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failure to budget for overtime will mean changing the personnel rules back. Sen. Ray expressed concern that people will be required to work overtime and not be paid for it, and said this is what the employees are worried about. Mr. Freer said that this has been the situation, for instance in Fish and Game for years. Someone asked about the State Troopers, and Mr. Freer said they have been paid one range over their classification and receiving little or no overtime, and that now they are paid at their own range and are receiving overtime. Sen. Palmer asked which method is more expensive and Mr. Freer said that paying them overtime is somewhat higher. It was noted that Commissioner Chappell of Public Safety does not like overtime, and that in Fish and Game, when the Governor came in with his revised allowance, the first thing the department cut off their request was overtime. There were motions made in an attempt to compromise between House and Senate figures for the employee benefits, but all failed.

EDUCATION

There was discussion on Scholarship Loans, one of the big areas of difference in the Education budget. The House members explained that their allowance of \$2,500,000 is not based on the contractual services program with AMU which Senators Ray and Butrovich expressed objection to. Their allowance is based on HB 415, a House Finance Committee bill which repeals the contractual services agreement and just makes loans to Alaska students--for use wherever they go to school. This is not a give-away program, it was emphasized; it is a loan program. An objection Sen. Ray expressed is that the bill has not yet passed the House, and still has the Senate to go through--and time is running out. There is no guarantee that HB 415 will pass. There was further discussion on vacancy and turnover, and the

Recess: committee again recessed at 3:30 p.m.

After Recess
3:45 p.m.

Sen. Ray suggested taking the Governor's figure for Scholarship Loans and passing CSHB 52. Mr. Hohman said that he personally objects to CSHB 52. Sen. Butrovich said that if the money goes for the contractual services as the statutes now stand, he would be unable to support the figure. After further discussion, Sen. Ray withdrew his motion.

Sen. Palmer referred to Senate footnote 2, on page 9 of the combined analysis, providing for operation of the SEAED Hatchery in Ketchikan. He said that in testimony before Resources Committee it was stated that the big reason they want this hatchery is for the salmon derby, and he felt that for something that brought in as much money as the derby, the city could afford to run the hatchery itself. Mr. Fink said that he had gotten the idea it was for training the people.

OFFICE OF
GOVERNOR

Councils &
Commissions

Planning
& Research

The committee moved on to the Office of the Governor. Sen. Ray said that the Senate could take the House figure for Boards and Commissions, \$361,000, which takes out the \$200,000 for Arts and Humanities, since it was highly unlikely the federal money would be received. There was lengthy discussion on Planning and Research, with various figures proposed. However, after much juggling and many motions, the committees reached an impasse. They had, however, tentatively agreed on the following figures for the Office of the Governor and intent had been proposed for Planning and Research that \$50,000 for OEO and \$50,000 for Income Needs of the Aged be funded if possible.

Executive Office	\$775,000
Lt. Governor	450,000
Planning and Research	691,100
Local Affairs	687,000
Rural Development	579,000
Public Defender	600,000
Criminal Justice	682,400
Center for Justice Admin.	Ø
Human Rights Commission	125,500
State Museum	230,300
Tokyo Office	68,000
Mansion	63,100
Boards and Commissions	372,500
Youth in Government	150,000
Drug Abuse Education	Ø
Contingency Fund	150,000

After recap of these tentative figures, but failure to agree on
 Recess: Planning and Research, the committee recessed for five minutes.
 The House did not favor the Senate cuts, and wanted this increased.
 Sen. Ray expressed willingness to have legislative intent that OEO
 and the Income Study of the Aged be funded. Mr. Warwick pointed
 out, however, that there are not enough general fund monies that
 this can be done under the Senate figure.

After Recess
 6:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC
 DEVELOP-
 MENT

Due to their failure to compromise on Planning and Research, the
 committee moved on to the Department of Economic Development.
 Sen. Ray moved that the Senate figure of \$1,452,900 be adopted.
 Objection was heard. Sen. Ray told the House members about the
 Senate Finance committee talking with the Governor about the possi-
 bility of dissolving this department, and the Governor's request that
 they be given another year to justify their existence. He explained
 the Senate's reasoning in cutting Industrial Development, and
 stated that even the Commissioner was unable to justify Industrial
 Development since most of their functions must be halted until some
 ecological determinations are made. There was discussion on addition

of monies for the Small Business Development. However, nothing materialized. Mr. Hohman said that he could accept the Senate figure with an additional \$50,000 for Industrial Development. Sen. Ray asked if he would accept it if the \$50,000 were put into the Travel Division, and Mr. Hohman agreed. It was stressed that the department must be made to realize transfers are not to be made from the Division of Travel to Industrial Development, and a LETTER OF INTENT was discussed in relation to this.

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TOTAL

Sen. Ray moved a total for Economic Development of \$1,502,900, and without objection, it was so ordered.

LAW

Sen. Ray moved a total for the Department of Law of \$2,654,700, which is the Senate figure with \$50,000 additional added in for the Cook Inlet Case. After brief discussion, the motion carried, making the total for Department of Law \$2,654,700. The Committee considered going into Education, but the Senate members wanted a chance to talk with the other Senate Finance committee members

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Adjourned: and so the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 3, 1971
1:40 p.m.

Present: All members.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order. He recalled that the meeting Sunday had adjourned so that the Senate could discuss certain items in the Education budget with the other committee members, and he asked what the response had been. Sen. Ray said that the reaction was that the Senate members could accept the House figure on Revenue Sharing with the House taking the Senate figure on Debt Service, and taking the \$1,000,000 difference and putting it in Pupil Transportation. He so moved. Mr. Fink objected.

SALARY
INCREASE

Sen. Ray said that he feels the State Employees increase needed to be settled. He asked for the committee's feelings on the matter. He said that there has been feeling expressed in the Senate that 5% is too high, and that 4% would be adequate perhaps with the contingency of widening out longevity two steps. Sen. Butrovich expressed opposition to the pay increase. Mr. Fink asked about the figures for the longevity and Sen. Ray said that he did not have them readily available. Sen. Butrovich said he would be willing to accept 4% and longevity. Mr. Warwick asked if a longevity bill would have to pass, and Sen. Ray said possibly, but that it could be tacked on to the end of the pay bill. Sen. Butrovich asked how strong Sen. Ray's feelings are on the longevity question, and Sen. Ray said that he felt it is necessary to give the employees more than just the 4%. Mr. Fink said he would be willing to go along with just the 4%. Sen. Ray suggested that the remaining \$3.6 million from that could go into Pupil Transportation. This would mean that the figures for District School Support and salary increase would be:

Salary increase, \$3.6 million; Pupil transportation, \$5.2 million; Revenue Sharing, \$1.7 million; and Debt Service, \$1.8 million. Sen. Palmer noted that included with debt service must be the \$1 million for debt service for areas that paid cash last year. Senators Ray and Butrovich said that would be put in as a line item. This package did not go through, and Mr. Fink expressed the feeling that he was against cutting district school support, shifting taxes from the state to the local governments.

Sen. Butrovich said that the debt service program began only last year, so he didn't feel it was so necessary.

Sen. Ray said that the Senate could accept the House figure for Foundation Program, with other changes, but the House would not accept the other changes.

INSTRUCTIONAL

SERVICES

Sen. Ray said that the only real differences between the House and Senate in Instructional Services is in Vacancy and Turnover. He said that the only figure he would change would be the Correspondence program and he thought, this being a good program, that he would prefer taking the House figure of \$137,600 rather than the Senate \$107,500. Mr. Warwick asked about Special Education and the Senate agreed to take the House Special Education figure of \$100,400 rather than the Senate \$91,600. The committee agreed on accepting the rest of the Senate figures for Instructional Services, giving a total of \$655,200.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SERVICES

Sen. Ray moved the Senate total for Administrative Services of \$5,221,800. No objection, so ordered.

Board of Education

Sen. Ray noted that ⁱⁿ the Board of Education, differences between House and Senate are in Travel and Contractual, and the House figure of \$28,800 was accepted.

Office of Commissioner Sen. Ray explained that in Office of the Commissioner, the Senate took general cuts down the line. He moved the Senate figure of \$142,200, and it was accepted.

Advisory Commissions Mr. Hohman asked for an explanation of Senate cuts in Advisory Commission and was told that there were cuts in Travel and Contractual. This is where the dues for the Education Compact were taken out. Sen. Ray amended the Senate figure to \$75,000 and it was accepted.

Planning & Research Senate figure of \$203,700 was accepted for Planning and Research.
Scholarship Loans Mr. Warwick asked about the Scholarship Loans. Sen. Butrovich noted that CSHB 52 was reported out of the Senate Finance Committee today. Sen. Palmer asked if HB 415 repeals the contractual language on the loans, and Mr. Warwick said yes, this is set up on a loan program, not grants.

Staff Development Publications Senate figures were adopted for Staff Development and Publications, those figures being \$10,000 and \$78,800, respectively.

Educational Broadcast There was discussion on Educational Broadcast Commission, where the Senate figure is \$181,800, the Governor's Allowance plus \$50,000 for construction of a radio station in Kotzebue; and the House figure is \$758,800.

This is a high priority item to the House side, but the Senate side appeared unwilling to yield. Sen. Palmer wondered if perhaps in another year federal funds might not be available for this project. Mr. Warwick moved the House figure. Objection was heard. Mr. Warwick asked the reasoning behind the objection. Cost appeared to be the chief one, particularly in this year of austerity. Mr. Hohman expressed the feeling that if this system is not put in this year, what is going in will be a failure, and yet RCA will

go ahead because of their commitment.

Scholar-
ship Loans

Sen. Ray moved the Senate figure for Scholarship Loans; objection was heard and on vote, motion failed. He then moved the Governor's revised allowance. Objection was heard, and motion failed.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 3:05 p.m.

After Recess
3:15 p.m.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting back to order.

VOCATIONAL
REHAB

Mr. Fink said that he could accept the Senate figure of \$2,294,300 for Vocational Rehabilitation. He so moved and asked unanimous consent. No objection, so ordered.

VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION

There is a change in the Senate figure for Vocational Education, in the Skill Center where positions were omitted from the budget that came over from budget and management, and so the new Senate figure for the Skill Center is \$1,022,300. It was agreed that the Senate figure would be accepted for the Skill Center at the new figure of \$1,022,300; Community Programs at \$280,900; and M.D.T.A. at \$466,700.

Skill
Center

Community
Programs

M.D.T.A.

Community
Colleges

Mr. Hohman said that in Community Colleges, the House had started out with the same as the Governor's allowance, but the Caucus didn't accept the figure and so the budget was amended on the floor by Finance Committee amendment increasing from \$550,000 to \$1,000,000. Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the figure of \$1,000,000 be accepted. Sen. Ray objected.

