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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 15, 1973

9:20 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Sackett. Also present were Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Mr. Myrt Charney, Director, Division of Budget and Management, and Ms. Lois Cook, Division of Budget and Management.

SB 199 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Senate Bill 199 (Basic salary schedule for state employees).

Mr. Charney provided the committee with a vacancy and turn-over restriction analysis (all funds) and a breakdown of the \$7,231,000 total in the Governor's budget (allowance to classified employees including University of Alaska, allowance for teachers, allowance for Marine Transportation). (See bill file.)

A brief discussion followed Mr. Charney's testimony. No official action was taken on Senate Bill 199.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 15, 1973
2:10 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Sackett. Also present was Mr. Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst. Mr. Joe LaRocca, Mr. Steve Weiner, and Mr. Andy Williams of the press, and several Alaska Public Employees Association members were present.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SENATE BILL 199 (Basic salary schedule for state employees).

SB 199

Senator Ray moved that SB 199 be replaced with a Committee Substitute which would provide a gross increment of \$70 per month which includes all benefits. The annual appropriations bill will show that if funds provided within the budget are not adequate, the difference shall be made up from the reserve fund of lapsed Personal Services funds. Senator Ray's motion for a "do pass" recommendation carried 4 to 2.

Senate Bill 199 will be held in committee until the fiscal note (to be prepared by fiscal staff) has been reviewed by the Senate Finance Committee members.

HB 66(am)

The committee then considered HOUSE BILL 66(am) (Supplemental appropriations [\$95,000] to the Department of Military Affairs: \$12,000 - Civil Air Patrol; \$62,000 - Re-enlistment bonuses, National Guard; \$21,000 - Workmens' compensation and liability insurance, National Guard).

It was decided to hold this bill over until Commissioner Joe Henri (Department of Administration) and the insurance agent could appear before the committee.

Recess: Senator Ray called for a ten-minute recess at 2:40 p.m. No objection, so ordered.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 15, 1973

3:20 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Sackett; Bob Grogan, staff Fiscal Analyst.

SB 201 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee would discuss SENATE BILL NO. 201 (An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Education, vocational and adult education division, for funding the youth employment service program), and asked for comments. After some discussion Senator Lewis moved that the bill be put out with individual recommendations. Senator Ray objected on the basis that the program might well develop into a double program. Further discussion followed. It was decided that Senator Ray and staff would put together an amendment to the bill for perusal by the committee on the following day. The bill was returned to the file for the present time.

SB 88 Senator Groh introduced SENATE BILL NO. 88 (An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Education for the Alaska Health Sciences Information Center) and asked the committee for comment. After some discussion Senator Palmer stated that he felt the committee should ask the sponsor of the bill to support the bill. It was agreed by the committee that this should be done and that the meeting would be scheduled for 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

HB 61 Some further discussion ensued concerning HOUSE BILL NO. 61 (appropriation to the Department of Administration for the Labor Relations Agency), and it was decided that this bill would be taken up the next morning, along with the other above mentioned bills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 16, 1973

1:45 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Sackett and Ray. Also present were: Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst; Commissioner George Easley, Department of Public Works; and Mr. Steve Weiner, Associated Press.

HB 60

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss HOUSE BILL 60 (Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Public Works, communications division - \$40,000). House Bill 60 had previously been reported out of the Senate Finance Committee with a "do pass" recommendation (3/14/73). Senator Palmer explained that the bill was presently in the Senate Rules Committee, but he wished to have it referred back to Senate Finance in order to amend the \$40,000 amount to \$65,000.

After a brief discussion by members of the committee and Commissioner Easley, Senator Palmer expressed his wish to have the Senate Finance Committee fiscal staff prepare an amendment changing the amount of the appropriation to \$65,000. The bill will be referred to Senate Finance March 17, at which time the chair can entertain Senator Palmer's motion to amend HB 160.

Recess: There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 17, 1973

9:05 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Sackett; Myrt Charney, Director of Budget and Management; Pat Hunt, Director of Division of Personnel; Ken Kareen, Division of Personnel; John Carter, Executive Director of APEA; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

SB 199 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee would discuss with the gentlemen present the number of state employees as affected by the state pay raise bill, SENATE BILL NO. 199 (An Act relating to a basic salary schedule for state employees). A discussion followed concerning the number of positions in different categories of the state payroll, and those not included at all.

Senator Lewis asked Mr. Charney or Mr. Hunt to provide the number of employees paid under the bond construction funds. Senator Palmer also made the same request and asked if the individual department heads couldn't provide the information quite easily. Mr. Charney said yes, and that that the information would be available to the committee as soon as possible. Further discussion and questioning followed.

Senator Groh thanked the representatives from the administration for appearing before the committee. The committee then went into executive session, and recessed. It was agreed that the committee would meet again directly after the morning session.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 19, 1973
9:10 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Poland. Mr. Glen K. Vernon, Fiscal Analyst, and Senator J. Kerttula were present.

As the Committee was in Executive Session, no other persons were present.

SOCIAL
SERVICES

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the subcommittee report to the full committee on the Social Services FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

HB 60

A brief discussion followed on HOUSE BILL 60 (Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Public Works, communications division - \$40,000). Senator Palmer referred to the previous discussion on this bill (see minutes 3/16/73) which reflected the intent of having HB 60 referred back to the Senate Finance Committee for purposes of amendment. Following discussion, it was decided that the bill would not be brought back to Senate Finance for amendment.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. The committee scheduled to reconvene after the morning session on the floor of the Senate.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 21, 1973

9:10 a.m.

Present: All members. Also present was Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

HB 227
(am) The committee considered HOUSE BILL 227(am) (Supplemental appropriation for elections - \$83,400).

Senator Ray moved that HB 227(am) be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. No objection, so ordered. All members signed the "do pass" majority report.

HB 327 The committee then considered HOUSE BILL 327 (Supplemental appropriation to the Legislative Affairs Agency - \$317,250). Senator Ray moved that HB 327 be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. Senator Ray's motion carried 6 to 1.

SB 201 The committee considered SENATE BILL 201 (Special appropriation to the Department of Education, vocational and adult education division, \$60,000 for funding the youth employment service program).

Senator Poland moved that SB 201 be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. No objection, so ordered. All members signed the "do pass" majority report.

SB 199 The committee then considered SB 199 (Basic salary schedule for state employees). The Senate Finance Committee had previously signed the Committee Report which stated that the Senate Finance Committee recommends that SB 199 be replaced with Committee Substitute for SB 199 and reports it back with "individual recommendations". All members signed the Majority Report as follows: Senator Groh - "do pass"; Senator Ray - "do pass"; Senator Butrovich - "no recommendation"; Senator Lewis - "do not pass"; Senator Poland - "do pass"; Senator Palmer - "do pass"; Senator Sackett - "no recommendation".

The bill had been held in committee until the Finance Committee report (fiscal note) had been prepared by the fiscal staff. The committee members reviewed the report (see bill file for copy). There being no further discussion, Committee Substitute (Finance) for Senate Bill 199 was reported out of committee.

U of A
BUDGET

The full committee then heard a report from the subcommittee on the Education, University of Alaska, FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

Recess: The committee recessed at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 24, 1973
1:30 p.m.

Present: All members. Also present were J. H. Hogan, Director of Legislative Finance; Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst; and staff Fiscal Analysts Glen K. Vernon, Milt Barker, and Robert Grogan.

As the committee was meeting in Executive Session, no other persons were present.

FY 74
OPERATING
BUDGET Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to review all figures previously recommended by the subcommittee and full committee on the FY 74 Operating Budget.

A motion was made to approve the total General Fund figure for the Operating Budget - \$333,030,300. No objection, so ordered.

CAPITAL
PROJECTS The committee then approved the total figure of \$67,632,400 for Capital Projects.

HB 58 Following discussion regarding the language to be inserted in the bill, the committee adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 26, 1973
9:25 a.m.

Present: All members; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee would consider some bills.

SB 185 Senator Groh presented SENATE BILL NO. 185 (earlier service credit under public employees retirement system) for discussion. Senator Sackett moved that the bill be put out with a "do pass". All members signed "do pass".

CSHB 29 Senator Groh presented COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 29 (public school foundation program) to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Groh asked for a vote. Those signing "do pass" were Senators Groh, Ray, Sackett and Poland. Senator Butrovich signed "no rec." and Senator Lewis signed "do not pass".

CSHB 58 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 58 am (appropriating for the operating and capital expenses of state government) was presented to the committee. The committee recommended that the bill be replaced with SCS for CSHB 58 and that SCS for CSHB "do pass". Those signing "do pass" were Senators Ray, Groh, Palmer, Sackett, Butrovich and Poland. Senator Lewis did not concur with the majority report and signed with "too high".

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 27, 1973

9:15 a.m.

