass - 7



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB. 9, 1976

Present: Osterback Parr
Hackney Sullivan
Ose

Testifying: Comm. Williamson, Health & Social Services
Director Huston, D.O. C.
Mr. Mitchell, D.O.C.

HB 618 Bond Obligation for Correctional Facilities Gov.

Committee questioned all testifying regarding the sq. footage of the project in Anchorage, for short term detention center.

Explanation given of functions of each area by Mitchell.

Parr: What about the 1980 projected completion date for facilities?

Williamson: Pre sentence det. center in Anch. is first priority, but strong need for new facility in Ketchikan present facility in deplorable situation.

Parr: Understand that the population in facility in Ketchikan is very small.

Mitchell gave figures for average daily inmate population in facility.

Susan Sullivan - adjourn meeting until future date because Susan & Williamson had to attend meeting on Glenmore.



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HOUSE HEARINGS ON HB 665 & HB 596

FEB. 12, 1976

Association of Regional Health Directors made presentation to House HESS with recommendations for changes in these two bills. Position papers supplied with specific changes in HB 596. (self-explanatory) All changes, additions, etc. underlined in their papers.

Lois Jund - Dept. H&SS states depts. position very similar to the feelings of the Regional Directors. Has two legal questions regarding these changes though. 1. Can the Health Corp., which are next to adjacent boroughs, which have chosen not to exercise health authorities, in fact, exercise rights to give away health authority? 2. By constitution and statutes we must use existing service areas (unless legislature modifies). The Native Health Directors recommended using the boundaries of the corporations rather than the education boundaries already established.

Lois also spoke to the issue of the directors recommendation for a larger board than 7. She said Dept. would finance 7 only, but they certainly could have a larger board of directors.

Also problem with (e) page 6 of Directors bill, Lois recommends reading to be "in lieu of matching funds, in-kind contributions would be applicable to the health districts in unorganized boroughs.

HB 665

Directors felt that HB 596 speaks to the de-centralization of the departments control over health facilities however, HB 665 did just the opposite and re-centralized, giving back control to the Dept.

The Directors did not have specific recommendations for changes in HB 665, but would have them available at next weeks hearings.

They did list reorder of priorities in bill

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4-7	8-4



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB. 23, 1976

Present: Beirne Osterback
Ose Swanson
Sullivan Ostrosky
Parr Davis

Testifying: Vern Williams, Dept. of Ed.
Frank Austin, P.T.A.

HB 691 - Identification cards for senior citizens

Sullivan gave an explanation of the bill and why it would be useful to senior citizens.

Vote - unanimous - do pass

HB 419 - An act relating to health education

Beirne - would like to have input from Diane Laresh, with Dept. Diane is on a trip now and cannot testify. Important to get input from her since she has been providing cities with a health ed. plan. Another concern is how this would be incorporated into an allready heavy curriculum.

Vern Williams - Dept. of Ed in favor of this bill. Feels preventative health education beneficial. in 1973 less than 50% of schools in Ak. taught health ed. Schools need help in providing this. Curriculum priorities in health ed. program would be, the curriculum approach, research materials, elementray grades.

Committee concerned about the cost, fiscal note seems really high. Williams said major cost would be in year of implementration, after that not much, mainly revising curriculum.

Hackney concerned about portion of the bill that speaks to appropriate use of health services. Afraid that means birth control clinics, etc. Some other committee members concerned also about what that means. Exactly what do health services include?

Frank Austin-P.T.A. At the National State level, comprehensive health education was the priority. Feels this very importatn to all areas of Ak.

Hackney - motion , individual recommendations for bill and refer to finance, - motion failed

Parr - motion to delete from "a school" line 17 to line 22

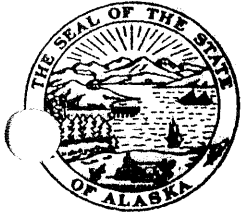
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which would take the funding portion out of the bill.
Amendment fails.

Hackney - Amendment, exclude line 16 - 28
Amendment fails.

Beirne - Amendment, omit from line 27 "except" through end of
bill. Short discussion on this and Beirne moved her motion off
the floor.

Meeting adjourned.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FEB 25, 1976

Present: Osterback Hackney
 Ose Parr
 Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Joan Leonard, Ak. Speech & Hearing Assoc. HB 635
 Deborah Crow, Ak. Speech & Hearing Assoc. HB 635
 David Canterbury Chief, Communicative Disorders Program
 Sharon Andrew, Director, Occupational Licensing
 Frank Pauls, Director, Public Health

HB 635 Licensing of speech pathologists & audiologists , Beirne

Beirne - opening remarks on the bill, why it is needed, etc.
Approximately 80 speech path. and audiologists in state now.

Sharon Andrews - Dept. is opposed because they want to wait till HB 578
Credentialing Review Board, is heard and moved on. Dept. of Commerce
has no evidence that there is presently any problems with not having
pathologist and audiologists licensed.

Deborah Crow spoke in favor of the bill. At least 37 states license
their speech path. and audio.

David Canterbury, feels that there is a need for licensing, especially
because abuse can be done in the rural areas where there is a definite
need for more professional pathologists and audiologists.

Main concensus of opinion and concern is that there might be misues
of not having path. and audio licensed in the future. Right now
Alaska does not seem to have any problems.

Joan Leonard - As a student, who is being supervised under H. Beirne,
for her practical experience, she feels this bill is very necessary
because of the possible misuse.

Parr would like to see some documentation as to the problems which
have arisen in other states concerning this area of licensing. He
does not feel that all professions require licensing.

SB 554 will not be heard today for lack of time. HB 635 will be
continued in the future, not moved on today.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB 27, 1976

Present: All members present

Testifying: Bill Mollerstrom, National Assoc. of S.W.
Gene Reynolds, National Ass. of S.W.
Pam McMillan, Psychiatric Social Worker
Connie Harsh, Dept. H&SS
Mike Morgan,
Albert Patterson, Ak. Rehabilitation Assoc.

H.B. 367 (SB 645) Social Workers licensure Beirne

Connie Harsh, The Dept. opposes this bill because it would mandate hiring practices for the dept.

Committee expressed concern that the bill would limit individuals from practicing, even though some of these individuals would be providing a useful service.

The suggested intent of the bill was to limit the use of titles, not limit services.

Bill left in committee

H. B. 392 Rehabilitation Counselors Beirne

Mike Morgan would like revisions, to protect the career ladder reduce from three to two years experience

no more notes available on hearing

bill left in committee



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAR 1, 1976

Present: Davis Beirne Osterback-Chairing
 Hackney Swanson

Testifying: Sharon Andrews, Director, division of licsneing
 John Jensen, representing himself
 Harvey Pitts,

HB 772 Licensure of Counselors - HESS

Sharon Andrews, supports concept of relicensing standards, opposed to broadening areas covered by licensing

John Jensen - concerned that the statute as it presently reads, would prohibit him from advertising services as a counselor.

Committee felt that the statute would not do this and that it did not say this..

SB 554 Licensing of Phy. and Osteopaths - Croft

Sharon Andrew, Dept. supports the concept, but would like this bill to be considered with the entire malpractice package.

Sub committee of Helen Beirne appointed to look into all of the licensure bills, especially HB 772



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 3, 1976

Present: Osterback, Chairing
Parr Ostrosky
Hackney Swanson

HJR 52 Immigration Visas for Allies Children - Buchholdt

Buchholdt, discussed the dire need for this bill and related examples of when it would be necessary.

Parr - Asked for an amendment that on line 28, after the word "Congress" insert the phrase, "is respectfully requested to".

Amendment voted on and passed

Resolution voted on and passed out with do pass by all members

HJR 53 - Research of drug Laetrile -

Lisa Rudd explained why there is a need for more research by the FDA. Many people in the U.S. now use this drug and are acquiring it from Mexico, where an individual can get a one years perscription.