General
Program

Committee moved on to General Program. Mr. Warwick asked about the cuts in General Program, and was told that the Senate figure, although cut, still allows the maximum in federal money. Mr. Warwick moved for the Governor's Allowance in both General Program and Community Colleges; however, Mr. Hohman noted that they would have a

problem selling the Community College figure to the caucus. Mr. Warwick withdrew his motion.

Sen. Ray moved a figure of \$1.5 million for General Program, \$1 million for Community Colleges, and the Senate figure of \$3,690,100 for Regional and Boarding Schools. There was strenuous objection to the Regional and Boarding Schools figure. Mr. Warwick felt the Senate cut to Regional and Boarding Schools very deeply, particularly in the Boarding Home Program. He noted that only 6% of this is state money. Sen. Ray said that he would be willing to take the Senate figures for the Director and Dormitories, but not for the Boarding Home Program.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m.

After Recess
4:00 p.m.

Mr. Hohman called the meeting back to order. Sen. Ray stated that the maintenance level is lower than both the House and Senate figure. There followed a lengthy discussion on sending the kids outside the state or to the large city centers for schools, the disruption this causes to the family, the unhappiness it causes to the, with Mr. Hohman feeling that since this is the federal government's answer, and it is not satisfactory for the well being and happiness of the kids or their families, the state must come up with alternatives, and Sen. Ray expressing the feeling that education of these kids is a federal and not a state responsibility, and that if schools are provided elsewhere, the important thing is the education and the kids should be sent there.

Sen. Ray moved a total for Regional and Boarding Schools of \$3,365,500 which is maintenance level. Objection was heard and motion failed. Mr. Warwick moved the Governor's revised figure of \$3,972,300.

Objection was heard and motion failed. Sen. Butrovich moved to accept the House Boarding Home figure and the Senate Director's Office and Dormitories, and then in Vocational Education, General Program, \$1.2 million and Community Colleges, \$1,000,000. Mr. Warwick said that he would rather have additional money in General Program than in Community Colleges.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

After Recess
4:50 p.m.

Sen. Ray recommended that the difference between the House and Senate figures in Libraries be put into the General Program. There was further discussion, further motions, and nothing having been accomplished, the committee moved on to Health and Welfare.

HEALTH &
WELFARE

Mr. Fink moved to accept the Senate figures for Health and Welfare, with the exception of Division of Corrections, with all the House footnotes and with somewhere around \$50,000 taken out to be put into Air Pollution Grants for air pollution control. Sen. Palmer said that also for Environmental Health, \$20,000 should be put in for one man to monitor tanker loading in.

He further noted that in Community Health, footnote 1, House summary, provision is made for the AMU Nursing Program. The Senate members were opposed to this. Mr. Fink withdrew his motion. Sen. Ray said that he felt Mr. Fink's motion had merit, but other things needed to be considered.

MENTAL
HEALTH

The committee began reviewing the Mental Health Division. Mr. Fink noted the Senate's deep cut in API. Sen. Ray said that this is mostly in Vacancy and Turnover. The committee got into another argument on Vacancy and Turnover, and so after failing to settle

Adjourned: anything else, the committee adjourned at 6:30 with the intention of meeting in the morning with the House figures for API vacancy and turnover broken out.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 4, 1971

9:20 a.m.

Present: All members.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order. Sen. Ray asked about the House vacancy factor for API. Information was distributed, and it was noted that the vacancy factor is considerably lower than that projected by the Senate figures. Sen. Butrovich moved a figure of \$3,270,000 for API. No objection, so ordered. The Senate figure for Community Health reinstates one psychological counselor in Fairbanks. Committee decided to take the House figure of \$444,700. Sen. Butrovich moved the House figure plus \$50,000 for Air Pollution Grants and \$20,000 for the man at Kenai to monitor tanker loading for the Division of Environmental Health.

ENVIRONMEN-
TAL HEALTH

LEG. INTENT

There is to be a letter of intent to that effect.

MENTAL
HEALTH

Total moved for Mental Health was \$6,532,100 - \$3,270,000 for API and the other figures all being Senate figures. No objection, so ordered.

ADMN.

Mr. Hohman noted the Senate footnote explaining their figure, that they disallowed the second deputy director and related costs. Committee decided to accept the Senate figure of \$170,100.

Office of
Commissioner

Admin.Svcs.

Mr. Fink moved the Senate figure of \$1,107,400 for Administrative Services. Mr. Hohman objected. He removed his objection and so the motion carried unanimously.

Compr. Plan.

Mr. Hohman moved the House figure of \$213,700 for Comprehensive Planning. No objection, so ordered.

Office of
Aging
Trust

Senate figure of \$208,200 for Office of Aging was accepted. Total figure for Administration of \$1,699,400 was accepted unanimously by the committee.

PUBLIC WELFARE

The committee accepted the following figures for Public Welfare:

Admin.	\$2,540,300	Senate figure
Staff Dev.	193,200	House figure
WIN	745,600	House figure
Adult Public	7,125,300	Same for both
AFDC	8,556,000	Same for both
Food Stamps	418,300	House figure
Gen. Relief	290,300	Same for both
Gen. Relief		
Med.	2,326,300	House figure
Child Welfare	533,700	Same for both
Recipient Rehab.	Ø	Same for both

TOTAL Total for Public Welfare is \$23,729,100. Included in the motion
House
for acceptance of the total was acceptance of all the/footnotes.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Fink noted that he wanted an additional \$200,000 for the Anchorage borough Health Department. He said that this is the only community in the state with its own health department and he feels that they should be helped. If they are forced to close, the state will have to carry the entire burden.

Admin.

Senate figure of \$446,200 was accepted by the committee.

Community Health

This is where the \$200,000 additional for Anchorage Borough Health Department goes. Mr. Hohman moved the House figure. Sen. Ray objected. He said that he fully supports going along with the Crippled Children and Treatment Center, but not the Anchorage Borough.

Office of Alcoholism

The committee discussed putting monies from the money gained from HB 115 into Office of Alcoholism for detoxification centers. After discussion, committee decided to delete Office of Alcoholism.

[This action was rescinded at a later time.]

The following figures were moved for Public Health:

Admin.	\$446,200	Senate figure
Comm. Health	744,500	House figure
Laboratories	427,200	Senate figure
Office of		
Alcoholism	Ø	[action later rescinded]
Child Health	969,300	Senate figure
Public Health		
Nursing	1,827,600	House figure
TB Control	439,400	Senate figure

Sen. Ray objected to the Public Health Nursing figure and asked what the increases were for. Mr. Hohman said that it was for a public health nurse in Wrangell, new position, and reinstatement of a public health nurse in Bethel. It was noted, however, that the actual difference is the AMU nursing program. With that take-out, Senate figure is higher.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m.

After Recess
1:30 p.m.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting back to order.

Returning to Public Health, Sen. Ray moved to accept the House figure for Public Health Nursing and to fund the Office of Alcoholism at an additional \$250,000 over the Senate figure of \$404,300, thus rescinding the earlier action to delete the Office of Alcoholism. There is to be a footnote to the effect that the additional \$250,000 is for grants-in-aid to detoxification centers. The figures proposed above for the Public Health Division, with the exception of Alcoholism Office which figure is replaced with the \$654,300 figure as explained above, were adopted, and a total for Public Health of \$5,435,800 was moved and unanimously accepted.

TOTAL

CORREC-
TIONS

Mr. Hohman noted that the memorandum from the Department of Health and Welfare indicates that the cuts made in the Senate budget will necessitate whether the elimination of 30 existing positions in Corrections or closing the McLaughlin Youth Center. Sen. Ray felt this was untrue. He said that that is based on paying the amount of overtime requested which the Senate deleted, and that he just did not believe the letter. The big disagreement the committee had was on the figure for McLaughlin, Senate figure being

\$1,667,400 and House figure being \$1,911,300. The Senate held that their figure was so much lower because of deletion of much of the requested overtime, though they still allowed more than last year, and because of Vacancy and Turnover and general cuts. Mr. Fink felt the Senate Vacancy and Turnover factor was far too high. He noted that the allover total for the department taken by the House was 7%, but he said he would be unwilling to accept that turnover rate if the department had no recourse to supplemental or reserve account should the V & T factor have been too high. Sen. Butrovich asked what percentage he would be willing to take, and Mr. Fink said 3-1/2. Mr. Freer was asked if that was a reasonable figure, and he said yes, he believed it was.

Recess:

Meeting recessed at 3:00.

After Recess
3:10 p.m.

Mr. Hohman moved a figure of \$2,851,000 for Care of Juveniles. Objection was heard. Mr. Hohman asked that since the committee was making no progress in Corrections that they move on to another department.

DEPT. OF
LABOR

The committee agreed and moved on to Department of Labor. Sen. Palmer moved the Senate figures for Administration-\$654,900, Industrial Safety-\$511,900, Workmen's Compensation-\$286,900, and Employment Security-\$5,300,700. No objection, so ordered.

In Manpower Training, the Senate deleted \$184,400 for "seed money" for federal programs, under Administration. Mr. Fink moved that the Senate figures be accepted for Manpower Training except in Administration, and that in Administration, \$76,000 of the seed money be added back onto the Senate figure, giving an Administration total of \$345,100 and a Manpower Training total of

\$950,000. No objection, so ordered.

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Department total is \$7,705,100.

FISH & GAME

The committee next turned to Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Fink expressed willingness to accept the Senate figure of

Administra-
tion

\$1,668,200 for Administration. Mr. Warwick objected.

Aviation &
Marine Oper.

Sen. Ray noted that the House had neglected to fund Aviation and Marine Operations per SB 157, Working Capital Fund abolition.

Mr. Hogan pointed out, however, that it is funded in each program, and the Department this year is going to pull them out and then next year come in with a separate line item. Mr. Freer confirmed this and the Senate decided to go along with this way of handling the matter, as actually the amount is in the Senate budget twice, once as a separate line item and then carried through the budgets. Mr. Fink moved the total Senate budget, deleting the \$724,200 for Aviation and Marine Transportation, and adding \$200,000 to the Senate figure for Stream Rehabilitation (which the House had not funded at all) making Stream Rehab. \$770,000 and the Total for the Department of \$13,010,500. Mr. Warwick objected, feeling that Protection had perhaps been cut too deeply by the Senate. Sen. Palmer said that he would like to add back one protection officer in Cook Inlet and one \$25,000 bertram. Sen. Ray said that the department had not requested the bertram and had another vessel being overhauled to do protection work in Cook Inlet. Sen. Palmer said that the boat they are renovating will not be fast enough. The motion to accept the total of \$13,010,500 was renewed, with the amendment that House footnotes in Protection and Sport Fish be included. No objection, so ordered. [It was noted that the House footnote for Fish and Game Board was no longer desirable according to Mr. Haugen.] Committee also voted to have INTENT

LEG. INTENT

that Chester Creek be taken care of.