Present: All members; Mr. Bill McConn, President of Alaska Educational Broadcasting Commission; Mr. Bob Arnold, Executive Director of Alaska Educational Broadcasting Commission; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

SB 206

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee would consider SENATE BILL NO. 206 (Appropriation to Department of Education for ETV - Southcentral Alaska in the amount of \$556,000) and that Mr. McConn and Mr. Arnold were present to speak on the proposed ETV program in Southcentral Alaska.

Discussion and questioning followed. Senator Palmer asked for a week's programming for Kotzebue and Bethel. Mr. Arnold stated that Kotzebue is not on the air as yet, but that he could provide the information for Bethel. Further discussion followed.

No official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 28, 1973
9:10 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Butrovich and Lewis. Also present were Senators L. Thomas and W. Hensley.

Others in attendance were: Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst; Commissioner Marshall L. Lind, Deputy Commissioner Robert L. Thomas, and Nathaniel Cole (Director, Administrative Services Division) from the Department of Education; Byron Mallott, Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

CSSB 122 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to hear testimony regarding Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 122 (relating to public education in the unorganized borough) in regard to the establishment of educational service areas. Pending legislation proposes to decentralize the responsibility for administration and control of State-Operated Schools in the unorganized borough of Alaska.

Senator L. Thomas distributed a report to the committee, entitled "Key Features of CSSB 122 - An Act Relating to Schools in the Unorganized Borough" (see bill file).

Commissioner Mallott then distributed copies of a memorandum which explained his department's views in making a thorough study before this legislation was adopted.

Recess: Following testimony and general discussion, the committee recessed at 10:00 a.m.

AFTER RECESS
March 28, 1973
2:30 p.m.

Present: All members; Rupert Andrews, Director of Sport Fish; Howard Metzgar, Division of Sport Fish; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

CSHB 64 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and presented COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 64 (supplemental appropriation to the University of Alaska - \$1,011,000) to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Butrovich moved that the bill be put out with individual recommendations. The motion carried and those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh and Butrovich. Those voting "do not pass" were Senators Sackett and Lewis, and those voting "no rec" were Senators Ray and Poland.

Senator Groh announced that Mr. Rupert Andrews, and Mr. Howard Metzgar, were present as representatives from the Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, and would speak on the Senate version of the FY 74 budget in regard to their division. Discussion and explanation followed concerning the Senate Finance Committee figure.

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 30, 1973

11:00 a.m.

Present: All members; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

SB 240 Senator Groh presented SENATE BILL NO. 240 (appropriation as a loan to the 1972 health and medical facilities construction fund) to the committee and asked for discussion. Senator Palmer suggested an amendment to the bill: line 13 after "hospital" add "and health facilities", and line 17 delete "this purpose" and add "hospital and health facility construction purposes". The committee voted in favor of the amendment. The committee decided to pass the bill out with individual recommendations. Those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh, Palmer and Poland. Those voting "no rec" were Senators Ray, Butrovich, Sackett and Lewis.

SCS
HB 57
am S Senator Groh presented SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57 am S (business license tax on banks) to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Butrovich objected to the procedure taken which would combine the tax bill with the interest bill. Senator Ray made a motion to pass the bill out of the committee with individual recommendations. The motion carried; those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh, Palmer, Lewis, Poland (if amended) and Butrovich (if question is divided). Senator Ray voted "do not pass". Senator Sackett voted "no recommendation".

HB 41 HOUSE BILL NO. 41 (\$625,000 to department of public works) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The bill was returned to the file.

HB 42 HOUSE BILL NO. 42 (revenue sharing for hospitals) was put before the committee. Discussion followed. The bill was returned to the file.

CSHB 52 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 52 (establishing a state capital improvement land acquisition and advance planning fund) was presented for consideration. Discussion followed. It was moved that the bill be put out "do pass". All members except Senator Lewis (who voted "do not pass") voted "do pass".

CSHB 53 Senator Groh presented COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53 (appropriation to the state building land acquisition and advance planning fund) to the committee. Senator Ray moved that the bill be put out "do pass" with the amendment that would change the amount from \$1,000,000 to \$200,000. All members except Senator Lewis (who voted "do not pass") voted "do pass".

- HB 63 HOUSE BILL NO. 63 (\$524,000 - Teachers Retirement System) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. Senator Groh appointed Senator Lewis to look into the situation. The bill was returned to the file.
- HB 66 Senator Groh presented HOUSE BILL NO. 66 (military affairs supplemental) to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Lewis said he would have someone speak to the committee on this bill. The bill was returned to the file.
- HB 75 Senator Groh presented HOUSE BILL NO. 75 (revolving loan fund) to the committee. Discussion followed. The bill was returned to the file.
- HB 230 HOUSE BILL NO. 230 (working capital reserve for the U. of A.) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. Senator Butrovich moved that the bill be put out. His motion did not pass. The bill was returned to the file.
- HB 139 HOUSE BILL 139 (appropriating for miscellaneous claims) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. Senator Palmer moved that the bill be put out "do pass". All members voted "do pass".
- HB 146 HOUSE BILL NO. 146 (appropriation to the council on the arts - \$20,000) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The bill was returned to the file.
- HB 176 HOUSE BILL NO. 176 (appropriation to department of public safety, unit of narcotic drugs enforcement) was presented to the committee. Senator Palmer moved that the bill be put out "do pass". All members voted "do pass".
- HB 263
am HOUSE BILL NO. 263 am (appropriation to department of health and social services, office of drug abuse, drug treatment) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The committee decided to amend the \$500,000 figure to \$350,000. Senator Palmer moved that the bill be put out "do pass" with the amended figure. Those signing "do pass" were Senators Groh, Palmer, Sackett and Poland.
- HB 342 HOUSE BILL NO. 342 (supplemental appropriation to revolving loan fund, department of education - \$2,000,000) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The bill was returned to the file.

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 31, 1973

3:00 p.m.

Present: All members; Senator Lowell Thomas; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

SB 122 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and presented SENATE BILL NO. 122 (an act relating to schools in the unorganized borough) to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Amendments were proposed to the bill. (See bill file.) Senator Palmer moved that the amendments be adopted. All members except Senators Ray and Poland were in favor of the motion; the motion passed. Senator Palmer moved that the bill be replaced with Finance Committee Substitute for SB 122 with attached amendments, and that FCS for SB 122 with attached amendments do pass. Those signing "do pass" were Senators Groh, Lewis, Palmer, Sackett and Butrovich. Senators Ray and Poland signed "no rec".

SB 121 SENATE BILL NO. 121 (definition of peace officer and fireman for the public employees retirement system) was presented to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Palmer moved that the bill be amended to delete "park rangers". (See bill file.) The motion passed. All members were in favor of a "do pass" motion on the bill as amended. Senator Palmer moved that the committee include a letter of intent that would say "this applies only to Fish and Game personnel who are in the field under hazardous working conditions." The committee decided that this language would not be supplied as intent, but would rather, be included in the bill as further amendment.

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 3, 1973

11:00 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Lewis and Sackett; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

HB 125 am HOUSE BILL 125 am (special appropriation to the Alaska State Museum) was presented to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. The committee voted to put the bill out with individual recommendations. Those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh, Ray and Poland. Those voting "do not pass" were Senators Butrovich and Palmer, who signed with "we cannot afford this luxury".

HB 130 HOUSE BILL NO. 130 (working capital reserve fund for the University of Alaska) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The committee voted to put the bill out with individual recommendations. Those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh, Butrovich and Palmer. Those voting "do not pass" were Senators Ray and Poland.

HB 131 HOUSE BILL NO. 131 (appropriation to the University of Alaska working capital reserve) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The committee voted to put the bill out with individual recommendations. Those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh, Butrovich and Palmer. Those voting "do not pass" were Senators Ray and Poland.

HB 146 Senator Groh presented HOUSE BILL NO. 146 (appropriating \$20,000 to Alaska State Council on the Arts). Discussion followed. There were not enough votes to bring the bill out; the bill was returned to the file.

HB 180
(fin) am HOUSE BILL NO. 180 (fin) am (creating Alaska commission on post-secondary education) was presented to the committee. There were not enough votes to bring the bill out; the bill was returned to the file.

SB 84 SENATE BILL NO. 84 (revenue sharing with local governments) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. There were not enough votes to bring the bill out; the bill was returned to the file.

HB 42
(fin)
(am) HOUSE BILL NO. 42 (fin) (am) (revenue sharing for hospitals and health facilities) was presented to the committee. There were not enough votes to bring the bill out; the bill was returned to the file.

SB 130

SENATE BILL NO. 130 (special appropriation of \$100,000 for arctic winter games) was presented to the committee. There were not enough votes to bring the bill out; the bill was returned to the file.

SB 205

SENATE BILL NO. 205 (authorization of funds for trails and footpaths) was presented to the committee. There were not enough votes to bring the bill out; the bill was returned to the file.

SB 232

SENATE BILL NO. 232 (fringe benefits for certain public employees) was presented to the committee. The committee voted to put the bill out "do pass". All members present voted "do pass".