Vote - do pass, all members

HB 786 - Smoking areas in public schools - Parr

Charlie spoke about the need for this, even though legislation was passed regarding smoking in public places.

Committee discussed the cost implications, fiscal note of \$300,000 was submitted.

Parr recommended that it be passed out, individual recommendations on it PARR and Ostrosky, for, Swanson, against.

HB 824 -Licensing of Nurseries for children - Anderson

Nels spoke about the need for this in the rural areas, where people needed to leave their children in day care, but because of the lack of water and housing situations, few people could pass the licensing requirements for day care.

Amendment, line 11, delete 10,000 and insert "5,000.
Passed



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HB 824

Pat Monroe, Dept. of H & SS testified and read the position paper from the dept. on this bill. They are against it, mainly because they are in the process of redoing their regulations, are soon having public hearings for input into the proposed changes.

Committee - concerned about how long the proposed changes will take to implement, Decided that the dept. does not move expediently.

Bill voted on, do pass with amendment. Passed out.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 8, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Hackney
Parr Davis
Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Eric Lee, C&RA, Community Services
Frank Pauls, H & SS, Public Health
Grace Billings, Office on Aging
Glenn Sachs, Office on Aging
M. Dan Plotnick, Office on Aging
Nat Cole, D.O.E.

HCR 97 - Relating to State Purchases of Drugs - Sullivan

Dr. Pauls, feels bill will create a savings to the state. Drugs usually purchases on a bid or blanket contract with drug houses.

Committee questions how you educate state employees to the advantages of drug purchases. Pauls says you work with purchasing agents.

Ostrosky - Vote do pass, unanimous

HB 714 Sr. Citizens nutrition and recreation facility - Parr

Parr expressed the need that the senior citizens of Fabks have for the facility.

Eric Lee - spoke for Community and Regional affairs concerning this project. Felt that the funds would not be of any trouble, just filtered through C&Ra.

Hackney- thinks new facility in FBks, under construction right now could speak to the needs and be utilized by the Sr. citizens.

Mr. Plotnick - Brought two staff people to speak to the needs in the FBKS areas. Billings & Sacks. Fbks area - new ASHA housing area for SR. citizens now under construction, understands there is a kitchen facility to be used. This would give the sr. citizens a place to make their meals.

Sullivan - Feels there is a possibility of putting this new facility near the ASHA project so it can be utilized more often.

Parr - bad idea, there are many sr. citizens in Fbks, who do not live hear that housing development

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Hackney - wants to explore possibility of using other facilities rather than building a new one. Suggested the Alaskaland area.

Parr - Amendment - Section 1, period after FBKS.
Section 2, Dept. shall contract with NSC on Aging for purposes specified in Section 1
Section 3, (same as section 2 on the bill)

Amendment voted on do pass

Sullivan moved to pass out
Beirned - requested reconsideration. wants to know whether she can add a section to include the same appropriation for the Anchorage area and to go through the municipality.

Parr says O.K.

Sullivan - must be a committee substitute for HB 714

Voted on - Do pass,

SB 203 AM School Attendance Hohman

Nat Cole, feels that the dept. O.K.s this concept of education and already basically does give credit for learning experiences, but feels the legislature can express intent by passing this bill.

Committee, wanted to know whether this time counted towards the full 180 days that is required of students, yes.

Voted Do Pass 5

CSSB 272 Operation of vending machines by blind or handicapped

Sullivan spoke to the need of this legislation because blind have very few options for employment and this is one of them. There seems to be no problems with this.

Vote - do pass unanimous



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 10, 1976

Present Sullivan Beirne
Ose Hackney
Ostrosky Swanson
Parr

Testified: Lois Jund, Dept. H & SS
K. Kareen, Div. of Personnel
Edna Crawford, Public Health Nurses

HB 457 Training and Ed. of State Employees - Buchholdt

Buchholdt- explained why she felt a need for the bill

Kareen, explained the present policy of training for state employees.

Committee discussion concerning the needs of state employees, shouldn't they foot the time and bill for an ed. if they want it. Others all for it.

Decided to have a work session on this bill.

HB 467 Catastrophic Illness Aid Beirne

Beirne expressed the need for this bill, gave examples of how many families there were that are having to live below poverty level because of severe illness. The system right now forced people not to work, so that they can be on welfare and have the medical bills paid for by someone else.

Lois Jund - ~~will work on a workable bill with the dept.~~ Dept. feels that this bill has a good concept but that it is not workable at this time.

Beirne - will work on a more workable and functional bill with the dept.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES PRESENTATION

Edna Crawford made a presentation for the P.H.N.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 10, 1976

EVENING

Present: Beirne Ostrosky Parr
 Ose Ostroback Hackney
 Swanson Sullivan

Testifying: Bob Cole, Office of Alcoholism
 Barbara Wolstad, concerned citizen
 Bill Houston, Corrections
 Ed Mitchell, Corrections

HB 618 Bonds for Correctional Institutes - Gov.

Houston & Mitchell, discussion centered around the proposed building for Ketchikan. Stating the need for it. About 20 to 22 prisoners on the average. About 45% of these are pre-sentence.

Committee - very concerned about the construction costs, \$4.5 million for only 22 prisoners. Long discussion on cost per sq. foot. Also discussed possibility of flying them to Juneau to use Lemon Creek. Not very feasible.

Parr would like to change the amounts for facilities listed. Feels there should be other priorities.

Barbara Wolstad - spoke as a citizen of Juneau concerning the increase in juvenile delinquency 80% over the past year in the area. Also about the lack of a facility for young people. Now housed in Lemon Creek, according to state law they should be separate from criminals.

Committee understand the need. More discussion around the possibility of altering some of the funds in this bond package. Swanson make proposal to have another bill drafted to speak to the juvenile needs.

Committee decided to postpone any action on the bill for one week, yes 5

HB 745 - Alcohol Detox Center - Pt. Woronzof Hess

Bob Cole & Eric Lee - The office of alcoholism presented their position paper. They are for the center although realize the \$ is not in the Gov. budget.

Discussion by the committee concerning the need, also who will then own the building if the state pays to have it completed. What the program is doing and how effective it is.

Decided to get more testimony on this regarding the rate of returnees etc.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 11, 1976

7:00 p.m.

Present: Susan Sullivan Hackney
Osterback Ostrosky
Beirne

HB 745 - Alcohol Detox Center - Pt. Woronzof - HESS

Committee had heard this bill before, had a short discussion on it and decided to vote

Hackney - move bill out - no objection

SB 585 - Bonds , Alcoholic treatment facility - Croft, Sackett

Paul Wasserman- Office of Alcoholism presented depts. position paper regarding this bill.

Committee discussed possibility of letter of intent to incorporate thrust of position paper . Question raised as to who builds and who operates the center.

Decided not to move yet.

LETTER OF INTENT

It is the intent of this Legislation, if accepted by the voters, that the grants will be given as block grants to the communities indicated. The utilization of the grants shall be determined by the Municipalities in conjunction with the local Health Planning Agencies.

It is not intended that the State enter into the operation of the facilities.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 12, 1976

Present: Beirne Hackney
Osterback Ostrosky
Sullivan

HJR 61 - Comprehensive Health Ed. School - HESS

Diane LaResch - Health Ed. Specialist of D.O.E.
Explanation of resolution and the congressional legislation referred to.

Committee discussion

Hackney- motion to move out, no objection - do pass

SSHB 419 Health Education - Sullivan

Diane LaResch, spoke to the importance of health ed. and the lack of it in Alaska

Committee discussion and motion to move out, no objections

HB 712 - Physical and Dental Exams in School - Sullivan

Sullivan explained reason for the bill, it was to add to medical exams for studentens and dental exams.

Diane LaResch responded to questions for the committee.