PUBLIC
WORKS

Sen. Ray moved the Senate total for Public Works. Mr. Fink objected, specifically objecting to the cut in Anchorage International Airports in the Aviation Division. There was a question on International Airport monies left with members giving different information on what was left in the fund, and so Commissioner Easley was called to appear before the committee.

COMMERCE
REGULATION
OF BUSINESS
Office of
Commissioner

Sen. Ray moved the House figure of \$191,000 for Regulation of Business, Office of Commissioner.

Before the committee could take action, Mr. Easley and Mr. Kaldor from the Department of Public Works appeared.

PUBLIC WORKS
AVIATION

Sen. Ray asked about the status of the International Airport Revenue Fund. Mr. Easley said that there is now \$9,625,247 for the two airports. The breakdown between Anchorage and Fairbanks is about 3-1. After discussion, it was determined that there was sufficient funds in the fund to fund what programs are anticipated, and apparently information that had been given the Senate leading them to believe that the fund was in danger of being exhausted and not increased sufficiently during the coming year was erroneous.

Sen. Ray asked about using FAAP funds for international airports, and Mr. Easley said that the reason they do this is that there is no shortage of FAAP monies and so this makes good match money. There was discussion on other matters concerning aviation but not pertinent to the budget, and Messrs. Easley and Kaldor were excused.

Recess:

Meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

After Recess
5:00 p.m.

COMM. OFFICE The Senate figure for Commissioners Office of \$136,700 was moved and accepted.

ADMN. The Senate figure for Administration of \$582,300 was moved and accepted.

AVIATION
ADMIN. Sen. Ray moved the Senate figure of \$443,800 for Administration Aviation. No objection, so ordered.

Operations Sen. Ray moved a figure of \$3,450,000 for Operations, No objection, so ordered.

Anchorage
Int'l. Air-
port
Fairbanks
Int'l. Air-
port The House figures for Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports were accepted, those being respectively \$4,976,000 and \$1,759,000.

Design Admn. The figure \$297,000 was accepted for Design Administration.

Const.
Engineering The Senate figure for Construction Engineering of \$118,700 was accepted.

TOTAL Total for Aviation is \$11,044,500.

BUILDINGS Mr. Fink asked about the Senate's reasoning in adding a deputy director for Buildings. Sen. Ray said that when the Director is out of town there is no one to answer questions, and that the Senate felt this was necessary. House agreed to accept the Senate figure of \$135,000 for Director's Office.

Director's
Office Mr. Fink said that he could accept the rest of the Senate figures for Buildings except for Maintenance.

After discussion, committee agreed on a figure of \$3,300,000 for Maintenance, rest of the figures being the Senate allowances.

TOTAL Total for Buildings is \$4,414,200.

MARINE
TRANSPORTA-
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Mr. Fink moved the Senate figure of \$13,395,400 for Marine Transportation. No objection, so ordered.

COMMERCE

Returning to the Department of Commerce, Sen. Ray's earlier motion to accept the House figure of \$191,000 for Office of Commissioner was renewed. No objection, so ordered.

Office of
Commissioner

The following figures were moved and accepted for Commerce, Regulation of Business:

Office of

Comm.	\$191,000	House figure
Banking	256,500	Split difference between House and Senate
Insurance	199,800	House figure
Wghts. & Measures	400,100	Senate figure
Occ. License	261,200	House figure

Mr. Fink said that he wanted to increase Regulation of Public Service over both the House and Senate figures. He moved the Governor's Allowance for Utilities of \$636,500 and Transportation of \$523,300. No objection, so ordered.

REGULATION
OF PUBLIC
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The remainder of the figures are the same by both House and Senate Allowances, and so the total for Department of Commerce is \$2,686,200. It was so moved and there being no objection, so ordered.

TOTAL

STATE
OPERATED
SCHOOLS

Mr. Fink moved the House total for State Operated Schools of \$30,811,200. Objection was heard. Mr. Fink noted that the House figure is only a 5% increase. The big difference between House and Senate is Area Schools. Mr. Fink asked if the Senate took Vacancy and Turnover there and Sen. Ray said no. The committee appeared at an impasse and so moved to Labor, where they also found themselves having difficulties and so they moved to Public Safety.

DEPT. OF
PUBLIC
SAFETY

Sen. Ray moved the Senate figure of \$173,900 for Administration. No objection, so ordered.

Admin.

TECHNICAL
SERVICES

Sen. Ray felt that the House figure for Technical Services was the better figure of the two, and that figure, \$706,700, was moved and accepted by the committee.

STATE
TROOPERS

Mr. Fink moved the House figure of \$6,123,300 for State Troopers. Objection was heard. Sen. Ray noted that though \$298,000 in overtime was taken out, \$420,000 was left in. Sen. Ray moved a compromise figure of \$5,802,100 for State Troopers but it was not accepted.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

HOUSE AND SENATE FREE CONFERENCE

May 5, 1971

9:30 a.m.

Present: All members and Mr. Freer.

Mr. Hohman called the meeting to order.

STATE OPERATED SCHOOLS

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for a lump sum appropriation of \$30,811,200 for State Operated Schools.

Senator Ray objected. The following figures were adopted:

District Office	\$1,044,800	(Senate figure)
Special Education	509,100	(Rev. Governor's Allowance)
Bilingual Aides	238,800	" "
Rural Schools Projects	150,000	" "

Teacher Corps/Career Opportunity

Senator Ray said Senator Hensley had gone through this particular budget and came up with the Senate figure of \$1,076,200.

Mr. Hohman pointed out that everyone was opposed to the outside consultants coming in and this is consistent with that philosophy -- training Native teachers to teach in the bush.

Senator Ray wanted to know why the Governor had reduced the Department request but no one knew.

In answer to Senator Palmer, Mr. Fink said this is a work/study program. Mr. Warwick added that this is also an attempt to get Native teachers out in the bush to teach. Senator Ray asked about the funding for this. Mr. Freer said it should be JOM, P.L. 874, plus Federal Teachers Corps Act and Federal Bilingual Act funds.

Mr. Warwick said they had been told all of Administration is funded from the general fund and when they cut Administration it was not tied to federal funding requirements. Mr. Fink

requested someone from Education appear before the Committee. Senator Ray said if this is federal funds they have no objection. Discussion ensued on the fact these teachers were paid 12 months a year and went to school for 3 months with their expenses paid. Mr. Freer said this is about 2 to 1 federal funding. Senator Butrovich wanted to know what they did for the last 15 years without this program. Mr. Hohman said they wasted time and money and now they are making some progress. Mr. Nat Cole and Mr. Breimo, Dept. of Education, State Operated Schools, arrived to answer questions. Mr. Hohman explained what had been discussed before for the benefit of Mr. Cole and Mr. Breimo. Senator Ray said the Committee wanted to know about the \$91,000 difference in the original Governor's allowance and the revised allowance. Mr. Cole explained that the difference is the supplemental allowance that would have given them about 12 additional teacher-aid types. He said that the original request would have required state funds. Mr. Cole was not sure how much money was involved. Mr. Breimo said this new figure would bring the total up to 60 for the whole program (30 in the Teacher Corps and 30 aides). Mr. Cole said the cost per teacher is \$7,000 a year for salary and cost during the summer runs about \$1,200 per aide which includes living expenses and educational costs. Mr. Hohman asked the purpose of the program and Mr. Breimo said this is to train teachers. He said in the Teacher Corps it takes 60 hours of college credit before they can get into the program. Mr. Cole said the main advantage for those children in the villages is that these teachers understand the cultural problems. The feeling is that

the student will identify with the teacher and this should improve the quality of the instruction while the child is learning. Senator Butrovich said this is an experiment and wondered about the results thus far. Mr. Cole said this is true and they have no hard data to prove it is working yet.

Mr. Hohman asked Mr. Cole if he could foresee any dollar savings in this teacher corps. Mr. Cole said no, originally the demand for teachers outweighed the supply but now this is reversed so he could see no particular savings here. He said the savings and benefits of this program will have to be considered the quality of the education for the students and he said this was not easily identifiable.

Mr. Fink asked about area schools and what would happen if they adopt the Senate figure as opposed to the House. Mr. Cole said they would have to cut in the areas of contractual services, commodities and equipment since the teachers' salaries are "locked in". He said there is no way they can cut in personal services.

Mr. Hohman asked how much they would need to run the State Operated Schools. Mr. Briemo said from \$30 to \$31 million. He added they have increased lunch programs, skyrocketing fuel costs, etc.

Mr. Cole said anything less than \$30 million would cause a cut that would go below maintenance level and would be even under the 1969-70 fiscal year. He added he could not see how they could operate on \$28 million.

Mr. Hohman asked about the AVEC contract but neither Mr. Freer or Mr. Cole knew what the situation on the negotiation of that contract was at this point but in any event it is a "locked in" cost.

Mr. Hohman asked if they could function on a line item basis.

Mr. Briemo said they could if it was not broken down into code items (e.g. 100, 200, 300 etc).

Mr. Warwick asked about funding for Teacher Corps. Mr. Cole said when the Senate reworked the funding it was cut in the general fund from \$317,000 to \$217,000.

Mr. Briemo and Mr. Cole left the meeting.

Mr. Fink moved the Senate figure of \$1,076,200 on Teacher Corps and the House figure of \$26,698,900 on Area Schools. Senator Ray amended Area Schools to \$25,250,000. Mr. Fink pointed out this is a 4.9 per cent increase for State Operated Schools. He stated this was probably the lowest cut in the budgets and used Fish and Game (with a 18 per cent increase) as an example of how other budgets have gone up for FY 1971-72.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for \$30,500,000. Senator Butrovich moved \$29,800,000. Mr. Hohman asked that his figure include footnote 2 (includes funding for increased payments to Alaska Village Electrification Cooperative and for the operation and maintenance of the Gakona school). Senator Ray strenuously objected. Senator Ray said they might as well go on to something else. Mr. Hohman said they were not going on until this was settled.

Recess: The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m.

After Recess
1:45 p.m.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting back to order.

Sen. Ray moved a figure of \$30,000,000 for State Operated Schools.

He said that after testimony heard today by the Department he

would have to go along with the Department figure of \$30,000,000.

This would mean \$25,981,100 for Area Schools, \$1,000,000 for

Non-Resident Tuition, and the remainder of the figures the same
as the Senate Allowance. There were no objections.

This figure is accepted along with two House footnotes.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 2:05.