HB 255

HOUSE BILL NO. 255 (teacher retirement salaries) was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. The committee decided to put the bill out "do pass". All members present voted "do pass".

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 5, 1973

4:15 p.m.

Present: All members. Also present were Mr. Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst, and Mr. Steve Weiner of the Associated Press.

Also present were Representative Helen Bierne and Senator L. Thomas.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

HB 41

The committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 41 (Appropriating to the Department of Public Works \$625,000 to fund the state's share of the cost of construction of a Bartlett-class ferry).

Senator Sackett moved to amend HB 41 to include an additional \$2,000,000 for the Yukon ferry. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Sackett, Lewis, Palmer, and Ray; opposed were Senators Poland, Groh and Butrovich; and the motion carried 4 to 3.

Senator Sackett moved that HB 41 be reported out of committee with individual recommendations. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Sackett, Groh, and Ray; opposed were Senators Palmer, Poland, Butrovich, and Lewis; and the motion failed. House Bill 41 was returned to the file.

CSHB 42

(fin)am

Senator Groh then asked how many members were in favor of considering COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE for HOUSE BILL NO. 42 (fin) AMENDED (Relating to revenue sharing with local governments for hospitals and health facilities). Those in favor of considering CSHB 42(fin)(am) were Senators Groh, Lewis, Palmer and Butrovich; opposed were Sackett, Ray, and Poland; and the motion carried 4 to 3.

Senator Groh stated that a Senate Finance Committee amendment had been proposed. Senator Palmer moved that CSHB 42 (fin)(am) be amended (see below). No objection, so ordered.

Senator Palmer then moved that CSHB 42 (fin)(am) as amended in the Senate Finance Committee be passed out of committee with individual recommendations. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Palmer, Groh, Butrovich, and Sackett; opposed were Senators Poland, Ray, and Lewis; and the motion carried 4 to 3.

AMENDMENT TO CSHB 42(f1n)am Page 1, Line 16

After "per hospital" insert "for those hospitals with ten or more beds or \$20,000 per hospital for those hospitals with less than ten beds"

Page 1, Line 21

After "\$50,000" insert "for those hospitals with ten or more beds or \$20,000 per hospital for those hospitals with less than ten beds."

HB 66(am)

The committee then considered HOUSE BILL NO. 66(am) (Supplemental appropriations to Department of Military Affairs in the amount of \$95,000: Civil Air Patrol - \$12,000; Workmen's Compensation and Liability insurance, National Guard - \$21,000; Re-enlistment bonuses, National Guard - \$62,000).

Senator Sackett moved that HB 66(am) (\$95,000) be passed from committee with individual recommendations. Those signing "do pass" on the Committee Report were Senators Groh, Lewis, Palmer, Sackett, Butrovich and Ray. Senator Poland signed "no recommendation". And so, HB 66(am) passed out of committee.

HB 71(am)

The committee then considered HOUSE BILL NO. 71(am) (limited entry - commercial fisheries)).

Senator Palmer moved that HB 71(am) be reported out of committee with individual recommendations.

Senator Ray then moved to amend Senator Palmer's motion by changing the amount of \$740,000 to \$450,000. Those in favor of Senator Ray's motion were Senators Groh, Ray, Lewis and Butrovich; opposed were Senators Poland, Sackett, and Palmer; and the motion carried 4 to 3.

The committee then acted upon the motion of reporting out HB 71(am) as amended by the Senate Finance Committee with "do pass" recommendations. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Groh, Ray, Lewis, and Poland, Sackett, and Palmer. Senators Lewis and Butrovich signed the Committee Report (do not pass" and "no recommendation", respectively. And so, HB 71(am) as amended by the Senate Finance Committee was reported out of committee.

HB 75

The committee then considered HOUSE BILL NO. 75 (Relating to Scholarship Revolving Loan Fund).

Senator Groh had distributed the Senate Committee Substitute proposed for House Bill No. 75 (see bill file).

Those in favor of the Senate Committee Substitute were Senators Butrovich, Ray, Groh, and Lewis.

Senator Ray then moved that SCS for HB 75 be passed from committee with "do pass" recommendations, and the motion carried 6 to 1.

CSHB 146

The committee then considered CSHB 146 (Appropriating \$20,000 to the Alaska State Council on the Arts to be used to provide funds for matching grants to student artistic and cultural organizations, and to individual students of demonstrated proficiency and particular promise in the fine arts).

Senator Palmer moved the CSHB 146 be passed from committee with individual recommendations. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Groh, Palmer and Butrovich; opposed were Senators Poland, Sackett, Lewis and Ray; and the motion failed.

Senator Sackett then moved to amend the amount of \$20,000 to \$40,000 in CSHB 146. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Sackett and Poland; opposed were Senators Groh, Ray, Butrovich, Lewis, and Palmer; and the motion failed.

Senator Palmer then moved to rescind the previous action taken on CSHB 146. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Groh, Butrovich and Palmer; opposed were Senators Poland, Sackett, Ray and Lewis; and the motion failed. CSHB 146 was returned to the file.

CSHB 180
(fin)am

The committee then considered COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE for HOUSE BILL NO. 180 (Fin)(am) (Creating the Alaska Commission on Post-secondary education).

Senator Palmer moved that CSHB 180(fin)(am) be reported out of committee with individual recommendations. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Palmer, Sackett, and Groh; opposed were Senators Butrovich, Ray, Lewis, and Poland; and the motion failed. CSHB 180(fin)(am) was returned to the file.

CSHB 90

The committee then considered COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE for HOUSE BILL 90 (Reindeer Affairs Board).

Senator Ray moved that CSHB 90 be passed from committee

with individual recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding changing the Reindeer Board from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Natural Resources.

The question was called for on Senator Ray's motion. Those in favor of passing out CSHB 90 with individual recommendations were Senators Groh, Sackett, Butrovich, Palmer, and Ray. Opposed were Senators Poland and Lewis; and the motion carried 5 to 2.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 6, 1973

3:45 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Ray.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

HB 76

HOUSE BILL NO. 76 (repeal of ASHA) was presented to the committee for consideration. Senator Lewis moved that the bill be put out "do pass". Those in favor of the motion were Senators Butrovich, Palmer, Lewis and Groh. Those voting "do pass" were Senators Groh, Lewis and Palmer. Senator Poland voted "do not pass", and Senator Sackett voted "no recommendation". (Senator Butrovich did not sign the committee report and left the meeting.)

HB 41

HOUSE BILL NO. 41 (appropriating to the Department of Public Works) was presented to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Sackett moved to amend the bill to include \$625,000 for a Yukon River ferry going from Dawson to Circle on a matching ratio. In favor of the motion were Senators Groh, Sackett and Palmer (the motion passed as there were only five committee members present). Senator Sackett moved that the bill be put out with individual recommendations as amended. Those in favor of the motion were Senators Sackett and Groh; the motion failed. The bill was returned to the file.

No further official action was taken; the meeting recessed.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS
April 6, 1973
11:55 p.m.

Present: All members; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

CSHB 265 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265 (relating to teachers' retirement system) was presented to the committee for consideration. There was a motion made to put the bill out "do pass". All members were in favor of the motion. All members voted "do pass" on the bill.

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 7, 1973

12:25 a.m.

Present: All members; Steve Weiner, AP; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

HB 266

HOUSE BILL 266 (relating to public employees retirement system) was presented to the committee for consideration. Discussion followed. Senator Ray moved that the bill be put out "do pass" and by Senator Butrovich's suggestion amended his motion to putting the bill out with individual recommendations. All members were in favor of the motion with the exception of Senators Lewis and Palmer. Senator Lewis moved that the committee rescind their action and return the bill to the file. Senators Poland and Groh objected, and Senators Lewis and Palmer were in favor of the motion. Those voting "do pass" on the bill were Senators Groh, Ray and Poland. Senator Butrovich signed with "too late to consider properly". Senator Sackett signed "no rec" and Senator Lewis signed "no rec, no review". (Senator Palmer did not sign the committee report.)

No further official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 19, 1973

9:05 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Ray, who arrived at 9:30 a.m; Bob Gates, Benefits Administrator of Alaska Longevity Bonus Program; Rose Palmquist, Alaska Longevity Bonus Program; Senator Lowell Thomas, and Steve Weiner, Associated Press. Staff members, Rich Guthrie and Bob Grogan, were also present.

Longevity
Bonus
Program
Staff
Analysis

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee would discuss with members of the Administration the effect of SB 211 on the Alaska Longevity Program, and the approximate cost for the program. He then gave a short history of the Alaska Longevity Program, saying that the program was put into effect during the last session and that one million dollars had been budgeted and that grants were to be paid in full and not pro-rated. He asked Mr. Gates to tell the committee how many people there are in the program, what it costs, and what he anticipates in the future.