Hackney - moved to pass out, do pass



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 1976

Present: Sullivan Hackney
 Beirne Ose Osterback

Testifying: Dr. Pauls, Dept. H&SS, Public Health
 Dick Block, Div. of Ins.
 Sonya Johansen, Dept. H & SS HIS

HB 481 - Health Maintenance Organizations - HESS

Dick Block - Explanation of bill, HMO similar and mandatory to various types of health insurance. Reasons why we need regulation on HMO 1. to keep high standard of medical care 2 Since subscribers pay in advance, organization must be financially sound.

Committee - How much money would be needed to assure solvency, Block had no definite answer. Teamsters example as an HMO. Can this bill be redone to eliminate alot of the unneeded regulations, Block thinks so.

Committee requests Dick to submit a draft of an alternative to this bill. Dr. Pauls said Dept. will work along with him on this.

Dr. Pauls - did not have an official position paper on this bill from the Dept. but feelings regarding it are that there are now other health bills which speak to the same issue., for instance the Indian Health Service. So he doesn't feel this bill is needed.

Committee decided not to take any action on this now.

HB 395 - Registry of Impairments - HESS

Sonja Johnson - Dept. H&SS, feels that there is some problems with this bill, relating mainly to mandatory signing and also confidentiality. But she also feels that eventually everything will have to be on a registry.

Committee - If this is implemented what are the problems with it? Should this bill speak to the problems of data processing at the same time, yes. Dept. is now working to standardize procedures for data processing and will have done by the end of April.

Hackney - Is this bill really needed or does everything spoken to in here redo what is already in the regulations.??

Dr. Pauls - If it is done by regulations instead of a bill, there must be a public hearing all over and then the regs. must be rewritten. This bill does not force the regulations to be rewritten.

Sullivan concerned with whether some of the confidentiality problems are unconstitutional??. nobody seems to know.



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Beirne - thinks this bill is much needed, but doesn't want to take rights away from individuals to choose to be on a registry.

Committee decided to hold bill.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 1976 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Ostrosky Parr Sullivan
Swanson Beirne Hackney

HB 733 - Commitment procedures for mentally ill - HESS

Louise Ma - Research Analyst, Legis. Affairs Office - explained basis and provisions for the bill

Parr - After 270 days what can be done with someone who cannot be helped but is dangerous??

Gruening - have to be new circumstance to begin commitment procedures.

Jerry Schrader, Director, Div. of Mental Health - Presented the dept. position regarding this bill. Basically in favor, but have a few problems with it. Can make amendments to correct. See position paper.

Beirne wanted to know if it might be possible to combine into one facility the function of crisis intake and mentally ill, alcoholics, drug addicts, etc.??

Pat Spartz - Kodiak Aleutian Mental Health Center - Supports bill, but would like to see some amendments. Hard to see how bill would actually work until it is tried.

no action on bill



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HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 16, 1976 7:00 P.M.

Present: Sullivan Ostrosky
Beirne Hackney Parr

Testifying:

Joan Katz, Private Attorney
Richard Peter, Dept. of Law
Carmen Massey, Alaska Legal Services
Joyce Munson, Mental Health Assoc.

HB 733 - Commitment procedures/mentally ill HESS

Joan Katz - A.S. 47.30 is poor enough so that it could well lead into successful litigation. Biggest problem is that someone could be held up to 66 days before commitment procedure would go to court. No right to council under present statute. Can be indeterminate commitment. Minors have no rights, can be committed at bequest of parents. Just a few problems with present statutes. Task force looked into laws from several other states. Feels that Office of Mental Health Advocate crucial, giving person in commitment process same rights as criminals. Recognize that commitment procedure is complicated and may need simplification, hopefully not at sacrifice of patients rights. New law sets standards for commitment, presently only standards that person can be helped by commitment. Important principle incorporated in bill - least restrictive alternative.

Parr - what could be done with someone who was still dangerous after third 90 day period.

Jim Handy, D.A. Office, problem with new commitment standard, couldn't commit someone who needed help and wasn't able to judge this.

Joyce Munson, appalled by the present condition of the statutes.

Carmen Massey, presented some technical problems, legal services has had with this bill.

Dick Peters, presented a few practical problems that the A.G.'s office found with the bill.

No motion on bill



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 17, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Hackney
Davis Sullivan Beirne

Testified: Dick Block, Div. of Ins.
Bob Cole, Dept. H&SS
Ben Iverson, Dept. H&SS
Ken Ryals, Dept. H&SS

HB 190 Treatment of Alcoholism and Drug - Duncan, etc.

Dick Block, would provide a benefit that can be predicted whether or not it will be needed which may be uneconomical to insurance company's. The div. of insurance view is that it would be O.K. if mandated that it provided an option.

Bob Cole, Office of Alcoholism, supports bill, possibly with revision suggested by div. of insurance.

Committee response, decided not to do anything on this bill yet.

HB 793 - Annual advisory board meetings, public comment Dept. H&SS - Ostrosky

Ben Iverson, dept. encourages public input, but Ken Ryles doesn't feel that this is a practical method of community input.

No action by committee right now

HB 865 - Appropriation to Hope Cottage - HESS

Bob Gregovitch feels there is an extreme shortage of long term care of this type in Ak. Dept. is doing a study right now of the needs and wants to wait till thats done before they do anything like this., recomends not passing.

Ray Burt - Hope Cottage, feels that this bill would be beneficial for purposes of renovation, HC has been successful in the passed, also feels the Chugiak area would benefit from this

Committee discussion,

Hackney - recomends Amendment, (See Attached)

Vote on amendment, do pass
Vote on bill, do pass



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HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 18, 1976

Present: Hackney Sullivan Swanson Osterback
Beirne

Testifying: Louise Ma - Research Analyst
Dr. Gregovitch, Dept. H&SS
Ray Kent - Hope Cottage

HB 734 - Rights & Guardianship for Disabled - HESS

Louise Ma explanation of the different areas of this bill is relationship to the DD

Dr. Gregovitch, Dept. recommends against passage of 734 as presented, unless there are changes made, specified in position paper. Feels this would create an entire new area in health & ss., would be a duplication of administrative duties. Would like to see the bill passed that the dept of law introduced, HB 645.

Mr. Kent, Chairman of Governors Advisory Board on D.D., position paper in form of a folder including all the aspects which the DD Board as looked into. Recommendations of changes and even a proposed substitute bill. Proposes that HB 734 be eliminated.

Mrs. Homme & Ann Simons - Mother of two DD children and want to know if this bill is adopted what about the statute now in effect that makes payment for DD children a maximum of \$50 per month. Would this be excluded?? The bill does not speak to the issue of cost at all.

Louise Ma was asked to research this issue concerning parents financial liability.



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HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 19, 1976

Present: Parr Hackney Davis
 Ose Swanson Sullivan

Testified: Janice Gates, Planning & Research, Dept. H&SS
 Noel Smith, Office of Aging
 Russ. Gentle, Div. of Pub. Assistance
 Roslyn Reeder, Div. of Pub. Assistance

HCR 102 - Availability of health services to public - Ostrosky

Janice Gates, there is already a Directory publication being printed right now, would be for everybody, not just recipients, doctors, etc. Maybe this would qualify for this bill. Will have one put in everybody's box next week.

Committee feels that they should postpone any action until they have an opportunity to read the directory from H&SS. HCR 102 tabled for one week.

HCR 104 - Support for existing health facilities - Ostrosky

Janice presented dept. position paper, agrees with resolution

Ose - motion to table HCR 104, passed

HCR 105 - Funds/ programs for medically underserved areas - Ostrosky

Janice - dept. supports the concept.

Hackney - doesn't want us going after any fed grants without going through some sort of state, in house committee. Also would like dept. to research available grants, but not go after them till somebody can decide. State ends up with all these fed grants and as they phazed out, state must pick up tab.