After Recess
3:40 p.m.

ADMIN. The Senate had corrected three of its figures for Department of
Administration: Office of Commissioner was corrected to \$320,000;
Finance was corrected to \$470,000 and Supply was corrected to
\$707,000. Mr. Fink said that he could accept the Senate figure
with the corrected figures and with \$50,000 added to Budget and
Management, Senate figure, for the Program Budgeting Study. Foot-
notes are to be included. Total of \$13,456,700 was moved. No
objection, so ordered.

REVENUE Mr. Fink said that he thought the Senate figure for Treansury in
Department of Revenue was too low. There was discussion on the
additional six new field agents in Audit which were allowed by the
Senate, and the Committee voted to disallow them. The following
figures were moved for the Department of Revenue:

Office of Commissioner	\$121,600	House Figure
Admn. Service	373,300	Senate figure
Collections	545,000	Senate figure
Audit	590,000	House figure
Motor Vehicle	700,200	Senate figure
Treasury	513,600	House figure
Excise Tax	115,000	Senate figure
ABC Board	185,800	Senate figure

Recess: These figures were accepted, and the total is \$3,143,500. Meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

After Recess
5:00 p.m.

GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE

Committee returned to the Office of the Governor, to their discussion of Planning and Research. Mr. Warwick had objected to the Senate figure because it would not provide for OEO funding or the income Study of the Aged. After discussion of several proposals, committee voted to fund Planning and Research at \$750,000, with footnote for \$50,000 for income Study for the Aged, Local Affairs increased to \$727,000 with a footnote to increase funds for state participation on OEO and Lt. Governor decreased back to \$409,900, the Revised Governor's Allowance.

Governor's budget was closed out at a figure of \$5,682,700.

MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Mr. Warwick moved the House total of \$92,600 for CAP. Sen. Butrovich objected, feeling that that is too high, Senate figure being \$83,100.

Mr. Warwick moved the House figure for the National Guard and the Senate figure for the Alaska Disaster Office. Objection was heard.

Sen. Ray suggested a total for Military Affairs of \$1,650,000, taking the Senate figures and adding the additional as a contingency fund. However, it was noted that if this is done all the additional money will go to the Guard, so the committee decided to break it down by Guard \$1,142,700; Alaska Disaster Office \$414,700, (\$266,000 for Admn. Program, other figures same as Senate Allowance), and CAP \$92,600, giving only three line items in the budget instead of breaking down the three categories. The total of \$1,650,000 was accepted without objection.

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Recess:

Meeting recessed at 6:10 p.m.

After Recess
6:15 p.m.

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Conference Committee determinations.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
Thursday, May 6, 1971
9:20 a.m.

Present: Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order with all members present.

PUBLIC
SAFETY

Sen. Ray moved the following figures for Department of Public
Safety:

General Administration	\$173,900	Senate figure
Technical Services	706,700	House figure
State Troopers	582,100	\$150,000 added to Sen. figure
Fire Prevention	264,100	Senate figure

TOTAL This gives a total of \$6,996,800 for the Department. No objection,
so ordered.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Fink moved the House total of \$21,252,600 for Highways. Objec-
tion was heard. He read a letter from the Commissioner of Highways
asserting that the Senate figure is too deep and that they need
restored
\$1,297,700/or it will be necessary to close the Anchorage Fairbanks
Highway. Mr. Fink said that he personally could accept the Senate
figure for Administration but not in Maintenance. After discussion,
Senator Butrovich moved the Senate figure of \$4,885,900 for
Administration and a figure of \$15,700,800 for Maintenance. There
was objection.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m.

After Recess
1:45 p.m.

Mr. Hohman called the meeting back to order.

ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Sen. Butrovich stated that he had just received a call from Mr.
Maddox in the Small Business Development Corporation, stating
that if money is appropriated so that they can make loans, the
federal match is 20-1. Sen. Butrovich had agreed to report his
request to the committee. After discussion, the committee decided
not to reopen the Department.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Hohman moved a total for the Department of Highways of

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\$20,585,900, which is the Senate figure for Administration and \$15,700,000 for Maintenance, with a LETTER OF INTENT that \$50,000 is for Cycle Maintenance in the Interior. No objection, so ordered.

LEGISLATURE

Mr. Fink moved to accept the Senate figure for Legislative Council, Legislature and Legislative Affairs. There was discussion on the Pipeline Impact Committee, with the House funded at the Revised Governor's Allowance of \$102,000 and the Senate cut to \$50,000. Mr. Warwick is on the Pipeline Impact Committee, and he expressed the feeling that \$50,000 will not allow enough to make it worthwhile. He was asked what will happen if the permit is issued, and he said that then the committee will be in more of an advisory capacity to the legislature. It was noted that if this is cut they will just have to realign their budget.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
Friday, May 7, 1971
9:20 a.m.

Present: All members. Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order.

LEGISLATURE Committee returned to their discussion of the Pipeline Impact Committee. Mr. Hohman moved the House figure of \$102,000. Sen. Palmer amended that figure to \$75,000. Motion carried. Sen. Palmer asked if the House figure for Legislative Council, Legislature and Legislative Affairs includes funds for interim secretaries for the President and Speaker. Mr. Hohman said nothing was lined out. A motion was made to accept the House figure for Legislative Council, Legislature and Legislative Affairs of \$1,913,600, \$75,000 for Pipeline Impact, and \$453,600, the House figure, for Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, along with footnotes four and five on the combined analysis. Motion carried.

NATURAL
RESOURCES
ADMIN.

Sen. Ray moved the Senate figure of \$260,100 for Administration. No objection, so ordered.

LAND
MGMT.

Objection was made to the Senate figure for Land Management. It was noted that the Commissioner had written asking that the \$100,000 for North Tee Harbor Subdivision access road be taken out and the operating expenses returned. Sen. Ray said that the committee did not take the \$100,000 out of the operating expenses--the budget was cut on its own merits and then the \$100,000 was added back in. This will make \$300,000 for the state--if it is not funded, a private developer will do the work and the state will lose \$200,000. Sen. Butrovich said that he felt the \$100,000 will be a wise move. Sen. Ray called the Commissioner. Meanwhile, Mr. Warwick proposed funding 1/2 of the Pipeline Construction Monitoring, which neither committee had funded--Governor's request

was \$500,000.

Mr. Warwick noted that even with the House's additional \$100,000 in Land Management, they still are below the Senate figure.

Sen. Palmer asked about Vacancy and Turnover in Land Management and was told that the Senate took \$55,000.

Mr. Hohman moved \$2,252,800 for Land Management, to include both the House and Senate footnotes. Motion carried.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Mr. Warwick noted that it appeared that the Senate had cut out the Aeromagnetic program. Sen. Butrovich said that the feeling had been expressed by some legislators that this would be in competition with private people. Mr. Warwick said that the Commissioner had said this was untrue. Sen. Ray moved a figure of \$775,000. No objection, so ordered.

OIL & GAS

Mr. Fink said that he felt even the House figure of \$398,300 needed to be increased for Oil and Gas. (Senate figure is \$369,300). He wanted to add a Petroleum Reservoir Engineer. He explained that the Governor's Revised Allowance deleted this position as it has been vacant more than 9 months, but the reason it has been vacant is the Personnel Rules, which will not allow them to hire the man they want for the job. Sen. Ray moved a total for the Division of \$420,000. Mr. Fink amended this to \$430,000. Sen. Palmer amended to \$425,000 and the committee finally decided on a figure of \$423,000 for the Division of Oil and Gas, with a footnote that this position of Petroleum Reservoir Engineer is to be put back in.

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Fink moved the Senate figure of \$106,500 for Office of Director and \$51,600 for Plant Industry. Sen. Butrovich said that he felt the House has to accept the Senate figure for Small Grain Incentive of \$80,000, since that is the statutory amount. Sen. Palmer

indicated that he would prefer the House figure of \$261,800 over the Senate figure of \$232,300 for Animal Industry. Mr. Fink noted that Mr. Wallington has asked that \$100,000 be restored to the operating budget rather than to the Loan Fund Capital which the Senate increased by \$100,000. Here again, Sen. Ray pointed out that the committee did not take from the operating budget to give to the Loan Fund. The budget was cut independent of the addition. Sen. Butrovich moved a figure of \$200,000 for Loan Fund Capital. Sen. Palmer wanted a letter of intent.

The following figures were moved for Agriculture:

Office of Director	\$106,500	Senate figure
Plant Industry	51,600	Senate figure
Animal Industry	261,800	House figure
Loan Fund Admin.	76,300	Same
Loan Fund Capital	200,000	
Small Grain Incentive	80,000	Senate figure

The figures were accepted and the total for Division of Agriculture is \$776,200.

DIVISION OF PARKS

Mr. Fink moved the House figure of \$864,500 for Division of Parks. Sen. Ray objected. Mr. Fink said that according to the Department if the Senate figure of \$678,600 is adopted, 1/3 of the parks and facilities in the state will have to be closed down. Sen. Butrovich moved the Senate figure of \$171,500 for Office of the Director, Senate figure of \$94,800 for Planning, House figure of \$425,800 for Operations and Maintenance and \$86,500 for Construction, which is the same in both budgets, giving a total for Parks of \$778,600. No objection, so ordered.

The committee voted to add \$250,000 for Pipeline Construction Monitoring, per Mr. Warwick's suggestion, and to fund one-half of the House's Geophysical program, which House funded at \$500,000, FCC allowance being \$250,000. Total for the Department of Natural Resources is then \$5,765,700. It was so moved and there being no

TOTAL

objection, so ordered.

EDUCATION

Scholar-
ship Loan

Mr. Fink noted that Scholarship Loans could be changed to Scholarship Loan Revolving Fund, per HB 415. Sen. Butrovich moved \$1,400,000 for Scholarship Loan Revolving Fund. Mr. Hohman objected and said he would be willing to compromise at \$2,000,000. Sen. Ray objected and said he would be willing to go \$1.5 million.

Educational
Broadcasting

Going on to Educational Broadcasting, Mr. Fink moved \$808,800, which includes \$50,000 for the radio station in Kotzebue per Senate budget. No agreement could be reached.

Foundation
Program

Under Foundation Program, Sen. Ray said that he wants a footnote of INTENT to the effect that only valid district requests will be funded.

Educational
Broadcasting

Mr. Fink again moved \$808,800 for Educational Broadcasting. Sen. Ray objected. Sen. Ray moved \$1.5 million on Scholarship Loans and \$2.8 million on Debt Service.

Recess:

Meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

After Recess
1:40 p.m.