Mr. Gates passed out two sheets of information and explained the figures therein. He stated that of the 3,834 eligibles to present, 40 checks were either returned or not sent due to deaths, and people traveling out-of-state who are taken off the list until their return to Alaska. Mr. Gates stated that the estimated total by June would be 4,300 eligibles. He wanted to say that this is a most conservative estimate. He said that currently, they have about 40 additional applicants per week, making about 100 new applicants per month as a minimum forecast.

Senator Groh asked, on the basis of the second handout, if it would cost \$5,000,000 for a full year, and Mr. Gates answered yes. Senator Groh asked if Mr. Gates had tried to forecast what the program would cost altogether, and Mr. Gates answered that they had not done such a study to date. He said that there are some figures that are difficult to get as there are some people who are residents of the state, but it is hard to say if they will complete their 25 year residency to become eligible for the program. He said however, that it would be well in excess of \$500,000,000. Senator Groh asked what he would estimate for FY 74 and Mr. Gates answered that he did not have a firm figure on that at the present time as so many of their eligibles came in in December and January and they are waiting until they know when the majority of the eligible people have applied. He said that in Bethel, for example, only 3 people have applied so far and it is known that in places like Bethel and Kotzebue there might be at least 100 eligible people.

Discussion followed between Senator Sackett and Mr. Gates concerning a past census in relation to the number of possible eligibles. Mr. Gates stated that if there is a residency requirement, census information is not very useful.

Senator Sackett asked what type of proof the Longevity Program required for the 25 year requirement for eligibility. Ms. Palmquist stated that everything must be in writing and Mr. Gates added that there are several methods for deriving proof: driver's license, 3 references, social security information, archives, etc. He also said that Ms. Palmquist has been in the state for some time and verifies by way of being familiar with many of the references.

Senator Groh asked that if the Administration says it will cost \$5,000,000 per year, would they expect more than 4,300 eligibles by the end of FY 74 and Mr. Gates said yes, but that mortality rates and unknown deaths make a difference. He continued saying that when they reach the point of knowing the number of new additions there will probably be a net increase of at least 50 people for some time. In 1974 and later years there will be a boom as those people with residency from 1946 - 1953 have yet to get into the program.

Senator Sackett asked how much would be lost in federal matching funds if the waiver to exclude the bonus as income for Longevity Bonus recipients is lost. Mr. Grogan answered that with 3,600 claimants (20% of whom also receive Old Age Assistance) there would be a federal fund forfeit of \$216,000 between now and the end of June.

Senator Groh asked Mr. Grogan on the basis of his mortality table, what the estimated total cost of the program would be. Mr. Grogan answered that if the cut-off date is changed from what it is now to January, 1942, the projected estimated total cost would reduce from \$983,000,000 to \$418,000,000. Another alternative, changing the cut-off date from 1940 to 1937, would reduce the estimated total cost from \$400,000,000 to \$326,000,000 respectively. Mr. Guthrie pointed out that the study was done in a conservative manner. Members of the committee asked that a study be done using figures of various conservatism. Senator Groh asked that Mr. Grogan do further overviews.

Senator Groh asked the committee to digress to Senator Sackett's question on eligibility requirements and proof, and asked Mr. Gates to expound on the reasons why there were only 2 declinations and the reasons for them. Ms. Palmquist stated that the first declination was living in low-cost housing and the rent could go up. He was on welfare, so it was the rent and income tax. The other was in Fairbanks and was a woman who had a lot of medical care and did not want to lose it. Senator Butrovich stated that he would expect many more declinations.

Senator Palmer asked if the Alaska Longevity Program had a representative to reach those places like Bethel with only 3 applicants, to inform possible eligibles of the program. Ms. Palmquist said that they are relying on the native corporations to help and added that she was sure there are still many small villages who do not yet even know of the program. Senator Palmer asked if they had a breakdown showing the districts and Mr. Gates answered yes, by area. He added that up until now, with the large number of applicants coming in, he did not think it a priority to start searching for unknowns. But now he thought a pretty close look ought to be taken at these areas which have no applicants, or very few.

Senator Ray and Senator Groh discussed the validity of the \$983,000,000 figure and the desire to get the right information. It was stressed that this is a projected and estimated figure and that it must be dealt with as such. Senator Butrovich added that he felt it difficult to try to analyze something that has been in effect only a very short time. Discussion followed as to other appropriated monies that could be added to the program - \$2,000,000 from H. & SS.

Senator Groh stated that he was prepared to have the analyst do a study with the maximum figures and then they would have to make a policy decision on where to go from there.

Senator Palmer asked what portion of the estimated \$2,000,000 savings per year would be federal and what portion state. Senator Ray said that the federal participation is over-blown; they are putting \$5.00 of state money to every \$1.00 of federal money. It is a very complicated set of facts as the funds are juggled around in so many ways. The Old Age Assistance grants are about \$89.00 per month; there are a lot of people who are changing from that to get the Longevity Bonus which is \$100 per month. He continued by saying that irrespective of what anybody else believes, the idea of the Longevity Bonus is to help those people who are not getting welfare now and who are too proud to get welfare. Senator Butrovich added that the program is also meant to get people off welfare.

Senator Groh asked the committee to give further direction to the staff for their analysis. Senator Butrovich said that he felt the Longevity Program should be allowed to continue for awhile longer to see how it goes before an analysis is made. Senator Palmer said he hoped the Pioneer's Home would be included in the analysis. Senator Sackett was concerned about how far off the first analysis was to the number of actual recipients. Ms. Palmquist answered that it was not the rate of application. 4,000 applied almost at once, so it was the rate at which the applications could be handled that was incorrect. Senator Ray stated that he felt the staff should go into the welfare program and see how many people are changing from welfare to the Longevity Bonus Program.

Senator Lewis said he could see no harm in the staff projecting an estimate for next year. More than \$5,000,000 could be a significant factor.

Chairman Groh asked for further questions or discussion, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM

CASE COUNT AS OF 1/18/73

Checks in January	3,641
Out of state	27
Declinations	2
Deaths	9
Balance	<u>3,603</u>

January checks issued in February	35
	<u>3,638</u>

February approvals to date	231
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Total estimate eligible for February as of 1/18/73	3,834
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Disapproved	21
Pending further information	57

ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM

\$1,500,000 Supplemental Appropriation Request

Number of recipients for January, 1973	3,700
Number of recipients for February, 1973	3,900
Number of recipients expected for March, 1973	4,000
Number of recipients expected for April, 1973	4,100
Number of recipients expected for May, 1973	4,200
Number of recipients expected for June, 1973	<u>4,300</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF BONUS CHECKS F. Y. '73	24,200
	<u>@\$100</u>
BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR BONUSES	\$2,420,000
BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$2,500,000
LESS: ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIRED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

Courts

AFTER RECESS
January 31, 1973
9:35 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Butrovich.

Juneau
Court &
Office
Bldg

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and asked for discussion on the bids for the new Juneau Court Building. He stated that Chairman Hillstrand of the House Finance Committee had told him that the House committee had ruled that they would allow no more than \$8.28 million for the building. He said that Chairman Hillstrand had further advised him that the House committee had put a letter in their journal to that effect and that he hoped that the Senate committee would do likewise. Senator Groh stated that he did not really see what a letter in the journal would do; if the supplemental is passed, then the money will obviously be distributed. He added that if the building is sitting unfinished, then someone eventually will award enough money to finish it. He stated that the letter has some intent but would not be legally binding. He asked the committee members for their views. Senator Lewis stated that he felt that the letter could be a deterrent as there are a lot of things in the bids that were not itemized under the money allotted in the bill.

Senator Sackett asked how the figure of \$8.28 million had been arrived at in the beginning and Senator Groh answered that it was an Alaska State Housing Authority proposal.

Senator Ray stated that he felt Representative Hillstrand would put a resolution before the House today. He said that if anything went wrong in construction, a \$100,000 supplemental would not be enough anyway; the only thing they could do is to re-bid. Senator Lewis offered another possibility by saying that there would be about \$300,000 difference if the fifth floor were left off. He said they have already talked about leaving that floor off with the intention of finishing it later. The committee discussed whether or not the absence of one floor would leave enough space; they agreed that it was a matter of philosophy.

Senator Groh stated that the original bid had been for \$12 million and that the House Finance Committee had refused it, then the whole thing was re-designed and re-financed to make it a standard building. Senator Ray added some history saying that when the plans were first submitted to the legislature, he was one of the two or three people asked to look at them. He said that he had felt the plans to be beautiful, but that he had told them that the plans would never be passed at that amount. The plans were submitted anyway and when they were knocked out, the present plans were made, with various bids.

Senator Ray noted also that the Anchorage Court building has had to have supplemental after supplemental to be finished. Senator Groh added that Commissioner Easley had said that the quality of the construction would be the same as for the Ketchikan and Anchorage buildings. Senator Palmer stated that according to Senator Lewis' suggestion, the same quality of construction could be allowed by cutting out the one floor to lower the price.