Committee discussion related to all resolutions seemed pretty negative because of what Hackney just stated.

Parr , amendment line 21, insert after services, "within existing resources" this would delete any fiscal implications from dept. They would have to utilize existing personnel.

Amendment passed.

Hackney - amend line 21, delete "prepare and submit an application for" insert, "seek information on"



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Hackney amendment - line 22 period after eligible. Add "be it further resolved, that before the Department submits an application for federal grants, or any other, the application be approved by Legislative Budget and Audit Division of Legislative Affairs."

Amendment passed

Move to pass HCR 105 out, moved out with individual recommendations.

HCR 103 - Eligibility for admission to pioneer homes - Ostrosky

Sullivan moves that we hold till we find out if there was a study in 1972 concerning this issue. This was suggested by member. David Freer will get back to us on this issue.

HCR 106 - Health care reimbursement mechanisms - Ostrosky

Russ Gentle, dept. currently looking into this, so they do not feel this resolution is needed

Committee referred to the fact that this resolution is once again asking for more grants, referred to Hackneys problem with this that state usually ends up having to take over.

Committee decided to hold this for awhile/

HCR 101 - Uniform acct and reporting of health institution - Ostrosky

Dept. presented position paper on this.

Committee feels that dept. of admin. should provide a fiscal note on this (contacted dept. of Admin for fiscal note)

Parr amendment, page 2, line 2 "comma" after 93-641 add "to", delet "and"

motion passes

Parr amendment page 1, line 26, after administration , add ,"Comma" add "within existing resources",

Passes

Committee decided to hold bill over.

HB 742 not heard, will hold over



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 22, 1976

Present: Sullivan Beirne, Ostrosky Kelley

HB 734 - Rights and Guardianship for disabled - HESS

Dr. Hotchkiss, Pres. of St. Association for Retarded Citizens, very opposed to HB 734

Robert Mothershed, citizens, wishes to stress rehabilitation rather than treatment. 47.70.100 too limiting, shouldn't be limited only to danger to ourselves or others. Call it "habilitation, rather than treatment plan. Under federal law, council has more than advising powers, membership should reflect consumers as provided for in federal law. REcommends putting council in Gov's office.

47.70.170

Should consider possibility of private non-profit corp. for advocacy function. Should be separate advocacy office for mentally ill and dd. Office of advocacy for the mentally disabled in 1 office and "DD" definition in 734 contrary to federal law. Replace Sec 9 with lang. from HB 645. More comprehensive bill necessary to provide more services for DD.

HB 733 - Commitment procedures, mentally ill -HESS

Payment by parents - incorporate the \$50 maximum. If only 733 passes, add 47.70.100 from HB 734

Helen Mothershed, DD council recommends substitute for bill for 734. Council should be more than advisory board reflecting federal law.

Robert Mothershead = composition and duties of council should reflect changing federal requirements

EVENING - same agenda

Oseruk, Supports office for DD , services not available in rural areas though Oseruk, A.F.N. Inc.

Dr. William Moore, St. of Ak. Div. of mental health, worked with task force, problems with diagnostic services only available in Anchorage. 733 would be more agreeable if it provided services for communities.

Bob Swan, President of Local Association for retarded citizens.

Jennie Selides opposed to 733

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William Mueller for patient of A.P.I.

Fred Selkregg, HB 733 Ak. Mental Health Ass., is in favor of it.

Helen Beirne, should advocacy office be under Gov's office or public defenders office?

Dr. Aaron Wolfe - Pres. of Ak. branch of American Psy. Ass.

Dr. Joe Bloom, section chief for psyc. at Providence Hosp. HB 733 would prevent treatment of people who need it. No abuse under present statute.

Dr. F. Whelan, A.S.M.A. Mental Health Committee, chairman, the Committee is opposed, present statute adequate and unabused. Represented testimony of psych. who wouldn't attend. all opposed, he is personally opposed.

Judge Moody, representing himself, opposed, no abuse in present system.

Marjorie Bell- usually conducts hearings on commitment anyway

Dr. Rader, Psy. in Anch. Need to protect rights of minors, but 733 goes to far.

Dr. Langdon, = Total bill bad, unnecessary. Present bill was adopted in 1956 federal model act, reworked by the city attorney, Jim Fitzgerald. Problem with administration not with present statute.

Dr. J. Wregget, Child Psy. Problems of criminal provision for doctors, problems with massive paperwork.

Dr. Barry Mendolsohn, child psy. opposed

Dr. Aaron Wolf - opposed

Carol Craig, Psy. intern at U. of Washington. Feels 733 is much like Washingtons law which they have found from experience is unworkable.

Joan Katz, private psychairtrists were asked to join task force and refused..

Gues list-Testimony on HB 733 & 734 in Anchorage, March 22, 1976

Charles Oxereok	A.F.N. Inc.
Dr. William Moore	Ak., Div. of Mental Health
Helen Mothershead	A.R.C.A.
Bob Mothershead	Alaska St. Retarded Childrens Assoc.
Joan M. Katz	Mental Health Task Force Group
Bob Swain	A.R.C.A.
Francis Whelen	Private psychiatrist, Fairbanks
Aaron Wolfe	Pres. Ak. Psy. Assoc.
Joe Bloom	Priv. Psychiatrist, Anchor.
Pat Mills	A.P. I.
Dr. Langdon	Langdon Clinic
Barry ,emde;spjm	Provate Psy. in Anchorage
William Rader	Psychiatrist
Ralph Moody	Superior court judge
Carol Craig	Langdon clinic, psy.
Dr. Wreggit	private psychiatrist.



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COMMITTEE MEETING HOUSE HESS

MARCH 26, 1976

Present: Sullivan Ostrosky
Parr Beirne Osterback

Testifying:
Elizabeth Shaw, NASW
Janis Price, NASW
Sister Andrea

HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service Area - Rules

Sister Andrea - opposed to the bill- wants three HSA

Renninger, Dept. H&SS, also supports three HSA conceptually and fiscally

Bill not moved on,

HB 367 -Social Workers Licensing - Beirne

Beirne spoke on revised version of the bill, revised with assistance of Sharon Andrews, director of licensing. Went over provisions of the bill with committee. Some changes made on the draft.

Mr. Price, Dept. H&SS, discussed minor points of bill. Stated that the bill requires all new employees to have MSW or change their title or requirements of certain jobs to hire people. Dept. does not have to fire any S.W. who are employed now or don't have MSW.

Discussion around fiscal implications of all these new licensing bills. Probably will add one more full time person to the licensing division.

Motion passed for individual recommendations on the work draft copy to be a Committee Substitute.

HB 744 - Freedom of choice, medical procedures - Beirne

Mr. Heidersdorf, representing Alaskans for Life, not for the entire concept of the bill, feels there are some problems with it.

Committee discussion regarding suicide, also liability regarding disconnecting life sustaining measures, example Quinlan case.

Heidersdorf feels that people have the right to make this decision, but not 20 or 30 years before, people might change their ideas and minds. Also definition of extraordinary means, might change

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Beirne would like a chance to rework the bottom of p. 1, severe distress, etc. too difficult til revoke now. Will let Pat Rodey and Clark Grueing look at the proposed chances.

Committee points out various areas of concern for Helen to take a look at. P. 1. line 19, how about renewal every five years
P. 3 line 27, need rewording, more specific
Alvin suggests time frame, 1 year or so till individual can have a chance to recover.

Hold till middle or end of nexy week, when Helen has it reworked.

HB 772 - Licensure of counselors - HESS

Tabled - dead

SB 554 - Licensing of Phy. & Osteopaths - Croft

Beirne - Croft wanted to work this over with others, make amendments, Helen feels there wasn't enough time, want to make 1 change now
Line 20, Add "the Department shall employ"
Delete "The board shall employ"

Amendments passed

This bill belongs in malpractice, wants it to go to Jud. Recommend it is included in Malpractice package.