HEALTH &
WELFARE

CORRECTIONS

The committee returned to discussion of the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Corrections which is the only area not closed out in that department. The problem is that the House feels the Senate cut too deeply, and Mr. Fink again referred to the letter stating that if Senate figures are accepted, they will have to close down Alcantra. Sen. Ray again expressed that he feels that is not true, that is not necessary, and that the difference between House and Senate figures for Alcantra is vacancy and turnover. He noted that probation officers all were reclassified. The only changes made in Corrections were in Codes 100, 200 and 900.

Sen. Butrovich moved that the Senate figure for Administration and Care of Prisoners, \$2,232,500 and \$4,025,500, be accepted and the House figures for Care of Juveniles, \$2,955,700, be accepted. No objection, so ordered. Total for Corrections is \$8,213,700. Total for Department of Health and Welfare is \$48,629,700.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS Mr. Fink asked about the Environmental Affairs Department.

Committee decided to allow the Governor the \$500,000 he had requested in addition to the transfers from other departments. It was noted, however, that the transfers are to be made at the figures the FCC had voted on, not on the Governor's figures. Mr. Freer agreed to put together the figures for this.

COMMERCE

There was discussion on reopening the Department of Commerce, Senator Ray said that there had been testimony on the benefits of automatic welding process, and that the suggestion had been made to add \$60,000 to Occupational Licensing for field testing of this. Mr. Hohman moved \$1.5 million for Scholarship Loans, \$808,800 for Educational Broadcasting and \$2.8 for Debt Service. Senator Ray amended the motion to \$1.5 million for Scholarship Loans and \$2.8 million for debt service. Mr. Hohman withdrew his motion. On vote of Sen. Ray's motion, \$1.5 million and \$2.8 million, it carried 5-1. Sen. Palmer reminded the committee that \$225,000 needs to be added as a line item for communities that paid cash for their schools. Sen. Butrovich asked if that couldn't be taken out of the \$2.8 million with a footnote. It was suggested that \$3 million be appropriated, with the \$225,000 to come out of that with a footnote to that effect. Mr. Fink moved \$808,800 for Educational Broadcasting. Objection was heard. Motion failed.

EDUCATION

Mr. Warwick moved that \$200,000 for consumer protection be added into the Dept. of Commerce. Objection was heard and on vote the

motion failed.

Mr. Warwick raised the subject of the Governor's pipeline Public Relations Committee, for which he has requested \$500,000. In the interest of economy, Mr. Fink moved the figure for the Environmental Affairs Department, \$75,000 for the Governor's committee, and \$808,800 for Educational Broadcasting. Motion failed.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m.

After Recess
5:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

Mr. Hohman moved \$808,800 for Educational Broadcasting. Sen. Ray objected. Mr. Hohman amended his motion to \$181,800. Sen. Ray objected. Mr. Hohman amended his motion to \$131,800. Sen. Ray objected.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m.

After Recess
6:00 p.m.

GOV'S.
OFFICE

The Governor's Office was opened. The committee voted to add \$100,000 to the Governor's Contingency Fund, so that if he wants to fund the pipeline Public Relations Committee he may do so.

EDUCATION

State
Libraries

LEG. INTENT

Mr. Warwick moved that the House footnote for State Libraries be added in Education. This provides for indexing, along with LEGISLATIVE INTENT that the Legislature will not entertain a supplemental for this next year.

DEBT SVC.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that a figure of \$21,310,000 be accepted for Debt Service. No objection, so ordered.

EDUCATION

It was brought up that there is an \$800,000 surplus in this year's School Foundation Program, and a supplemental request for additional monies for Pupil Transportation. The Department of Education could transfer these funds, but needs direction and so the House

decided that a LETTER OF INTENT to transfer the monies was preferable to the Governor's supplemental. The surplus in the Foundation program, if it is not transferred, will be prorated to the communities not on need. Mr. Freer was asked if by Executive Order the monies could be transferred and he said yes. A motion to have a letter of intent on this was made, but on vote failed, so the Governor will have to take care of this.

ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS

Total figure for Environmental Affairs of \$2,874,100 was unanimously accepted.

GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE

Contingency
Fund

Mr. Fink moved to add \$100,000 to the Contingency Fund in the Governor's Office in lieu of the Pipeline P-R Committee. Motion carried.

Lt. Governor

Sen. Ray said that he would like additional funds added to the Lieutenant Governor's Office per request from the Lt. Governor. He said that an Election Supervisor and a 6 month temporary position are being requested. Also travel and per diem increase for Director of Elections. He did not, however, feel that this was important. He was particularly concerned about the Contractual Services, however, which involves registration of voters. Sen. Ray requested that \$20,000 be added to the Lt. Governor's budget. After discussion, committee finally increased their original allowance of \$409,900 to \$430,000.

SALARY INCREASE
STATE
EMPLOYEES

Sen. Ray moved an 8% salary increase for state employees with the longevity provision. Objection was heard and on vote motion failed, 2-4. Mr. Fink moved 2% and steps G and H. Sen. Ray objected and motion failed. Mr. Hohman moved a 4% increase and the longevity provision. Objection was heard and on vote motion failed. Mr. Fink moved a flat 4%, general fund figure at \$6,000,000, and the motion

carried, 4-2, Senators Ray and Hohman voting no. Mr. Hohman moved \$350,000 in Security benefits to cover HB 159. Objection was heard and motion failed. Sen. Palmer moved \$75,000 to cover SB 304. No objection, so ordered.

CAPITAL
PROJECTS

The Senate in its budget had not specified specific capital improvements projects, and so they went through the Senate Finance Committee priorities.

OFFICE OF
GOVERNOR

House projects were agreed with, with the exception of the City of Ketchikan Figure, which was reduced by \$20,000--that \$20,000 then being appropriated for Port Chilkoot. Mr. Fink objected and called for the question. Motion failed. However, it was then noted that these are the Senate Committee's priorities and FCC decided not to act on them until the whole package was presented.

ADMINIS-
TRATION

Senate Finance accepted the \$50,000 for St. Michael's Cathedral, but had only 1 vote for the \$270,000 North Star Borough Urban Renewal Project. Mr. Hohman noted that here he would like added in \$9,000 for repair of the roof at Baranof House (Erskine House) in Kodiak. Sen. Ray said there was only one vote in Senate Finance for Nenana High School, 2 for the Nome High School and 2 for the Haines High School, which Sen. Ray proposed.

EDUCATION

HEALTH &
WELFARE

There were not votes for the Recreational Camp at Harborview in the Senate Finance Committee.

A majority of Senate Finance supported the Treatment Center.

NATURAL
RESOURCES

A majority of the Senate Finance Committee supported \$50,000 for Haines State Fair Building and \$50,000 for Ninilchik State Fair Building. Mr. Warwick proposed that \$50,000 each be added for building in Fairbanks and Palmer.

PUBLIC
WORKS

There were only three votes for Community Recreation Planning in the Senate Finance Committee.

Sen. Ray noted that the Department came in with a corrected figure for International, Trunk and Secondary Airports of \$22,917,000. There was a majority of the Senate Finance Committee who voted for State Building Site Acquisition. There was only one vote for renovation of the Attorney General's offices on 4th floor, Capitol. Going over Waters and Harbors Projects, the Senate added projects, in keeping with the increase in the Motor Fuel Tax, totaling \$2,758,000. Projects to be added are: Cordova Harbor Facility, King Cove, Juneau Harbor Facility, Hoonah Harbor Facility, Ketchikan Harbor Facility, Haines Harbor Facility, Boat Launching Ramps, Assorted Knutson Cove, Kodiak, Auke Bay. Mr. Warwick wanted Big Delta specified in Boat Launching Ramps, and Mr. Hohman wanted Anton Larson added.

There was question on these priorities and the way in which they are handled so the House decided to meet with them tomorrow.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Saturday, May 8, 1971
11:00 a.m.

Present: All members.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order.

SALARY
INCREASE

Mr. Hohman pointed out that the \$3.6 million figure for the Salary Increase voted on yesterday is only the general fund portion of the Salary Increase, the total being \$3,875,000. Sen. Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the total be amended to that figure. No objection, so ordered.

It was noted that the Revenue Sharing figure needs to be increased per SB 42 for the Hospitals. However, the committee did not have the figures at hand and so went on, with the intent of returning to Department of Administration to increase this figure.

CAPITAL
PROJECTS

Going through Capital Projects, Mr. Hohman moved \$146,000 for City of Ketchikan in Office of the Governor. Sen. Ray objected. He

Office of
Governor

moved \$126,000 for Ketchikan and \$20,000 for Port Chilkoot.

The committee decided they would fund Ketchikan at the full \$146,000 and in addition fund Port Chilkoot. Mr. Hohman moved the following figures for totem pole restoration: Ketchikan, \$146,000; Port Chilkoot, \$20,000; Saxman, \$10,000; Hydaburg, \$15,000; Klawock, \$20,000. Motion carried making the total for Office of the Governor \$211,000. Sen. Ray moved \$50,000 for St. Michael's Cathedral Fund. No objection, so ordered.

Adminis-
tration

It was moved that \$270,000 be appropriated for the North Star Borough Urban Renewal Project. Sen. Ray objected, not because he did not think it was a worthwhile project, he insisted, but because he felt that with so many communities with urban renewal projects, it was setting a precedent the state would not be able to follow up on financially. However, motion carried.

Mr. Hohman moved \$9,000 for roof repair at Erskine House in Kodiak. No objection, so ordered. The total for Administration is \$329,000. [This was later increased.]

Mr. Freer asked about the funding on these projects--whether they were out and out grants. The committee decided to put in clarifying language stating that these are grants to the building funds.

Education Mr. Hohman moved \$850,000 for the Nenana High School. Senators Palmer and Ray objected. Motion carried, however. Sen. Ray then moved the following: Nenana High School Multipurposes Facility, \$850,000; Nome Elementary School, Addition, \$1,553,000; Heely Multipurpose Room, \$400,000; Galena, relocatables for 9th and 10th grades, \$150,000; Haines academic facilities, \$750,000; for a total of \$3,703,000. Motion carried. There was INTENT for Haines that this be considered their share of debt service.

INTENT

Health & Welfare

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for \$40,000 for the Recreational Camp Harborview Hospital. Sen. Ray objected.

Recess: Meeting recessed.

After Recess
11:40 a.m.

Sen. Ray withdrew his objection and moved the total \$190,000-- of which \$40,000 was for the Recreational Camp and \$150,000 for the Alaska Treatment Center. No objection, so ordered.

Resources Sen. Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that \$50,000 each be appropriated for fair buildings in Haines, Ninilchik, Palmer and Fairbanks. No objection, so ordered.

Fish & Game

Mr. Fink moved \$180,000 for the Governor's Stream Rehabilitation Program. No objection, so ordered.