Discussion followed as to how the Administration of Justice had anticipated paying for the \$12 million building in the first place. It was stated that available bonds were only in the amount of \$8 million. The committee also talked about how much of the building would be used for parking. Senator Ray said that Governor Egan had stated that parking space in the new building would cause too much congestion in this area of Juneau; he felt people could park down the hill and come up to this area on the elevators in the new State Office Building. So the parking space for the Juneau Court Building was knocked out too. Senator Ray added that he would not be discontent as long as the \$8.28 million figure would not have to be raised.

Senator Groh stated that he felt that rather than passing a resolution saying no supplementals would be approved and consequently having their hands tied, the committee should just not pass anything at all. He asked if the committee objected to having Commissioner Easley come in the next morning at 9:00 a.m. for further discussion. There were no objections.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 1, 1973

9:10 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Ray and Butrovich. Senate President Terry Miller was also present.

Staff members present were: J. H. Hogan, Director of Legislative Finance; Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst; Robert Grogan, Legislative Finance Fiscal Analyst.

Also present were: Commissioner George Easley of the Department of Public Works; Mr. John Benson, Director of the Division of Buildings, Department of Public Works; Mr. Edward Crittendon, Anchorage architect for the Juneau Office and Court Building.

Mr. Steve Weiner of the Associated Press was also present.

JUNEAU
COURT
BUILDING

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Juneau Office and Court Building. He then asked Commissioner Easley to provide the committee members with a brief synopsis of this project.

Commissioner Easley stated that in 1971 a court and office building was authorized through Alaska State Housing Authority bonding. An architectural firm in Anchorage (C.C.C.H.O. & K.) then began a preliminary design of the building. During the 1972 legislative session, the House Finance Committee issued a directive which specified that the building would not have any off-street parking facilities (as originally planned), that there would be a fixed project limit cost of \$8,280,000, and that there would be a fixed project requirement of 87,800 square feet of space. One-half of the building would be used by the courts, and the other half would be used by other state offices. Commissioner Easley said the Department of Public Works scrapped the original design, added a six-month contingency, and proceeded to redesign the building. On January 20, 1973, bids for the construction of the building were opened. The low bid (Wick Construction) exceeded the estimated mark by approximately \$1.2 million. The Department of Public Works rejected all bids and then met with all four bidders in Seattle to reduce the scope of the

building. The bidding was re-opened, and the lowest bidder arrived at a figure of \$5,665,245. This amount was once again slightly over the department's estimate, but within the realm of construction. The department then deleted a number of items: the size of the plaza, hardware which was not absolutely essential to the court rooms, lighting, etc.

Commissioner Easley then distributed copies of "Cost Estimates, Juneau Court Building, January 25, 1973" to the committee (see copy of the hand-out, page 6 of these minutes).

Commissioner Easley then stated that the department was required to fulfill the City and Borough's local ordinances regarding off-street parking. Due to the directive of the House Finance Committee which deleted any parking facilities for the new building, the department was granted (during the interim) the zoning for the building without the parking, based on one of two conditions: 1) that the department would request funding for a parking structure to meet the total requirements [approximately 180 parking spaces] or 2) if that were not possible, the City and Borough would ask the department to consider an assessment tax for parking facilities. Commissioner Easley estimated that the cost of the parking requirement would run \$3 million. In response to Senator Lewis, the Commissioner said that the Department of Public Works has made absolutely no commitment to the City and Borough. The department has agreed to submit this matter to the Legislature in order to obtain the Legislature's "expression of sentiment".

Senator Terry Miller then asked if it was the Commissioner's intention of awarding the low bid and beginning the construction. Commissioner Easley replied that it would depend on the outcome of all areas previously mentioned. He added that he would not award a contract while hearings are in progress on this subject.

In response to Senator Palmer, Commissioner Easley stated that there was a contingency fund in the budget of \$130,000. He stated that the main concern of DPW was that problems might arise during construction which could wipe out that contingency fund. He said that if, during the construction phase, they hit ground water, the problem must be taken care of right then; sheet piling must be used, and monies for that would be obtained from the contingency fund.

Commissioner Easley said that Mr. Crittendon had come to Juneau for the purpose of revising the design. He said that both major and minor revisions were possible. A minor revision would entail squaring off the building and other related matters while a major revision would mean scrapping the entire plaza, and having the building cover the entire block. He said the third alternative is to award the project under the present situation and hope that there will be no construction problems. Commissioner Easley

added that before that alternative is taken, they are thoroughly examining the entire project.

In response to Senator Lewis, the Commissioner said that the department has maintained ventilation in the building but has scrapped the air conditioning, a savings of \$25,000.

Commissioner Easley stated that the most favorable alternative is to award the contract now while the timing is good. He said that the additional cost of redesign is already contained in the architectural contract, however a major redesigning of the building would take approximately 90 days; that would cause an "unfavorable bidding posture". Major redesigning would also throw the department beyond the completion date which would result in a \$400,000 increase of project cost.

In response to Senator Lewis, Commissioner Easley explained that the department is under the covenant of the bonds. He said they have no choice but to build; if they don't, they are then in default of those bonds. The only alternative would be to appropriate the \$8.28 million and interest involved out of the General Fund and put that in trust to repay the bonds.

Commissioner Easley said that it was impossible to come to the exact amount estimated for construction costs, but that the department had always been very close in meeting the costs.

Senator Palmer asked Commissioner Easley if he saw any way of meeting the requirements of cost limit, square footage imposed by the House Finance Committee, and still be able to produce fully equipped building. Commissioner Easley said they should be able to do that--if the construction phase went well, without reaching ground water.

Mr. Crittendon stated that \$400,000 in extra monies would help this situation a great deal. Chairman Groh asked if that amount would be enough. Commissioner Easley replied that \$250,000 would "be plenty". He added that \$150,000 above that would be a good contingency. Commissioner Easley then emphasized that he was not making a request for the \$400,000 or extra monies.

Senator Lewis then asked if the furniture for the building was outside the \$8.28 million cost. Commissioner Easley said that was correct and added that the Administration directed that all employees in the new building would use the furniture that they have now. He then stressed that the spectator seating, court benches, and lighting were in the original building plan and would therefore be provided for out of the contingency fund.

Senator Groh then asked Commissioner Easley if the DPW could get the assurance of an additional \$250,000, would he then award the bid, proceed with construction, and have a usable building as a product. Commissioner Easley replied yes.

In response to Senator Lewis, Commissioner Easley described the "designing downward" of the building. He said that the present design is a parallelogram concept. Mr. Crittendon is currently working on the squaring off of the building. They have also considered squeezing the floors closer together, but they have not decided whether or not it is worth the effort. Commissioner Easley added that DPW will know their course of action by this Friday, February 2.

Senator Palmer then asked how firm a figure the 87,800 square footage requirement was. He asked if the figure was in a law under which the bonds were sold. Commissioner Easley stated that the figure was issued in HCR 45.

Mr. J. H. Hogan explained that the House Finance Committee letter in the House Journal Supplement of April 17, 1972 (copy attached) was a distilled product after many sessions of hearings on the court building. Mr. Hogan said that the committee was concerned with the cost and space requirements because the cost of the building had jumped from \$4 million to \$8 million within one year. He said the increase was due to the first \$4 million figure being erroneous; no detailed information was available as back-up for that figure.

Commissioner Easley emphasized that the \$4 million figure did not come from the Department of Public Works. He said they did not hear of the \$4 million figure until they were in the design phase of the project.

Senator Palmer asked if the \$4 million figure was in the ASHA resolution. Mr. Hogan said no; it was a "legislative" figure. He added that the ASHA resolution's terms were that the state agree to lease the building at more than \$12,000 per year. It is an "open-ended" agreement. He said that the Department of Public Works negotiated for the court building, and the original structure was far in excess of \$8 million. The department then tried to bring the court system down to reality. However, when the design was finally presented to the House Finance Committee during the 1972 legislative session, the committee took exception to the design, cost, and style of the building. In response to Senator Palmer, Mr. Hogan said that the mention of space requirement (87,800 square feet) is only in the letter from the House Finance Committee; it is not a figure set into a law. Commissioner Easley stated that it would then be possible to cut off another floor of the building, but it may not be a practical plan. He explained that the Governor accepted the letter from the House Finance Committee; therefore one must get the Governor to concur in any new decision on square footage.

Senator Groh then asked if cutting one floor from the plans was a practical plan otherwise. Commissioner Easley said it would result in a savings of \$250,000; the difference in square footage would be 9,000--a decrease from 87,800 square feet to 78,000 square feet. Senator Palmer then asked if this matter was explored or discussed during the House Finance Committee meeting with DPW several days ago. The Commissioner replied that it was not.