Bill - passed

HB 392 - Rehabilitation Counselor - Beirne

Beirne, explanation of bill and discussion
proposed amendment - decided to make a committee substitute of this bill, see draft. Also all reference to counselors should read Vocational Rehabilitation counselor

Delete line 4 - 11 page 4

Helen moved to have this bill moved out.
as a committee substitute

HB 635 - Licensing of Speech Pathologists & Audiologists - Gov.

Beirne, alot of fraud by people coming into Ak. and selling hearing aids and then leaving state.

Committee went over work draft and made changes, P.2, line 25 delete "practice speech path. or audio". line 27, 28 & 29 P4 delete, P. 5 line 1 thru 19 delete. P. 5 line 19, change "social worker" to Speech pathologist & audiologist

Committee recommends Committee Substitute move out, individual recommendations passed out.

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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MARCH 30, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Davis Ose Osterback
Sullivan Parr Swanson Beirne

Testifying: Maria Hernandez Peck, Soc. Worker, Juneau
Judge Stewart, self
Lois Jund, Bill Huston, Ed Mitchell, Div. of Corrections

HB 618 - GOB, Correctional Facilities - Gov.

Terry Gardner, stated position of the interest groups in Ketchikan. They do not feel they want another facility at this time, they think what is needed is community based alternative programs for juveniles and adults. Possibly remodeling of the childrens home for juveniles.

Committee wanted to know exactly how much \$ Ketchikan would like to do what ever it is they want? Terry had no idea. Swanson suggested dept of Public come up with figures on what Ketchikan relly wants.

Judge Stewart - asked to speak on juvenile issues in Juneau and Ketchikan. Agree with Terry, there has to be a thorough needs assessment before they start building anything. Need to establish a decent program first and then build to suit it. Right now there are agencies doing planning, Criminal Justice is establishing a juvenile board, L.E.A.A. has a juvenile justice planner, better to coordinate with them than to start building. Plan...

Judge Stewart recommends that for the present time they buy an old house, remodel it, have a couple run it and use it for emergency shelter as well as temporary shelter for young people in trouble. This would not be a treatment facility. Only temp. shelter.

Vivian Lovas- concerned citizen, would also like to see an alternative program for the young people.

Ramona Kelley - had a committee on corrections during the interim, and feels that this bill does not speak to the need for temp. housing which many youngsters need. That includes kids whose parents cannot or will not provide housing for them. Also recommends that the regulations of Dept. be completely revamped, some much too stringent for the rural areas of Alaska.

Lois Jund - H&SS Dep. Commissioner, they are now in the process of setting up 10 task for ce groups to review all the licensing for placement facilities. Presents alternative plan to the Ketchikan proposal, each member given a copy. This is mainly for remodeling of the present facility and then some money can be spent in Juneau for the teen problem.

Houston-Defends depts. position on the Ketchikan problem, Many of the people who are now stating they do not want a facility, worked on the task force to draw up these recommendations.

Meeting adjourned without any motion on the bill, more work needs to be done.

Charlie moves to have a committee substitute drafted on this. Committee areas.

Committee also agrees to meet on Sat. to hear the bills which were not heard Mon. and Wed.



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HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 2, 1976

Present: Hackney Osterback Ostrosky
Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Kay Smith, Dept. of H&SS
Larry Sullivan, Dept. of H&SS
Jack Chenowith, A.A. Pat Rodey

HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service - Rules

Ramona Kelley - explained reason for this resolution, predominately fiscal justification.

Committee - no action.

HB 790 -Contract Agreements/Adoption Service - Buchholdt

Buchholdt, explained why she introduced the bill and how it could save some state \$.

Kay Smith, representing depts. position. Dept. favors this bill for future needs. no \$ for FY 77.

SB 611 -Adoption by step parents - Rodey

Jack Chenowith, representing Rodey,

Kay Smith presented dept. position. Would like to define step-parent with the child.

Move to accept Dept.s amendment.

Committee decided to pass bill out with amendment.

HB 467 - Catastrophic illness aid - Beirne

Larry Sullivan, represent dept. position. In favor of concept and favor passage with fiscal note as presented with dept. position paper.
Amend line 25 delete "who has suffered at catastrophic illness"
line 26 & 27 delete "appointed by the gov."
Unanimous do pass for CSHB 467 as amended.

HJR 67 = Medicare and Hemophilliacs - HESS

DO pass, no objection , moved out.



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HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 3, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Parr Swanson
 Sullivan Beirne Osterbakack Hackney

HB 660 - Transportation of exceptional children - Gov.

Tom Brown, Dept. of Ed. philosophy of educating exceptional children is changing. Many exceptional children benefit from association with normal children. This bill would leave the decision to the local districts.

Committee - vote to move out - do pass, unanimous

HB 618 - GOB, Correctional Facilities - Gov.

Bill Houston, D.O.C. - Ketchikan facility - need projected 36 beds, 20 average present population, 6 beds for women, need room for growth and "?

Glenn - moved to delete # 2, amend item #2 changed to \$2,160,000 , no action taken on amendment.

Barbara Wolstad concerned citizen, ask that community input be considered.

Constance Griffith, Chairman League of Women Voters, Justice Comm. See a lack of program planning and feel more study necessary to justify great expenditure on Ketchikan facility. Would prefer to have minors in private facilities that already exist with state reimbursement rather than in maximum security facility.

Lois Jund , ask committee to vote for bond issues and she pledges that the dept. will carry on planning with the community.

Chairlie, amend Glenn's motion (no obj.) to read "facilities" instead of "centers" amendment passes.

Beirne, suggest letter of intent, item #6 added "\$100,000 for housing and remodeling juvenile unit Ketchikan, no obj.

Parr, move to amend #3, add " and juvenile facility" after correctional, delete "center and \$4.5 million"

Beirne, move item #1 , accepted as is.

Hackney move item #4 to \$10.8 million.

Parr , amend #5 to be 6 juvenile Fbks. \$1.8; 5 Housing and remodeling, Fbks. 1.8

Beirne, move to move #4 back up to \$16.5 million.

Sullivan, juvenile for Ketchikan, Juneau & Fbks.

Red, moved that local architects be used, included in letter of intent, motion failed.

Parr, move out CSHB 618, no objection, motion passes

HB 612 - GOB Health Care Facilities Gov.

Lois Jund, Reccommend delete Kenai from bond because the need there isn't that pressing.

Red, move to amend, add #6 "Nenana , \$200,000, health center"
no objection to amendment, adopted

Beirne, move to remove #2 Kenai
no objection

Red, move out CSHB 612, unanimous

HB 665 - Statewide Coordination of Health Plan - Legis. Council

Jan Gates, Dept. of H&SS started to testify regarding this.

Committee decided to adjourn because of teachers meeting



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

APRIL 5, 1976

Present: Sullivan Davis Osterback
 Parr Hackney Swanson Beirne

Testifying: Lois Jund, Dept. H&SS

HB 665 - Statewide Coordination of Health Plan

Continued working on this from Saturday session. Committee went over the workdraft with Jan Gates, Dept. H&SS section by section making changes on the workdraft in order to have the committee substitute drawn up.

Glenn made an amendment which he would had Joe Guthrie help drat up. Committee would like Glenn to hav entire portion of that section redrafted by Joe so that it corresponds. Starts on line 13, page 3. Amendment passed.

Each section gone over thoroughly by committee.

When finished, Glenn made motion to "do not pass out of committee", seconded discussion by committee.

Decided not to move on this at all till the committee substitute has been drafted and brought down for all to read.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 7, 1976

Present: Sullivan Parr Beirne
Ostrosky Swanson Hackney

Testifying: Sam Grenato, Dept. H&SS
Bob Cole, Office of Alcoholism
Art Peterson, Dept. of Law

HB 602 Treatment of Intoxicated Persons

Bob Cole, explained the Dept. of Laws amendment., then Peterson from the dept. answered questions. (amendment copy in file 602)

Houston responded to questions from the committee about the bill and the fiscal implications of it. causal monies available.