Public Works

Mr. Hohman moved \$200,000 for Municipal, Civic Convention and Community Recreation Center Planning (HB 119).

[Economic
Development]

Sen. Palmer asked Mr. Fink if he thought this a good use of money. Mr. Fink said yes, although he would have preferred the bill to have had a ceiling. Mr. Warwick wondered if Public Works was an appropriate place for this \$200,000 and the committee decided it should go under the Department of Health and Welfare instead. The figure was again moved and being no objection, it was so ordered. Mr. Hohman moved the amended figure of \$22,917,400 for International, Trunk and Secondary Airports, and he moved \$600,000 for Site Improvement and Land Acquisition. No objection, so ordered. He moved and asked unanimous consent for \$830,000 for Renovation of the Attorney General's Offices. Sen. Palmer objected, since it would be done over again in a couple of years for the Legislature, and he felt that the state could not afford such temporary renovation. On vote the motion failed.

After discussion on how to handle Waters and Harbors, the committee agreed to list the projects listed in the Department's priority list, along with Anton Larson Bay and Haines, but listing no dollar amounts. This way, if the increase for watercraft fuel tax does not pass, the Department priorities will be taken care of. Mr. Hohman moved that \$50,000 be included for the Bethel Water System. Sen. Ray objected.

Recess: Meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m.

After Recess

Operating
Budget

The committee voted on the subjects at the end of the bill, and then returned to the Operating Budget to make some changes.

COMMERCE

It was moved and unanimous consent requested that \$60,000 additional be added to the Department of Commerce in Occupation Licensing with a note that the money is to be used for field test of automatic pipe-

line welding processes. No objection, so ordered. The new total for Occupational Licensing is \$321,200, and the total for Commerce is \$2,827,200.

ADMINIS-
TRATION

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent that \$600,000 be added to Municipal Services Revenue Sharing for state aid to hospitals, health facilities, and services as provided in SB 42. No objection, so ordered. This brings the total for Revenue Sharing to \$7,100,000. The committee also voted to add \$225,000 for National Guard accident settlement. The new total for Administration is \$14,281,700.

CAPITAL
PROJECTS

Mr. Fink moved that \$295,500 be added for Court System Capital Projects. Objection was heard and the motion failed. Mr. Hohman again brought up the subject of the Bethel Water System. After discussion, the committee agreed to add \$50,000 for the Bethel Water System in capital projects, under Administration, bring that total to \$379,000.

OFFICE OF
GOVERNOR

Mr. Warwick moved that a line item be added to Office of the Governor for Disaster Relief funding in the amount of \$250,000. Objection was heard and on vote the motion failed 2-4.

FISH &
GAME

Sen. Palmer moved that in Protection, Fish and Game, a footnote be added that funds are to include funding for a 25 foot or larger vessel and a protection officer for enforcement on Cook Inlet. The motion carried.

Recess: Meeting recessed.

After Recess
4:15 p.m.

The committee met briefly to look over LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, May 9, 1971
11:00 a.m.

Present: All members.

Chairman Hohman called the meeting to order. He moved and asked unanimous consent that FCCSSCSCSHB 58 amended be reported out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. No objection, so ordered.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 18, 1972

10:45 a.m.

Senators Butrovich, Ray and Palmer; Representatives Hohmar, Fink and Ditman were present. From the press Mr. LaRocca and Mr. Sturgis were also present.

Representative Hohman called the meeting to order. Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Butrovich chair the meeting. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Butrovich suggested that the committee first consider the mechanics of the budget bills and the main differences in the Senate and House versions. This would include the vacancy and turnover factor.

The committee had a work draft copy of Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 518 which contained both the House and Senate figures. Senator Ray referred to section 3, line 28 (page 1) and asked how the House arrived at their figure. Representative Ditman explained that a large portion of the difference is due to the fact that the House used all general fund monies instead of Fish and Game funds. The Department of Fish and Game had requested that the House Finance Committee raise the license fees on the basis that the Fish and Game fund would be depleted.

Senator Ray then asked about the difference in section 4, line 10 (page 2). Mr. Fink stated that difference is that the House did not appropriate \$2.1 million in outdoor recreational facilities funding but left this for approval of the Budget and Audit Committee.

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent that the staff work together to prepare the details on the differences in these sections. No objection, so ordered.

The committee then reverted back to section 3, line 28 (page 1). Senator Butrovich questioned why the House decided to use general fund monies instead of the Fish and Game fund. Representative Fink said the House Finance Committee did not want to drain the Fish and Game fund. Senator Palmer said this is actually a question of whether or not they should increase the Fish and Game license fees and the reason for requesting the increase in fees is because the Fish and Game fund is being depleted. He said the House

is saying that in order to not deplete the fund so rapidly they will use general fund monies. Representative Fink agreed this could be interpreted in this way.

Senator Ray asked if it would be proper to have an executive session to discuss the specific financial implications of the State. He moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee have a 5 minute executive session. Senator Palmer objected, noting that he was bound to the Senate President to make this free conference an open session. Senator Butrovich said he felt there would be times when the committee would request an executive session. Senator Palmer sustained his objection.

Discussion followed. The motion for executive session carried 4 to 2 (Senator Palmer and Representative Hohman voting no) and the press left the room.

The committee then discussed how an open meeting would be handled and when it would be necessary for executive sessions. Senator Palmer said it was his understanding that there was a commitment by the press that the coverage would be handled in a responsible manner. Mr. Fink said he felt this should be discussed with the press. He said he felt the committee should extend the courtesy of granting a 5 minutes executive session to any member who requests this. He added that if this would not be extended to all members he would not vote for any executive session.

The press then returned to the meeting. Mr. Dick Freer, Deputy Commission of Administration, also entered the meeting.

Senator Ray asked Mr. LaRocca how the press coverage would be handled. Mr. LaRocca said it was his understanding that their coverage will be responsible and they will refrain from taking out of context any elements of discussion that might adversely affect the progress of the committee. He added that he could only speak for himself. Senator Palmer asked if Mr. LaRocca would agree this excludes publication of specific figures. Mr. LaRocca told the committee that no figures would be released which do not have the committee's final approval.

The Representatives were needed on the House floor and Representatives Hohman, Fink and Ditman left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

AFTER RECESS
4:37 P. M.

Present: All Members, Deputy Commissioner Freer and Ron Lind.

Chairman Butrovich called the meeting to order; he asked Mr. Hohman if we would be agreeable to an exchange of shortfrom budget; Mr. Hohman agreed, and the House and Senate members were provided with sets of shortfroms from the opposite house.

The committee determined that they would begin discussion with the Program Category Education.

EDUCATION

Dept. of Educ. Senator Ray stated that the House figure for Foundation Programs is \$3,400,000 over the Senate's figure; he requested an explanation from the House conferees, stating that the Administration had recommended \$69,000,000. Senator Palmer asked if the House had used the 19,250 figure for the instructional unit; Rep. Hohman stated that they had. Senator Ray explained that the Senate had taken out debt retirement, transportation and revenue sharing and just used the 19,250 per instructional unit.

Mr. Hogan stated that the House Finance Committee did not have shortforms on the Foundation Programs.

The committee discussed the various bills before the Legislature (including HB 441, HB 661 and CSHB 95) which might be funded by this section of the budget. Senator Ray stated that HB 441 was included in the Senate figure as was vocational education, but special education and minority culture were not.

Representative Hohman asked that this portion of the budget be bypassed to a later time.

Department of Education

Operating Programs for Rural Students

Boarding Home Program: Senator Ray stated that the Senate allowed no new positions in the category, while the House had. Rep. Hohman stated the only difference was in the way the House had handled the Vacancy and Turnover monies. Senator Ray stated the Senate's figure was \$30,000 below the Governor's because the Senate had allowed no new positions; he stated he was not

prepared to accept the House's formula on VTO predicated on a possibility that this is where the difference was. Senator Palmer suggested that the matter of VTO be discussed at this time and then the committee could go on from there.

Senator Ray stated that the Senate Finance Committee had gone through each position and either allowed it or disallowed it and then eliminated or allowed the support for that position. He stated it was his understanding that the House had not done this, and had allowed all new positions and a reserve account to be drawn on when the department's could certify that new positions were necessary. The fallacy of this approach, Senator Ray stated, was in leaving the support monies for the positions in the budget. Senator Ray stated that there were approximately \$1.5 million in support monies left in the House version of the budget without certification of positions other than the fact that they can be enacted if shown good cause.

Representative Fink said that one of the problems created by subtracting VTO was that part of the reason that there has been VTO was because the agencies did not have the money to fill the positions. He said that the House had attempted to take actual vacancy factors projected over the full year and then subtracted that from Personal Services (after adding in the Governor's VTO allowance) and putting that amount in reserve. If any agency has less vacancy and turnover than that amount, they can recoup that money from the reserve. Representative Fink stated that if the House authorized a position, they authorized it because they wanted it filled.

Senator Ray stated that the experience ratio factor over the past years has been through the formative years of the state government, and we pretty well know just about what the VTO is. The Senate questioned Budget and Management as to whether their VTO figures were too high, and they said they were not. Senator Ray stated that the main point was that the House had allowed support monies in the budget for positions that will not be instituted.

Representative Fink stated that the funds reserved for VTO in the House version are far in excess of what the Senate had taken out of Personal Services for VTO.

Senator Ray stated that, primarily, the Senate's budget was the Governor's budget; the differences between it and the House budget were in VTO and personal services.

Representative Fink stated that the House version of the budget reserved \$26 million in VTO.

Senator Ray stated the Governor's budget included \$157,890,000 in personal services; the personal services portion of the Senate budget is \$152,400,600 plus \$1,300,000 in support monies. He stated the difference between the two was \$7,000,000, and felt that a decision should be made.

Senator Butrovich stated that it seemed to him that in order to arrive at a decision, the committee would have to go through item by item on the basis of the shortforms.

The committee decided to go back to specific items.

Department of Education

Operating Programs for Rural Students

Dormitory Program: Senator Ray stated the House figure was 17.8 over the Governor's figure; Representative Fink stated the difference was all in VTO added to the Governor's recommended. Senator Ray asked Mr. Freer to comment on the VTO situation.

Mr. Freer stated that, speaking from the standpoint of the administration, the House approach was fine since it allowed the agencies to recoup the VTO monies if they can hire the personnel they have been authorized to hire. Senator Ray stated that if the administration had adopted that position, they should have made the Senate Finance Committee aware of it.

Senator Palmer asked that the committee settle this matter at this time. Representative Fink stated that taking a flat dollar amount out of the appropriation caused the agencies problems; the House system does not allow the agency to spend personal services or VTO funds elsewhere. Representative Fink stated that the actual VTO percentage in the state agencies ranged from 7.8 percent to 45 percent, and the House system varied with each agency.