Mr. Hogan then asked if it were possible to carry on with the existing design, to proceed with its construction, and then if they did hit ground water, to decide to delete one floor. Commissioner Easley said that would be impossible. He stated that by that time, "you are at the contractor's mercy".

In response to Chairman Groh, Commissioner Easley stated that DPW did not contemplate a building without the interior being finished. Commissioner Easley explained that if the interior was not finished, it would mean an absence of partitions, ceiling tiles, light fixtures, etc. Senator Palmer then asked if a finished building could be produced if an additional floor was dropped. Commissioner Easley said yes.

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Chairman Groh then asked the committee members for their opinions on meeting jointly with the House Finance Committee to discuss this matter. Senator Palmer said he thought such a move was necessary. Senator Sackett suggested that the Chairmen of both committees meet alone; if they cannot reach an agreement, then it would be necessary to go to the Administration. Chairman Groh said that he would then meet with Chairman Hillstrand, and members of the Senate Finance Committee wishing to accompany him could do so.

There being no further discussion at this time, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**COST ESTIMATES
HIGH RISE STRUCTURE
NORTH HALF BLOCK
JUNEAU COURT BUILDING
JANUARY 25, 1973**

		<u>COST</u>	<u>COST PER SQ. FOOT</u>
1. PLANNING		\$ 50,000	\$.57
2. DESIGN		\$ 355,000	\$ 4.04
3. COURT CONSULTANTS		\$ 50,000	\$.57
4. SITE ACQUISITION			
APPRAISALS:	\$ 20,000		
PARCEL: Highway Right-of-way	\$ 35,800		
PARCEL: Methodist Church	\$120,000		
PARCEL: Burford Building	\$201,000		
PARCEL: Community Building	\$400,000		
TOTAL:		\$ 777,000	\$ 8.85
5. SITE PREPARATION			
SOILS TESTS	\$ 35,000		
DEMOLITION	\$ 56,000		
SITE WORK (WALL DESIGN)	\$ 30,000		
TOTAL:		\$ 121,000	\$ 1.38
6. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			
TOTAL:		\$ 5,665,245	\$64.52
7. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTION		\$ 142,000	\$ 1.62
8. ASHA ADMINISTRATION			
COST OF BOND SALE	\$ 60,000		
CAPITALIZED INTEREST	\$819,755		
TOTAL:		\$ 879,755	\$10.02
9. CONTINGENCIES		\$ 131,000	\$ 1.49
10. NET COST		\$ 8,171,000	\$93.06
11. NON-RECOVERABLE DESIGN FEES		\$ 109,000	\$ 1.24
12. TEN PERCENT COST ESCALATION FOR DELAY IN CONST.		N.A.	
13. GRAND TOTAL		\$ 8,280,000	\$94.31

COST OF BUILDING PER SQUARE FOOT:

$$\text{\$ 5,665,245} \div 87,800 \text{ Sq. Ft.} = \text{\$64.52}$$

Introduced: 1/31/73
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to construction of the
6 Juneau Court Building.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS bonds in the amount of \$8,280,000 have been sold by the state,
9 the proceeds to be used for construction of the Juneau Court Building; and

10 WHEREAS the cost factors and estimates regarding the Juneau Court
11 Building have been revised upward over the past months; and

12 WHEREAS in order to make crystal clear the legislature's intent and
13 direction regarding the construction of the Juneau Court Building;

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that by passage of this resolution
15 the legislature specifically recommends the construction of the Juneau Court
16 Building, subject to the following limitations and qualifications: A complete
17 and usable building is to be provided within the amount of bonds now sold,
18 \$8,280,000, said amount to completely cover all costs of planning, design,
19 consulting, site acquisition, site preparation, building construction,
20 administration, ASHA administration, and all contingencies; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recognizes that the estimated sum
22 of \$400,000 required under site acquisition to retire the bonded indebtedness
23 of the Community Building (old Territorial Building) also provides land
24 beyond the required area for the Juneau Court Building, but it is the
25 legislature's specific intent that these costs are not to be "re-used" in any
26 future use of the land previously occupied by the Community Building; and
27 be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Departments of Public Works and Administration
29 are hereby put on notice that the Alaska Legislature will not consider or

1 honor any supplemental request for funds over and above the \$8,280,000
2 worth of bonds already sold to build the Juneau Court Building; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
4 all appropriate persons in the executive branch of government to follow to
5 the letter the specific intent of the legislature regarding the Juneau Court
6 Building, as expressed in this resolution.

JOURNAL
SUPPLEMENT

HOUSE - SUPPLEMENT NO. 7

April 17, 1972

April 11, 1972

Speaker of the House Gene Guess
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Having conferred at length with officers of the departments of Public Works, Administration, Revenue and the Governor's Office, the finance committee has reached certain conclusions regarding HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45. The Department of Public Works has prepared a new cost estimate for a high rise structure on the north half of the block formerly dedicated in its entirety to the use of a Juneau Court building. In addition to requiring less land, the new proposal would delete the provision for 44,500 square feet of parking, add 21,600 square feet of additional office space, provide office space for state services other than the courts and prevent the "temporary relocation" of Health and Social Services personnel currently housed in the Coast Guard Building and the Old Territorial Building.

The new preliminary cost estimate for the Juneau Court Building is enclosed with this letter. The committee realizes that the figures are preliminary and are subject to change; however, the committee considers the total project cost of \$8,280,000 as a fixed project limit. The committee also considers the provision of not less than 87,800 square feet of space as a fixed project requirement. Not more than one-half the gross square footage of the building is to be devoted to court related facilities; the remaining square footage will be used to house other state agencies. One further provision, the Department of Public Works in its design will strive to achieve significantly better than a 60 per cent net-gross square footage factor for building space devoted to court related functions.

Without objection, the finance committee is holding HCR 45 with the understanding that the above presented design modifications will in fact be incorporated into the final design of the Juneau Court Building.

Sincerely,

/s/ George H. Hohman, Jr.

George Hohman
Chairman
House Finance Committee

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COST ESTIMATES
HIGH RISE STRUCTURE
NORTH HALF BLOCK
JUNEAU COURT BUILDING
APRIL 10, 1972

1. PLANNING		\$ 50,000
2. DESIGN		355,000
3. COURT CONSULTANTS		50,000
4. SITE ACQUISITION		
APPRAISALS:	\$ 5,000	
PARCEL: Hwy. right-of-way	35,800	
PARCEL: Methodist Church	225,000	
PARCEL: Burford Bldg.	201,000	
TOTAL:		466,800
5. SITE PREPARATION		
SOIL TESTS:	112,000	
DEMOLITION:	75,000	
SITE WORK :	195,000	
TOTAL:		382,000
6. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION		
FOUNDATIONS:	400,000	
PARKING 44,500 sq.ft.		
@ \$14.90	Deleted	
COURT BUILDING 66,200		
sq.ft. @ \$50.00	3,310,000	
OTHER SPACE 21,600		
sq.ft. @ \$50.00	1,080,000	
FURNITURE	198,600	
TOTAL		4,988,600
7. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION		
AND INSPECTION		168,000
8. ASHA ADMINISTRATION		
COST OF BOND SALE:	60,000	
CAPITALIZED INTEREST:	920,000	
TOTAL:		980,000
9. CONTINGENCIES		200,200
10. NET COST		7,640,600
11. NON-RECOVERABLE DESIGN FEES		120,000
12. TEN PERCENT COST ESCALATION FOR DELAY		
IN CONSTRUCTION		519,400*
GRAND TOTAL		\$8,280,000

COST OF BUILDING PER SQUARE FOOT:

Site Work	\$ 195,000
Foundation	400,000
Court Building	4,390,000
Total	\$4,985,000

COST PER SQUARE FOOT $\$4,985,000 \div 87,800 \text{ Sq. Ft.} = \$56.78$

*This cost may be substantially less if bidding is possible in November 1972.

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 26, 1973

10:40 a.m.

Present: All members; L.P. Carroll, Department of Revenue; Rich Guthrie and Milt Barker, staff Fiscal Analysts; Superintendents of Schools, Bill Case (Fairbanks), Hank Bryant (Elmendorf), Jack Hayward (Kenai), Ernest Preshu (Ketchikan), Richard W. Leath (Nenana), W.D. Overstreet (Executive Secretary, School Boards Assoc.), Herman Hutchens (Valdez), D.W. Schultz (Petersburg), and Mr. Joe Montgomery (Anchorage).

HB 57 am Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that Mr. L.P. Carroll was present from the Department of Revenue to speak on the implications of HB 57 am. Mr. Carroll delivered general background information on the bill and general discussion and questioning followed. Senator Groh asked the committee what they wished to do with the bill. After further discussion, Senator Palmer moved that the present bill (HB 57 am) be replaced with a CS for HB 57, changing 8% to 6%, and that CSHB 57 "do pass". A vote was taken with all members signing "do pass".