Ose, move to table till we get correction on the fiscal note. motion failed

Bill held over for fiscal note.

HB 866 - Supplemental appropriation to H&SS

Grenato, explained need for the Div. supplement.

Bob Cole, feels supplemental caused by certain federal monies which weren't available.

Held over till Sat. in hopes of a better explanation from the dept.

HB 592 - Correctional Industries

Hackney, moves to amend, this was adopted unanimously page 4, line 4, after "Part", delete rest of language on line 4 and substitute "Any amount awarded under A.S. 18.67. as a result of the crime for which the prisoner was convicted."

Ose, moves to hold bill in abeyance and try to set up a group for the Committee substitute, unanimous.

Subcommittee, to put together C.S. - Ose, Beirne, Hackney



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 9, 1976

Present: Parr Swanson Beirne
Davis Sullivan

Testifying: Bill Mack, KAKM
Frank Mengel,
Larry Verable, Ak. Carriers Assoc.

HB 447 Ak. Educational Broadcasting - Beirne

Bill Mack made opening presentation for K.A.K.M.

Frank Mengel, explained progress of the project and why more \$ was needed.

Charlie, line 10, delete "\$225,000", add "\$185,000"
Change line 11 "13" to "11"

Hohman, explained situation of Bethel-Kuskokwim Com College, they would like to expand their T.V. system.

Red, move to have a new section add "\$140,000 for 15 translators, \$81,000 for talk back capability, SW Ak., KYUK, Kuskowim Com. College

Red, move out with do pass, as a C.S.HB 447
unanimous

HB 113 - Noise Pollution - Beirne

Robertson, presented Public Safety position.

Larry Verable, presented the Ak. Carriers Assoc. position.

Bill held over till Helen gets C.S.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 10, 1976

Present: Beirne Sullivan Parr
Hackney Ostrosky Osterback

HB 866 Supplemental Appropriation to H&SS G.W.HESS

Lois Jund gave a better explanation of why the dept. needs this additional \$. See dept. position paper. Due mainly because of the switch of some programs within the Fed. system to other systems, so a money lag.

Passed out with do pass.

The three licensing bills C.S. were given to everybody to look at over the weekend, if there are not objections they will be sent upstairs, as signed before the C.S. was completely drafted.

CSHB 744 Freedom of choice Beirne

Helen gave an explanation of this C.S., put in the clause "Terminal" rather than serious so noone would be condemned before terminally ill. Clause relating to temp. or self-destructive declaration., Rodey and Gurening don't feel its necessary because an individual can revoke it at any time.

Committee discusses what "life supporting" means. Drugs and electrical apparatus used in definition section of bill.

Amendment - page 5, line 2 delete "and drugs".
Passed

Glenn concerned that there might be problem with the malpractice issues and this bill. Bill has a referral to Judiciary, they can handle it.

Motion to pass bill out as a new C.S. with amendment, committee decided to have it redrafted including the amendment.

Motion to move out, passed.

HCR 101 Uniform account for health institutions - Ostrosky

Hold for fiscal note

HCR 104 - Support for existing health facilities - Ostrosky

Katherine presented the C.S., decided not to do anything with this now. Brian Saylor not available for explanation.

HCR 120 - Study of Health Insurance, Catastrophic - HESS

THIS NEEDS a fiscal note.

Amendment, line 19 p. 1, delete "establish a task force whose membership reflects the diversity of geography, socio-economic status, age, sex, and health care professions in the state".

Insert "conduct a study".

Committee decided to have this redrafted as a C.S. since this is a resolution.

Bill passed out with C.S.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 12, 1976

Present: Beirne Parr Hackney Sullivan
Ostrosky Osterback Davis Ose

Testifying: Dove Kull, Ak. Homemakers Service
Jack Chenowith, A.A., Pat Rodey
Bob Cole, Alcohol, Dept H&SS

SB 640 am Appropriation for Foster Grandparents Rodey

Dove Kull spoke in favor of bill and her own experiences with foster grandparents. Also the fact that many of these foster grandparents work with no salary. This bill would give them a small income.

Jack Chenowith, previous program in state only in Anchorage, funded federally

Motion to move bill - do pass - unanimous

SB 586 Alcoholic Treatment Facilities

Bob Cole, here to answer questions on this bill. This bill has been heard before and was waiting for a new fiscal note. The bill is the vehicle for the bond CSSB 585, which was passed by the legislature, if the bond issue passes the voters, this bill would help to implement it.

Committee decided to pass out with a do pass.

HB 602 - Intoxicated persons treatment - Gov.

This bill has been heard before, needed new fiscal note, which is now here. It was \$300,000 now is \$112,000.

Committee discussion on the amendment which Art Peterson, Dept. of Law recommended. Definition of intoxicated persons, Committee decided to put in "extreme" where it was deleted.

Motion to accept amendment, passed

Motion to move the bill out, passed - do pass.

Meeting adjourned



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 14, 1976

Present: Parr Ostrosky Sullivan Swanson
 Hackney Beirne Ose Osterback

Testifying: Betsy McGuire, Office of Child Advocacy
 Genie Chance,

SCR 75 - Development of a Childrens Code

Betsy presented the reasons and need for the development of this code.

Parr, concerned about line 27, which refers to Ak. Family Law. Does this deal with Children & Family Law??? If so the name of the act does not reflect that.

Hackney - why are we contracting with an attorney (fiscal note 27,000) to do this job when we have attorneys allready on contract in legislative affairs?

Genie, because the attorney that has worked on this bill all year with O.C.A. developing the children's code will no longer be with legislative affairs and we would like to keep him on. Andy Brown

Committee decided to change "children's code" to "family law code" on line 5. Have it redrafted as a Committee substitute.

Do pass out.

HB 665 - Statewide Coordination of Health Planning

This bill has been heard before, we are dealing with a C.S.. Discussion among committee members and Lois Jund and Jan Gates about provisions of this latest draft.

Amend- P5 line 12, after \$1,000 delete "or" , add "The"
P. 5 line 13, delete "sec. 7161" add, "sec. 81 (e). will have the committee substitute redrafted rather than make amendments to this.

Move out with individual recommendations.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 19, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Parr Swanson Hackney Sullivan

Testified: Judy Hill, patient who took Laetrile
Ethel Christianson, Committee for freedom of choice in Cancer
Hugh Fleischer, Attorney representing more than 50 cancer patients
George Michand, Ak. for Life

HB 881 - Interference with patient-physician relationships

Jean Smart, cancer patient who had taken B17 treatment, testified she was very much in favor of it.

Judy Hill, prior patient on laetrile also very much in favor of it

Ethel Christianson, sits on the committee for freedom of choice in cancer therapy, charter member, representing herself, much in favor.

Patricia Denny, representing Ak. for Life, would like to see a more limited piece of legislation to deal with specific problems. Feels this has too broad ramifications.

Red. would like to know more about facts of present statutes repealed.

Hugh Fleischer,, who represents more than 50 cancer patients is in favor as are his clients.

Red, suggested alternative ammendments, none moved on

George Michand, Ak. for Life, gave testimony of Heidersdorf against Hb 881

Bill not moved on today, want to hear more testimony.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 23, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Parr Beirne Sullivan
Swanson Osterback

Testifying: Dr. Spence, Div. of Public Health
Mary McKinnon, private citizen

HB 881 - Interference with Physician-Patient Relationship - St. Affairs

Susan read part of written testimony by Dr. Rodman Wilson, he is against this bill and the use of laetrile. States his objection in his written testimony.

Dr. Spence, opposed to bill because it interferes with hospitals ability to regulate what goes on in them.