Senator Palmer asked what was done during FY 72. Mr. Hogan stated that both systems were used. Representative Fink stated that last year they did not use the reserve concept; he stated further that the House system actually gives the agencies less monies than the Senate system by reserving the VTO amount.

Senator Butrovich asked if the House didn't appropriate a lot more money than the Governor. Representative Fink stated that the House system put \$26 million in reserve. Senator Butrovich asked how the House system would keep the agencies from spending the money. Representative Fink read the VTO language from the House Bill which explained this system of reserve.

Senator Butrovich asked what the end result of this method would be. Representative Fink stated that he thought there would be a VTO factor of some kind and that some agencies would pick up the difference and some would not. Senator Butrovich asked how VTO would be handled when positions were cut. Representative Fink stated that the percentages would apply to the final personal services figure; he stated the administration had taken out a much smaller amount for VTO.

Senator Ray commented that an Executive Order was in effect that no personal services monies would be transferred to other codes.

Senator Palmer suggested a compromise which would take the difference between the Senate and House VTO and cut the rest from personal services. Senator Ray stated that the committee couldn't appropriate more for VTO than the agency and the Governor asked for.

Mr. Hogan stated that the problem with the compromise was that the percentage figures would have to be reduced by some "x" factor to account for the amount you have taken out.

Senator Ray suggested that the committee take the House figure with the VTO percentage added in and the department could draw anywhere up to what the Senate allowed. Senator Palmer moved that VTO be handled in this way, and asked unanimous consent. Representative Hohman objected.

Representative Ditman suggested the committee look at page 25 of the House Education Shortform (Operating Programs for Rural Students, Dormitory Program) wherein the Governor's Recommended for Code 100 was 786.8, the House figure was 804.6 including 17.8 VTO, and the Senate figure was 786.8. Representative Fink stated that 193.5 of the total amount of Code 100 would be put into reserve under the House version, based on the actual VTO percentage computed by the House. The agency must show less VTO than 16.4 percent.

Senator Ray stated that this method forces the departments to hire extra people in order to use the money. Representative Fink stated that the other method gave this particular agency 17.8 thousand which could be moved to other areas.

Senator Butrovich stated that when the VTO money was put into a reserve, he did not feel that the committee would be cutting the request. He stated he would buy the system if it would cut the Governor's figure and cut the amount in reserve; otherwise, Senator Butrovich stated, the agencies would spend the money appropriated. He asked the House conferees if they would accept being 50% correct in their method.

Representative Fink stated that if positions were approved, he felt that the committee must want them filled.

Senator Palmer said that what Mr. Fink was saying was that in the example, the House was allowing them to use \$612 thousand and the difference between that and the \$786.8 thousand appropriated would go into a reserve. He suggested the amount in reserve be reduced by the amount of VTO taken out by the Governor and added back in by the House (17.8 in the example).

Representative Fink stated the Senate had accepted 786.8 and asked what the final figure would be under this compromise. Senator Palmer stated the final figure would be the Senate figure of 786.8, but the difference between 612 and 786.8 would be put in reserve, reducing the House original reserve from \$193 to \$175 thousand.

Recess The committee recessed at 5:40 p.m.

AFTER RECESS
6:00 P.M.

Representative Hohman asked the committee to consider the suggestion made by Senator Palmer. He restated it in terms of the example (Dormitory Program). Senator Palmer stated the House figure for personal services was 804.6; the Senate figure is 786.8. Senator Palmer said his understanding of the House position was that they had added 17.8 for VTO, but in addition to that amount the House version reserves \$175 thousand for a total of \$192 thousand in reserve which the House feels may be necessary and should be put in a reserve account. Senator Palmer stated his proposal would be to take the \$17.8 from the \$192.0 and put the balance (\$175.0) into a reserve fund--adopt the Senate figure.

Representative Ditman said this would be a 2% reduction in the VTO factor. Representative Fink stated he would be in favor of this compromise if a percentage factor were applied. Senator Palmer suggested the matter be handled a department at a time. Senator Ray suggested that the committee begin and try.

Senator Ray moved the dormitory program at the Senate figure with application of a VTO reserve predicated on a reduction in percentage as allowed by the House and asked unanimous consent. Representatives Fink and Hohman objected and asked that the matter be discussed over the evening and taken up the next morning.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 19, 1972

8:15 a.m.

Present: All members. From the Department of Administration, Deputy Commissioner Freer, Mr. Charney and Mr. Lind, and Mr. Jacobs were also present. Mr. Joe LaRocca was also present.

Chairman Butrovich called the meeting to order.

EDUCATION

Department of Education

Operating Programs for Rural Students

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House figure for Boarding Home Program be adopted. Senator Palmer objected. He then withdrew his objection and the House figure was adopted unanimously.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate figure for Dormitory Program be adopted. This included a stipulation that 15% be held in reserve for vacancy and turnover. No objection, so ordered.

Both House and Senate figures for Correspondence Study were the same and this figure was adopted.

Administration and Support

The House and Senate figures for Board of Education were the same and this figure was adopted.

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate figure for Office of the Commissioner be adopted. No objection, so ordered. This included the 15% reserve for vacancy and turnover.

The House and Senate figures for Advisory Commissions were the same and this figure was adopted.

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Research, Planning & Information. No objection, so ordered. This included the 15% reserve for vacancy and turnover.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the Senate figure for Instructional Services. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the Senate figure for Vocational Education. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the Senate figure for Teacher Certification. No objection, so ordered.

The Senate and House figures for School Accreditation were the same and the committee adopted this figure.

The Senate and House figures for Staff Development were the same and the committee adopted this figure.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate figure for Director, Administrative Services be adopted. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate figures for Budget and Accounting, Secretarial Services and Administration of Federal Programs be adopted. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Hogan asked the committee for direction for the staff. He asked if in the cases where the Senate figure has been adopted the notes on the Senate's version should be used. He said the staff would delete any specific notations that are indicated by the committee. Senator Ray cautioned that vacancy and turnover be shown in reserve.

The Senate and House figures for School Lunch were the same and the committee adopted this figure.

Student Aid

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House figure for Scholarship Loan Program be adopted. Senator Ray objected. Discussion followed. Mr. Fink pointed out that this program is short \$425,000 for this year. He said he felt there was no question but what they needed the House figure to fully fund this program. Senator Ray pointed out that the House was above what the Governor was requesting. Senator Butrovich explained that the Senate had arrived at their figure by taking the request and adding the supplemental to this. Senator Palmer suggested that the committee go on to the next section.

State Library Network

Mr. Hohman said he felt the \$22,000 for a medical library should be included. Senator Ray moved \$600,000 which would include \$22,000 for the medical library. Mr. Hohman moved \$605,000. Senator Ray withdrew his motion. Senator Palmer moved \$600,000 with a footnote that this includes \$22,000 for the medical library and that vacancy and turnover be put in reserve. Senator Ray objected. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Ray voting no).

Educational Broadcasting Commission

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House figure for the Educational Broadcasting Commission be adopted. Senator Ray pointed out that the House figure was \$56,300 over the Governor's recommendation and \$11,000 over the agency's request. Mr. Hohman explained that the House figure contained \$64,500 for Kotzebue to start up their radio program. Senator Palmer said he was completely opposed to this. He said this had been put in as a capital expenditure last year on a one time basis and he did not feel they should come back each year for maintenance of this program. Mr. Hohman said if they are going to spend money on education this is the best way to do it. In answer to Senator Palmer, Mr. Hohman said that the terrestrial system and satellite system are entirely compatible -- this will provide a distribution system for the satellite. The committee decided to leave this section and go to the next.

Recess: The committee recessed at 9:07 a.m.

AFTER RECESS
9:20 a.m.

Adult Basic and Continuing Education

Mr. Ditman moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the Senate figure for Adult Basic Education. Mr. Hohman objected and then withdrew his objection. Motion carried unanimously.

The House and Senate figures for General Education Development were the same and the committee adopted this figure.

Mr. Fink explained that in Community College Support the House had put in \$900,000 so that vocational

education will be the same as academic education. Senator Butrovich pointed out that the Senate figure is over the Governor's recommendation. Mr. Ditman asked if the Senate agreed with the concept of vocational education being funded the same as academic education. Senator Butrovich said they have an executive budget and they did not feel they could do it all in one year. He said he could not agree to a 100 per cent increase. Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the House figure. Senator Butrovich suggested they go on to the next section of the bill.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the House figure (which is the same as the Governor's recommendation). No objection, so ordered.

Office of the Governor

WICHE Mr. Fink explained that there is a request to expand WICHE to include law students. Senator Ray explained that the Senate's problem is there is a lot of support to withdraw from this program because some people question why they should subsidize certain students. Senator Palmer said that these students go into professions of high income (dentists, etc.) yet the state is paying for their education. Senator Palmer asked how they could justify paying their expenses completely. Mr. Fink said there is a big problem in getting students admitted into these schools. Mr. Fink said he was in favor of students borrowing and paying their own way but it was his understanding WICHE is opening spots they would not get any other way. Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the Senate figure. Mr. Hohman objected. The motion failed 3 to 3 (Representatives Hohman, Fink and Ditman voting no). The committee went on to the next section.

Museums & Arts

Senator Ray moved the Senate figures which would eliminate the Transportation Museum in Anchorage. He said the testimony they had was that there was not much enthusiasm for this program. They should do something with it or eliminate it. Mr. Fink said he would like to check into this before a decision was reached. The committee then went to the next section.

Department of Health and Social Services

The House and Senate figures for Special Education Grants were the same and the committee adopted this figure.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the House figure for AMU Nursing Program is \$175,000 and that \$100,000 covers the incremental cost. The other \$75,000 is needed to cover regular cost of the on-going program. Mr. Jacobs said it is obviously not necessary to cover those costs since it is covered by student tuition. He said this would probably be less than \$100,000. Mr. Fink pointed out that this is the only viable nursing program in the state. Mr. Fink moved the House figure for AMU Nursing Program. The motion failed 3 to 3 (Senators Butrovich, Ray and Palmer voting no). The committee went on to the next section.

State Operated Schools

The committee could not agree on this agency and went on to the next section.

Recess: The committee recessed at 9:55 a.m.

AFTER RECESS
10:05 a.m.

University of Alaska

Southeastern

Mr. Freer said that the Legislature has never appropriated any other fund other than state general fund to the University. Mr. Fink said that the short form budgets show this breakdown.