School Superintendents Senator Groh thanked Mr. Carroll and then stated that the committee would take up discussion with various superintendents of schools. The superintendents were introduced and Mr. Joe Montgomery, Superintendent from Anchorage led the discussion, saying to the committee that they were present to talk about some of the major concerns with their educational programs; he stated that he felt this year would be the most difficult year yet with finances. Various educational programs were discussed, with Mr. Montgomery naming legislative bills that, if passed, would alleviate pressure on the continuance of these programs. Further discussion and questioning followed.

Senator Groh thanked the superintendents for coming and asked them to contact the committee if they could be of assistance in the future.

There being no further business or action, the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

H & S

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 5, 1973

2:20 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Ray, Butrovich, and Lewis; Glen Vernon, House Fiscal Analyst; Mr. Melvin Charlie, Director of the Satellite Communications Program; Duncan Reed, past Director of the Satellite Communications Program; Mr. Gordon Johns, Project Coordinator for Family House in Seattle; Mr. Craig Ison from Family House in Seattle.

SB 165 Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that Senator Sackett would conduct the meeting in relation to SENATE BILL NO. 165 (An Act making a special appropriation to the Alaska State-Operated School System for the continuation of the ATS-I experimental satellite program) and to those witnesses present to testify.

Senator Sackett introduced Mr. Melvin Charlie, Director of the Satellite Communications Program and asked him to begin his testimony. Mr. Charlie began by giving a history of the communications program and an idea of locations in which the program is being carried out. The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing a new satellite as opposed to continuing with the use of the present NASA satellite. Mr. Charlie introduced Mr. Duncan Reed, the past Director of the program and stated that Mr. Reed would be able to answer any questions that he could not answer. Further general discussion followed. Senator Groh thanked the witnesses for appearing before the committee.

Family House - Seattle Senator Groh then introduced Mr. Gordon Johns, Project Coordinator for Family House in Seattle, and Mr. Craig Ison from Family House in Seattle, and stated that these gentlemen would discuss with the committee the feasibility of beginning such a program in Alaska as a method of dealing with the mounting hard-drug problem. Mr. Johns then gave the committee a general background of Family House. Discussion and questioning followed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

HWYS

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 24, 1973

9:05 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Butrovich;
Bruce Campbell, Commissioner of Department of Highways;
Steve Weiner, AP.

"Five-Year Highway Plan" Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Campbell to inform the members of the Finance Committee when the "Five-Year Highway Plan" would be brought up to date, and to speak on recent developments on the program. Commissioner Campbell stated that the "Five-Year Highway Program" would be submitted to the Legislature on February 5, as required by law.

Senator Groh asked what changes had been made and Commissioner Campbell answered that they still did not have the results of federal decisions on highway grants. He continued that their expenditures are blind and that they will have to wait to see what kind of federal funding they will get. He said that the general feeling is that it will be at least May until there will be any actual disbursement of federal funds on the highway bill and that it is the policy of the State Department of Highways to revise their Highway Plan based on the money they now have and if Congress says they will get more, then there may be an interim plan.

Senator Groh asked if the Department of Highways had received any environmental suits; Commissioner Campbell replied that there have not been any actual suits, just threats. Senator Groh asked if this type of threat has delayed the Department of Highways and Commissioner Campbell said that it had, and in fact, the weight of the Anti-Highway Club is getting too much to bear. He stated that he needs the help and support of groups who want these highways. Discussion followed concerning the one faction of Alaskan's which wants no more highways, but just bike trails and hiking trails, and the other faction which wants more roads and highways. Commissioner Campbell stated that the former group is small but successful simply because the latter group is apathetic.

Discussion followed on the relation of the Native Land Claims settlements and the Highway Plan, and on possible discussions and hearings with native leaders for furthered cooperation.

Question was raised on the highway from Haines to Juneau and Commissioner Campbell stated that the environmental impact statement would have to be completed on the whole route before permits are issued.

The committee returned to the discussion on public concern and the popularity of highways in Alaska. Commissioner Campbell pointed out that when the bond issues were voted on last year, the highway bond which passed was the highest of all in cost. Commissioner Campbell again asked for the support of the public which desires the bonds and the highways.

The members and Commissioner Campbell continued review and discussion on the "Five-Year Highway Plan". Questions were raised on various individual plans and their construction dates. Commissioner Campbell stated that when rights of way have to be purchased or when people have to be re-located, it takes a longer time to begin construction. He continued that when there are 50 or more pieces of right of way to acquire, he automatically sets the construction schedule a year ahead.

Senator Sackett asked what the total amount of highway construction is this year and Commissioner Campbell answered that they have \$24,000,000 of construction to advertise, plus the possible additional federal funds.

Senator Lewis asked what would happen if federal funding were minimal or nothing. Commissioner Campbell replied that if it were minimal, the "Five-Year Highway Plan" would have to be cut back, and that he doubted very much if the U. S. Congress would not pass an Act.

Senator Groh asked for further questions or discussion, and there being none, he thanked Commissioner Campbell for appearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

PUB
WORKS

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 7, 1973
9:10 a.m.

Present: All members; George Easley, Commissioner of Public Works;
Jay Hogan, House Fiscal Analyst.

Budget - Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that
Dept. of the committee would discuss the Public Works budget with
Public Commissioner Easley. General questioning and discussion
Works followed. It was decided that the committee would consider
the budget further and would develop a policy concerning
the major problems within the Public Works budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

UoFA

JOINT SENATE/HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEES

March 5, 1973

9:05 a.m.

Present: Senators Groh, Sackett, Poland and Palmer. Representatives Hillstrand, Warwick, Freeman, Haugen, Specking, Ose, and Barber. Senator Kerttula, Representatives Beirne, Orsini, Banfield, Dr. Josh Wright, and Dr. Starcher, Higher Education Consultant, were also present.

Representative Hillstrand called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Representative Ose for a presentation on Higher Education.

HB 64
HB 130

HB 131
CSHB 37
HB 180
HB 181

Dr. Starcher then discussed HB 64 (making a supplemental appropriation to the University of Alaska - \$1,668,000), HB 130 (establishing a working capital reserve fund for the University of Alaska), HB 131 (appropriating \$1,200,000 for the capital reserve fund), CSHB 37 (appropriating to the University of Alaska \$365,000), HB 180 (creating the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education), and HB 181 (relating to student financial aid).

Adjourn: Brief discussion by the committee followed Dr. Starcher's testimony. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 9, 1973
9:20 a.m.

Present: Senator Clifford J. Groh, Chairman, Senator C. R. Lewis, Vice Chairman, Senator Kay Poland, and Senator John Sackett. Also present were staff members J. H. Hogan, Director of Legislative Finance, and Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst. Senator Ray was also present.

Senator Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide Finance Committee members with a preliminary review of this year's operation. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan.

Mr. Hogan requested that Senate Finance Committee members decide upon a seating arrangement in the committee.

Mr. Hogan also informed the Committee that the Governor's Budget Message would be delivered to the houses this Thursday, January 11, but the specific time had not yet been disclosed. He added that a letter prepared for Chairman Groh's signature would be delivered to Myrt Charney, Director of Budget and Management, requesting that the budget request workbooks be sent to this Committee on that particular day.

Mr. Hogan explained that the fiscal staff has been working on background material for the budget document during the last three months. He stated that the figures already printed on the shortforms were Actual FY 72, Authorized FY 73, Maintenance FY 74, and Request FY 74 figures. Once the Governor's figures are received, the figures will be added to the shortforms and will be distributed to the members. Mr. Hogan spoke briefly of addition of narrative (or brief descriptions for each page of figures) this year which will facilitate any changes or deletions in positions, etc.

Mr. Hogan then informed the Committee members that he now served as supervisor for the fiscal staff for both Finance Committees. He added that the professional staff had been broken down into five people, each having reviewed his respective program category. Mr. Hogan stated that he hoped both Finance Committees will see fit to make use of that staff.

Mr. Hogan stated that it was his hope to have both Finance Committees concur on the following format for the current session: diligent subcommittee work; a minimum of hearings; a maximum of thorough questioning of the various agencies, with written responses from the agencies (signed by the head of the department) to those questions. He emphasized that both Finance Committees remaining mutually exclusive would handicap the eventual product of an effective budget document. Mr. Hogan said that much time had been wasted during previous sessions while both Finance Committees worked separately on figures and policies that they mutually agreed upon. He said he hoped the Committees would explore the possibility of joint, cooperative subcommittee work. Once their differences were determined, they could then concentrate on those differences in their respective committees. Mr. Hogan said this would prevent much of the major difficulty arising during the Free Conference Committee meetings. He stressed the importance of uniformity in approach in order to produce a good budget document which will effectively make known to the Executive branch the Legislature's will.

[Mr. Joe LaRocca of the press entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m.]