Mary McKinnon, testified as to observations of one cancer patient taking the drug laetrile.

Committee asked Dave Walker to research whether there is federal law or regulation against administration of laetrile.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 24, 1976

Present: Parr Ostrosky Osterback
 Sullivan Beirne

HJR 70 & HCR 132 - Waste disposal in Barrow and Bethel - HESS

Committee discussed the issues and voted to pass both out with a do-pass.

HB 894 - Practice of Dentistry - HESS

Committee discussed the bill and also whether to include dental hygenists, Amendment, line 8, page 2 after dentist, add "And Dental Hygenists." Line 18, page 2, after dentist, add " or dental hygenists" Line 1, page 3, after dentistry, add " and dental hygeine"

Committee concerned about repealing the advertising section of the statutes. This would enable a dentist to advertise for business, prices, etc. Discussion centered around how the Dental Assoc. felt about this, they were not too concerned, but did feel it would allow non-competent dentists to get more business.

Motion to move bill out with amendment, do pass

HB 457 - Training and Ed. of State Employees - Buchholds

Hold till Monday, get someone here, Patrick Hung from Personnel to testify Helen wants him to



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 26, 1976

Present: Beirne, Swanson Ostrosky
Sullivan Osterback

Testifying: Walt Jones, D.O.C.
Betsy McGuire, Office of Child Advocacy
Noel Smith, Office of Aging
Ada Gleason, Div. of Soc. Services

HCR 135 - Placement of Children outside of Ak. - HESS

Betsy spoke about this resolution and that it did speak to a main issue the the Standards and Goals, which OCA just put together. This included removing all kids from outside facilities.

Amendment, line 25, should read "to place children in out-of-state facilities" passed

Walt Jones feels that corrections is allready doing this when possible and doesn't see a need for the resolution. Reasons they place kids outside is no facilitiy or space available.

This is true for corrections but not so for Soc. Service kids.

Committee decided to hold bill over and get more information.

HB 914 - Licensing of Care Providers - Ostrosky

Kathryn presented this bill,

Ada Gleason read the dept. position paper. They are for it, however, it has fiscal implications and would not fit into the gov. budget.

Ada feels that p.6 line 2 needs to add other categories, such as children, grandchildren, stepchildren, neices, nephews.

Mr. Smith testified about nursing home residents or just old people who need more than a place to live, boarding homes. He would like to see a definition of "fair" treatment specified in the bill, as well as some requirements that boarding homes would have to live under

Committee also feels there is a need to define "care" and also what "adult" means.. However, if boarding homes become licensed too stringently some very good care providers will be pushed out of business.

Decided to have Kathryn work on this bill a little more, need reasonable protection for care providers. Minimum requirements



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 28, 1976

Present: Hackney Beirne Sullivan
Osterback Davis

SSHCR 97 - State purchasing of drugs - Sullivan

Only change was line 13, where bioequivalence is established.

Committee decided to pass out with do-pass



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 29, 1976

Present: Sullivan Davis Parr
Hackney Beirne Ostrosky Osterback

Testifying: Pat Hung, Div. of Personnel

SCR 94 - Licensing of Nursing Home Administrators - Rules

Depts. position is that they are against it for various reasons. Mainly that the city would use it as incentive for a Phy. assistant to come in and charge fees. Against the states policy. Many legal problems.

Committee wants to know if public health nurses could still come in and use the facility????

Amendment line 19, pl

"Be it further resolved that the transfer document guarantee continued availability of space for state medical personnel at no cost to the state"

Committee decided to hold this bill over till we can get someone to testify on it regarding the questions raised by the committee

(amendment was not voted on)

CSHB 457 - Training & Ed. of state employees- Buchholdt

Pat Hunt - testifying regarding this bill and how it would affect the state employees. Fiscal implications hard to figure out. Depts now do some educating of employees, but mainly those who are minority hire.

Thelma- purpose of bill to allow professional people to follow their chosen profession by continuing education.

Committee concerned that the ed. process will override the job. Bill mandates a lot of things, such as "shall" create a program.

Amendment p.2 line 5 delete the word "shall", add "may as funds permit"
amendment passed.

Hold bill over for more information.

HB 881 - Interference with Phy/patient relationship

Hugh Fleischer, attorney for many cancer patients interested in laetrile.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAY 2, 1976

Present: Beirne Parr Hackney Sullivan
Ose Osterback Ostrosky

Testifying: Dave Walker, legislative attorney
Dr. Pauls, Dept. H&SS, Public Health
Gary Sheridan, H&SS Title XX expert
Ed Smith, NorthWest Foundation for Human Services, Dept. H&SS Consultant

HB 881 - Physician Patient Relationships

Dave Walker testifying about the C.S. he drew up. stated there are many cases now on appeal regarding laetrile. Concurs with Hugh Fleischer that there is no reason why the bill can't begin "no person, etc."

Amendment, line 9 delete, "The legislature declares, etc."
passed

Amendment, delete the words limited to board
passed

line 13, after drug insert "as so prescribed and admin."
passed

many little amendments which Dave will include in the committee substitute.

Testimony from the research analyst regarding more cases involving interstate commerce and laetrile.

Committee spoke about whether the bill should specify that the Medical board is subject to the A.P.A. most everybody thought it allready, vote to decide if it should be included in bill, yes, include it

Does this exclude hospitals from interfering in the administration of laetrile in their hospital??? Walker, yes, you can not legislate that.

Include Charlies language for the second section of the bill
"No physician may be subject to disciplinary action by the State Medical Board of PSRO for prescribing or administering laetrile upon request by a patient under his care, unless the State Medical Board, after a hearing conducted in accordance with the Admin. Proced. Act has made a formal finding that laetrile is harmful."

Dr. Pauls, would like to see the generic name for laetrile inserted in the bill,
passed.

Walker, state med board would not have capabilities of making decisions, must have clinical evaluation.



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Mr. Parr amendment to create a new sec one, replacing existing bill motion fails

Motion to pass out bill with individual recommendations, having sect. one and two. (after walker drafts)
Passed

SB 371 am Child Protection - Chance

Bill identical to one that the House passed out last year with two exceptions this bill deleted mental and emotional.

Susan would like to put these two back in, committee discusses this for some time.

Gary Sheridan, for including these two words because we would not be entitled to Title XX money if it is not included, about \$25,000. Committee does not feel that that is relevant and will not let it influence their decision.

Ed Smith, reinforces Sheridans points, but adds more about the need for including of some form.

Delete , line 25 "child" and "neglect", insert "or mental" between physical and injury, line 25
amendment passed

Adopt language in HB for guardian ad litem, - passed

Amendment, motion to include "or mental" - passed
Amendment, motion to include, "emotional or" - fails

Charlie proposes definition to "mental abuse"
He will give to next committee meeting

SB 492 - Nursing bill

Testifying for the dpet., in favor of bill, approx 400 RN now
Nursing association in favor of this. All it does is raise some fees.

Motion to pass bill out bill a do pass- passes



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 5, 1976

Present: Hackney Parr Osterback
Ostrosky Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Frank Pauls, Dept. H&SS,
Dr. Schrader, Director, Mental Health
Debbie Staack, legislative affairs, research

HB 881 - Physician Patient Relationship

Committee looked at the CS which this committee had drawn up, decided to move out with no objection.

SCR 84 Ownership of state owned facility - Craig

Dr. Pauls testified for the dpet. They are against transferring of ownership. The facility was built with G.O. bond. Dept. feels it is a breech of contract to turnover to city of Craig. Attorney Generals office felt it was also a breech of contract, problem being that there would be a chare for services.