Mr. Hogan then cited an example of the problems caused by lack of effective preparation prior to the meeting of the Free Conference Committee. He stated that during FCC last session an argument developed over Educational Broadcasting. The result was intent appropriating for three specific grants (to Tanana Chiefs, etc.) which totaled \$30,000 more than the appropriation for grants to Educational Broadcasting. Mr. Hogan said it was necessary to make the budget document intent clear and exact. This would enable the Legislature to keep track of the agency's use of funds and force the departments to defend what they have done should the Legislature take issue over a particular matter.

In response to Senator Sackett, Mr. Hogan said that Senate and House joint subcommittee work was simply an area he thought the committees might like to explore, but said that the main thrust of a new format in preparing the budget document would be to have the Finance Committee review carefully the budgets in subcommittee and make their wishes known to the staff of various comparisons, policy alternatives, etc., which they might need. Mr. Hogan said he hoped that long and needless hours of testimony from the agencies would be avoided until the Committee had specific questions to ask.

Senator Lewis stated that a total budget figure should be pre-set, and the Finance Committees would then have to work with that figure and not go beyond it. .

Chairman Groh then stated that an attempt would be made to improve the budget preparation this year. He said that members of the Committee who had areas of interest in which they wished to work in sub-committee should inform him.

Senator Groh then requested that the fiscal staff do an analysis regarding the lack of correlation and the over-abundance of administrative sub-units in each agency. He stated that it would be a step forward economically to force these people into one administrative set-up on a state-wide basis. . .

[Senator Ray entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m.]

Senator Groh also emphasized the issue of performance evaluation. He said that once "X" amount of dollars are appropriated, the Legislature should look to see that the agencies are spending the money intelligently.

Mr. Hogan then gave an example of when steps in analysis of the Department of Economic Development had taken place two years ago. Some members of the Finance Committee had felt that the Department "was not necessary".

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1973

9:05 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Ray and Butrovich.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee would discuss and decide upon assignments to the budget categories. The following assignments to categories were made:

NAT RES MGMT & ENV CON	- Senators Poland and Palmer
SOCIAL SERVICES and HEALTH	- Senators Ray and Butrovich
PUBLIC PROTECTION	- Senators Lewis, Groh and Palmer
ADMIN OF JUSTICE	- Senators Groh and Ray
DEVELOPMENT	- Senators Sackett and Poland
TRANSPORTATION	- Senators Palmer and Lewis
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	- Senators Ray, Groh and Poland
EDUCATION and S.O.S.	- Senators Sackett and Palmer
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA	- Senators Lewis and Sackett

Chairman Groh then stated that it had been suggested that file holders be put on the committee table and asked if the members were in favor of the idea; the members said that they would like to have the file holders at their places on the committee table.

Senator Groh asked for further discussion. Senator Sackett asked when the balance of the budget books would be sent to the committee and Mr. Guthrie replied that Budget and Management would send them over by the beginning of next week.

Senator Palmer stated that he had heard intent from the House Finance Committee that they would bring their budget down in approximately 65 days and stated that he would hope that the Senate Finance Committee put together some sort of schedule of events to stick to for expedition of the budget. Senator Groh said that he would get together with the staff and prepare such a schedule. He also stated that Chairman Hillstrand of the House committee had no objection to the concept of joint committee work and that if there was cooperation among the members they would probably be able to agree on at least 60% or 75% of the budget to carry it through in a successful manner.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 19, 1973

9:05 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Sackett, Lewis and Ray. Staff member Rich Guthrie was present, and Steve Weiner, AP, was present.

Gen. Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that
Proced. the committee would discuss expedition of the budget. General discussion followed. It was decided that the budget category Public Protection, would be covered the next day. No further action was taken.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 24, 1973
1:30 p.m.

Present: All members. Also present were J. H. Hogan, Director of Legislative Finance; Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst; and staff Fiscal Analysts Glen K. Vernon, Milt Barker, and Robert Grogan.

As the committee was meeting in Executive Session, no other persons were present.

FY 74
OPERATING
BUDGET Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to review all figures previously recommended by the subcommittee and full committee on the FY 74 Operating Budget.

A motion was made to approve the total General Fund figure for the Operating Budget - \$333,030,300. No objection, so ordered.

CAPITAL
PROJECTS The committee then approved the total figure of \$67,632,400 for Capital Projects.

HB 58 Following discussion regarding the language to be inserted in the bill, the committee adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
AFTER RECESS
March 20, 1973
3:30 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senators Palmer, Poland and Sackett; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

U. of A. Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee was still in executive session and that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the sub-committee report on the budget category University of Alaska, FY 74.

No official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 21, 1973

9:10 a.m.

Present: All members. Also present was Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order.

HB 227
(am) The committee considered HOUSE BILL 227(am) (Supplemental appropriation for elections - \$83,400).

Senator Ray moved that HB 227(am) be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. No objection, so ordered. All members signed the "do pass" majority report.

HB 327 The committee then considered HOUSE BILL 327 (Supplemental appropriation to the Legislative Affairs Agency - \$317,250). Senator Ray moved that HB 327 be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. Senator Ray's motion carried 6 to 1.

SB 201 The committee considered SENATE BILL 201 (Special appropriation to the Department of Education, vocational and adult education division, \$60,000 for funding the youth employment service program).

Senator Poland moved that SB 201 be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. No objection, so ordered. All members signed the "do pass" majority report.

SB 199 The committee then considered SB 199 (Basic salary schedule for state employees). The Senate Finance Committee had previously signed the Committee Report which stated that the Senate Finance Committee recommends that SB 199 be replaced with Committee Substitute for SB 199 and reports it back with "individual recommendations". All members signed the Majority Report as follows: Senator Groh - "do pass"; Senator Ray - "do pass"; Senator Butrovich - "no recommendation"; Senator Lewis - "do not pass"; Senator Poland - "do pass"; Senator Palmer - "do pass"; Senator Sackett - "no recommendation".

The bill had been held in committee until the Finance Committee report (fiscal note) had been prepared by the fiscal staff. The committee members reviewed the report (see bill file for copy). There being no further discussion, Committee Substitute (Finance) for Senate Bill 199 was reported out of committee.

U of A
BUDGET

The full committee then heard a report from the subcommittee on the Education, University of Alaska, FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

Recess: The committee recessed at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
AFTER RECESS
March 21, 1973
1:40 p.m.

Present: All members; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

As the committee was still in executive session, no other persons were present.

U. of A. Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear further sub-committee reports on the budget category, University of Alaska, FY 74.

No official action was taken; the meeting recessed.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
AFTER RECESS
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 22, 1973
3:40 p.m.

Present: All members. Also present were Rich Guthrie, Senate Fiscal Analyst, and Senator J. Kerttula.

As the committee was holding an Executive Session, no other persons were present.

EDUCATION Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the report to the full committee by the subcommittee on Education, FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 23, 1973
9:20 a.m.

Present: All members; Rich Guthrie, staff Fiscal Analyst.

As the committee was still in executive session, no other persons were present.

S.O.S. Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the sub-committee report on the budget category, State-Operated Schools, FY 74.

No official action was taken; the meeting recessed.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 23, 1973
1:30 p.m.

Present: All members. Also present was Rich Guthrie, Fiscal Analyst.

As the committee was still in Executive Session, no other persons were present.

S.O.S.

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to further reports to the full committee by the subcommittee on the State-Operated Schools FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

The committee then considered several Budget Request Units from previous budget categories and heard testimony on two of the BRU's.

The committee then considered Capital Projects. No official action was taken.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

SOC

SVC

EXECUTIVE SESSION
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 19, 1973
9:10 a.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Poland. Mr. Glen K. Vernon, Fiscal Analyst, and Senator J. Kerttula were present.

As the Committee was in Executive Session, no other persons were present.

SOCIAL
SERVICES

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the subcommittee report to the full committee on the Social Services FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

HB 60

A brief discussion followed on HOUSE BILL 60 (Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Public Works, communications division - \$40,000). Senator Palmer referred to the previous discussion on this bill (see minutes 3/16/73) which reflected the intent of having HB 60 referred back to the Senate Finance Committee for purposes of amendment. Following discussion, it was decided that the bill would not be brought back to Senate Finance for amendment.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. The committee scheduled to reconvene after the morning session on the floor of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
AFTER RECESS
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 19, 1973
1:30 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Palmer. Also present was Mr. Glen K. Vernon, staff Fiscal Analyst.

As the committee was still meeting in Executive Session, no other persons were present.

SOCIAL
SERVICES

Chairman Groh called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to hear further reports to the full committee by the subcommittee on the Social Services FY 74 budget.

No official action was taken.

Recess: A ten minute recess was called at 3:30 p.m.

HALT

EXECUTIVE SESSION
AFTER RECESS
March 17, 1973
4:35 p.m.

Present: All members with the exception of Senator Sackett, Bob Grogan, staff Fiscal Analyst.

Health Chairman Groh called the meeting to order and stated that the committee was still in executive session and that the purpose of this meeting was to hear the sub-committee report on the budget category Health, FY 74.

No official action was taken; the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.