Committee discuses putting in clause that would revert ownership back to state if conditions no met. Conditions being that it must be used as a health care facility,

bill moved out. (Doug is having the amendment drafted upstairs_)

CSSB 542 - Medical Assistance for Needy Persons

Dr. Schrader, presented the Dept. position regarding this bill

Debbie explained the fiscal impact

Helen Beirne, moved out with do pass- passed out



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 6, 1976

Present: Ostrosku Parr Beirne
Hackney Sullivan

Testifying: Rod Betit

HJR 72 - Food Stamp

Rod is in favor of it, explained problems in the Alaskan food stamp system. New Dept. of Agriculture regulations create greater problems.

Don Clockson, Legal Services, explained other fronts of action on this issue, congress etc.

Committee decided to move out with individual recommendations.

HCR 139 Food Stamp

Rod explained problems regarding food stamps and the people in the rural areas and the need for this resolution.

Motion to move out carries

HB 596 - Local Health Service

Lois Jund, explains changes in the proposed CS and discussed the problems that committee members have with the bill
bill held over till tomorrow.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 7, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Sullivan Hackney
Osterback Ose Swanson

Testifying: Lois Jund, H&SS

HB 596 - Local Health Services

Lois went through all the proposed amendments that the department had on the committee substitute, committee passes amendments.

Page 2, number 7 is totally deleted.

Motion to move bill out with individual recommendations, passes.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 12, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Sullivan Hackney
Parr

Testifying: Gary Sheridan, Div. of Soc. Services
Lee Moelein, Evergreen Memorial Chapel
Marjorie Gorsuch, League of Women Voters
Robert Lapotnick

HCR 143 - Legislative Affairs Agency Study on aged Housing

Kathryn presented background reasons for her introducing this resolution. Louise Crane and Gregg Erickson, Legisl. Affairs there to answer questions.

Committee does not see why a new study has to be done, Gleen thinks the information is allready been studies and just has to be compiled. Also questioning the travel \$\$ and why two people needed to travel.

Amendment, p 1, line 25, after agency, add "in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Service".

amendment passed.

Letter of Intent -to be written to indicate that information should be pulled together from various agencies, office of agin, dept, etc. Envision utilizing personnel in other legislative affairs agencies in the state and legislators to accumulate and investigate.

REsolution adopted.

Erickson wants to know if this means reduced or 0 budget from now on regarding this resolution. Committee asks that Gregg redo fiscal note taking all possible economies and report back to committee.

SB 371 am Child protection

Amendment that was adopted last committee meeting regarding the definition of mental was deleted. Bill has one amendment that relates to guardian ad litem.

Motion to move bill - passed

SB 629 - Interstate Compact on Children - Chance

Gary Sheridan explains the need for this and why the Dept. would like to see it passed.

Genie Chance explains how other states have participated and passes around some info collected by other states.

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Gary has some proposed amendments, but the committee asks that he present those to the judiciary committee since this bill has another referral.

Motion to move bill out, passes

SB 653 - ~~Child Protection~~ Dept. Philo. on Children

Very little discussion, good bill
Motion to move bill out - do pass

SB 716 am Funeral and Mortuary Science

Lee Moelein, makes some proposed amendments
p 7, delete (3) problems with this by adding the cremation clause.
doesn't feel it is needed.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 13, 1976

Present: Beirne Ostrosky Sullivan
 Davis Hackney

HCR 143 - Study of Housing for Aged & Disabled

Ostrosky amendment to change the title of this study amendment adopted

bill passed out of committee

SB 628 - Driving while under the influence - Ziegler

Dennis Robertson testified about how this bill affects things, also proposes an amendment which was worked up by the task force group he sits on

Amendments proposed were adopted, he will give me the detailed information on amendments tomorrow.

Bill moved out as amended.

SB 716am - Funderal and Mortuary Science

Sharon Andrews , licensing, has dept's amendments. quite extensive each committee member recieved a copy.

Lisa Rudd testimony about the whole pre-need issue, also related to the committee the testimony received by the commerce committee. Handed out statistical information regarding pre-need and what other states have done. Over 1/2 states have 100% refund on pre need.

Helen will get legality of the bill from Bill Berrier.
Bill is looking at the 17 page amendment to see if it can be incorporated in regulations rather than as an amendment.

Sharon Andrews also doing research with Dick Block, Ins. regarding the suirty bonding issue.

Helen would like to include a higher educational standard in this bill, as the original S.B. stated.

Also would like to have the following people testifyon this bill if heard again soon. Mr. Peters, Mr. Block, ask Helen for more names.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 18, 1976

Present: Beirne Ostrosky Sullivan
 Parr Swanson

Testifying: Lois Jund, Dept. H&SS
 Sharon Osborne, Planner for Dept. H&SS
 Gary Sheridan, Program Coordinator, Dept. H&SS
 Sam Granato, Dept.

SB 654 am - statewide coordination, development and planning for delivery of services

Gary Sheridan, stated need for this kind of study.

Committee feels the dept. already does this, however Gary says no, that they don't have the staff to do this. Also curious as to how much money now being spent in the dept. for planning grants.

Committee concerned over 200,000 in fiscal note for contractual services. Dept. feels that they cannot get the amount of staff on board to provide the study so will have to contract out, which is much more expensive.

Sam Granato, reinforced the need for this kind of study.

Committee, still feels other groups are doing similar studies in their own areas, such as task force groups etc.

Lois Jund, says two ~~new~~ positions now in health planning, however none for overall planning of social services. Also states that it would take them quite awhile to gear up for this and especially the public hearings, bill gives them no latitude must have public hearings in first quarter.

Committee decides to have a letter of intent go along with the bill stating that they would like the dept. to have the flexibility to have public hearings in the first half of the year.

Committee decided to move bill out with individual recommendations.



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 18, 1876

Present: Sullivan Beirne Parr
Osterback Ostrosky

HCR 150 - Relating to Eagle River Correctional Facility

Committee discussed the need for this resolution and decided to pass it out of committee.

SB 716am - Funeral and Mortuary

Dick Block, Div. of Ins. talked about the pre-need section and how ins. would have to be tied in. This would definitely have to be regulated by the div. of ins. Bond would be good for a certain amount, after that no guarantee. Sees other problems with this bill, but would like to have time to draw up recommendations since he just looked at it recently. Committee interested in protection for consumer and feels that public interest would like to see the pre-need section.

Charlies amendments - passed
Helens amendments - passed

page 2, line 2, delete "or cremation,"
page 2, line 21, delete all of (2)
page 2, line 28, delete "licensed to practice embalming in this state."
add "licensed" between ~~an~~ "an" and "embalmer". on line 28
page 3, line 4, delete all of (2)
page 7, line 9 delete "and cremation"
page 8, line 13, add "s" on casket, add "with" before "a notation"

Committee will hold this bill till we get more information from Dick Block



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 23, 1976

Present: Sullivan Beirne Hackney
Ostrosky Davis

SB 716am Mortuary and Funderal

Discussion by committee members regarding the amount of education needed to be a funeral home director. Many felt they need alot of training in the human behavior, with courses in psy. counseling, etc.

Testimony from Lee, Evergreen Memorial Home, regarding the background he has had and the educational requirements.

Amendment to include "30 semester credit hours" of related subject matter to be a funeral home director. Motion adopted

Bill Berrier came down, some problems with the Language thqt Dick Block set up regarding the fund for pre-need sales. Bill will draft a committee substitute and have for the committee soon.

HCR 147 - Relating to Uof A and A.M.U.

Very little committee discussion, bill moved out of committee



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 24, 1976

Present: Hackney Sullivan Beirne
Davis Ostrosky

Testifying: Dick Block, Div. of Ins.
Billy Berrier, Legis. Affairs

SB 716am Mortuary and Funerals

Dick Block and Bill Berrier went over the proposed amendments for the committee substitute. Several differences arose regarding proper wording and the definition of insurance.

Eventually a consensus by the committee was reached and they voted to pass the bill out as a committee substitute.

Bill Berrier will have it drafted and ready to read across tomorrow morning.

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