Mr. Fink moved the Senate figures for Southeastern. Senator Ray objected. He said he felt the amount was too low in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan. Senator Ray moved \$600,000 for Southeastern. Mr. Fink objected. Senator Ray moved \$625,000. Mr. Fink objected. The committee discussed whether or not the consortium arrangement for Sitka/Sheldon Jackson should be included in this part of the budget. Mr. Hohman said he felt that they should give HOUSE BILL NO. 814 which included the consortium arrangement a chance to work.

Mr. Fink explained that the House had used the model in determining their amounts for the University.

Mr. Fink said he felt the budget bill for the University should include 4 items on the right hand side of the bill (Southeastern, Southcentral, College, and Central Governance) and the University should not be able to adjust within these 4 items without approval from Budget and Audit.

Recess: The committee recessed at 10:40 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

11:00 a.m.

Mr. Ditman moved \$600,000 for Southeastern, \$6,000,000 for Southcentral and \$22,000,000 for College. The additional amount in College would take into account extra funding for Instruction and Departmental Research. Mr. Ditman explained that this was an area in which Mr. Warwick had expressed much concern. Senator Ray pointed out that this motion is \$500,000 over the House version and \$3 million over the Senate version. Mr. Ditman said it is \$200,000 under the agency's request.

Mr. Fink suggested a breakdown on the left hand side of the bill to list each of the colleges and he said these figures would be non-binding.

Mr. Hohman said his concern is that the Kuskowkim Community College request be recognized. Senator Palmer asked how this request can be justified. Mr. Hohman said he would like to indicate it is the intent of the legislature if this college can be justified to the Regents that it shall be established. Senator Palmer said he was willing to say if it can be justified to the Regents it is to be funded but he was not willing to say it is his intent that it be done.

There was a Senate conference at 11:05 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

11:15 a.m.

Senator Palmer moved to amend Mr. Ditman's motion to read \$650,000 in Southeastern to include the consortium for Sitka, that it be broken down on the left and right columns as suggested by Mr. Fink, with a letter of intent that the breakdown for the left column does not necessarily indicate legislative intent.

The committee discussed whether or not a college for a community college at Kuskokwim could be justified. Senator Palmer asked if a community college could be created if it was not justified. Mr. Don Dafoe, University of Alaska, told the committee that theoretically it could not. He said that the way a community college is created is that the community requests this and then the regents make the decision.

Mr. Hohman said he did not agree with Senator Palmer and felt a positive statement on this would be more in order. Senator Palmer said he felt this should be left up to the regents.

The committee then discussed whether or not intent would be shown by listing the columns for the colleges on the left hand side of the bill.

Mr. Hohman said that since Senate Palmer had requested justification for the Kuskowkim Community College he would request that the committee hear testimony from Mr. Jon Buchholdt who had prepared a report on this.

Mr. Buchholdt said they have identified 300 students in the surrounding area and this is equivalent to 240 FTE's. He referred to his report on this noting that the students would receive their formal training in Bethel. He said this would become a bilingual program and he felt the requested money would provide the University with the means to come up with the necessary curriculum. In answer to Senator Palmer, Mr. Buchholdt said that adult basic education would be a very important part of this program.

Mr. Hogan distributed language that had been suggested by the Attorney General for wording that could be included in the bill regarding appropriations and allocations. The committee did not agree with this language. Mr. Fink suggested the wording "The amounts shown in the appropriation column are binding appropriations and the amounts shown in the allocation column are not binding."

Mr. Hohman said he would not object to a statement like this which would apply to the entire budget.

The motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Ray voting no) and the committee adopted \$650,000 for Southeastern, (breakdown shown on the short forms), \$6,000,000 for Southcentral (breakdown shown on the short forms) and \$22,000 for College (breakdown shown on the short forms). Both the Senate and House figures for Central Governance were the same and the committee adopted this.

The committee recessed at 12:07 p.m.

AFTER RECESS
2:05 p.m.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Department of Administration

Pioneer Homes

Senator Ray moved a total figure for Pioneer Homes. He explained this was the Governor's figure without vacancy and turnover. Senator Ray withdrew his motion. Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that they accept the Governor's figure. No objection, so ordered.

Department of Commerce

Veterans' Service Council

The Senate and House figures were the same and this figure was adopted.

Department of Education

Vocational Rehabilitation

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate figure be adopted for Counseling and Placement. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate figure be adopted for General Services to Clients. Mr. Hohman objected. Senator Palmer moved that the committee go on to the next section and instruct the staff to find the difference in the two figures.

Both the Senate and House figures were the same for Specialized Facilities and this was adopted.

Both the Senate and House figures were the same for Minor Medical and this was adopted.

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Senate figure for Administration. No objection, so ordered.

Institutional Manpower Training

Senator Ray moved the Senate figure for MDTA Vocational Education. Mr. Hohman objected. Mr. Fink explained that \$400,000 had been deleted from the budget but it had to be added back in. This amount is for the Seward Skill Center.

Mr. Freer said the Governor is supporting the additional \$400,000. Senator Ray objected to this. Mr. Hohman moved the House figure with vacancy and turnover taken out. Senator Ray requested that they move on to the next section of the bill.

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee accept the Senate figure for Skill Center (with the vacancy and turnover held in reserve). No objection, so ordered.

Office of the Governor

Pioneers' Homes

Both Senate and House figures were the same for the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board and this was accepted by the committee.

Neighborhood Youth Corps

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the Senate figure for Neighborhood Youth Corps. No objection, so ordered.

Emergency Employment Act

The committee discussed the Emergency Employment Act. Both the Senate and the House had deleted \$20.5 million for Title IV funds. Mr. Hohman requested that the staff find out if this is in the same category as the Title IV funding.

Manpower Planning

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Manpower Planning. No objection, so ordered.

Department of Health and Social Services

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent that

the committee accept the Senate figure for Office of Aging.

Old Age Assistance

Mr. Hohman moved the House figure for Payments. Senator Ray objected. Senator Ray explained the Senate had gone over this very thoroughly and had used the staff's projections in arriving at their figure.

Mr. Hohman moved the House figure for Services noting this is the same as the Governor's recommendation. Senator Ray objected. The committee then considered whether Title IV monies could be used. They requested Mr. Freer to check into this.

Mr. Freer reported to the committee that he had contacted one of Mr. Scamon's people and he had indicated if state support was not less than it was last year there would be a good opportunity to get some of this federal funding. Senator Ray said they could accept \$425,000 for Services without jeopardizing any of this funding.

Senator Palmer moved \$425,000 for Services noting that this would allow \$50,000 additional to be a 25% match for federal money to be approved by Budget and Audit.

Mr. Freer's statement referred to Old Age Assistance Services and Aid to Disabled Services.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt a compromise figure for Payments. Mr. Hohman objected. Motion carried 5 to 1 (Mr. Hohman voting no).

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent that the House figure be adopted for Nursing Home Care. No objection, so ordered.

Office of Aging

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee rescind their action on the Office of Aging and that the House figure be adopted. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for an executive session. at 3:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS
3:50 p.m.

Senator Butrovich explained that the committee had decided to allow one newsman to cover the free conference and that the public would be excluded.

Mr. Steve Weiner, Associated Press, presented his feelings on this. He felt that there were different philosophies involved and that one reporter would not be satisfactory. Mr. Weiner and Mr. LaRocca then left the room.

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee allow Mr. LaRocca to be the pool reporter. No objection so ordered.

Old Age Assistance

Senator Palmer moved \$425,000 for Services which would allow \$50,000 for a 25 percent match for federal money to be approved by the Budget and Audit Committee. After a brief discussion this figure was accepted.

Senator Ray explained how the Senate had arrived at their figure for Administration & Support. Mr. Hohman asked how Budget and Management felt about this. Mr. Lind said they hoped that the Governor's recommendation would be supported. Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the House figure. No objection, so ordered.

Disabled

Aid to Blind

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figures for Aid to Blind. No objection, so ordered.

Aid to Disabled

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Payments. No objection, so ordered.

The House and Senate figures for Nursing Home Care were the same and the committee accepted this figure.

Senator Palmer moved \$177,000 for Services noting this would also provide the federal match (as discussed under Old Age Assistance).

The House and Senate figures were the same for Administration and Support and the committee accepted this figure.

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General Relief Medical

The House and Senate figures for Nursing Home Care were the same.

The committee could not reach a decision on Hospitalization.

The committee accepted the House figure for Physician Services.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House figure for Dental Care be accepted. Senator Ray objected. Discussion followed on whether or not extra dental care was needed.

At this point Alan Frank, Associated Press, entered the room and the committee listened to his explanation of why he felt he should be allowed to cover the free conference. The meeting recessed briefly and Mr. Frank was escorted from the room.

AFTER RECESS
5:10 p.m.

Senator Ray moved to amend the motion on Dental Care to the Senate figure. Mr. Fink objected. Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for a compromise figure for Dental Care. No objection, so ordered.

The committee accepted the House figures for Drugs and Homemaker Services.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for a compromise figure for Other Services. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent for \$200,000 for Administration and Support. Senator Ray objected. He said the Senate had disallowed one position and he did not feel that a compromise figure would work in this instance. Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Ray voting no).

Family Services

Senator Ray moved the Senate figure for Payments. No decision could be reached and the committee went to the next section.

Senator Palmer moved a compromise figure for Foster Care. Senator Ray objected. Motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Ray voting no).

Mr. Hohman moved a compromise figure for Institutional Care. Senator Ray objected. Motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Ray voting no).

Under Day Care the Senate version noted there had been double funding in this section. Mr. Vernon explained that he could find no evidence that there had been double funding. Senator Ray explained that the agency is requesting funding for FY 72 and the same amount for FY 73. Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Day Care. Mr. Hohman objected. The motion failed 4 to 2 (Mr. Fink and Mr. Hohman voting no). The committee went to the next section.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for \$102,000 for Homemaker Services. No objection, so ordered.

The committee then went back to Payments. The committee discussed the number of recipients.

Senator Palmer moved the Senate figure with intent to state that they intend to make up the deficit. Mr. Hohman moved to amend this to \$9.5 million. Senator Ray moved to amend this to \$9 million. Mr. Fink moved to smend this to \$9.3. Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent that this figure be adopted at \$9.2 million with a letter of intent that they will make up the deficit. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Palmer moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt a compromise figure for Day Care. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Senate figure for Adoption Services. He spoke briefly on this program noting that it is very worthwhile. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Palmer voting no).

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Marriage Counseling. No objection, so ordered.

The House and Senate figures were the same for Child Center.

Senator Palmer moved the Senate figure for Administration and Support. Motion failed 3 to 3 (Representatives voting no). The committee could not reach a decision on this section.

General Assistance

Senator Ray explained the rational for the Senate figure for Food Stamps. In answer to the committee, Mr. Lind gave the Governor's recommendation on this. Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for this figure. Mr. Hohman objected. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Mr. Hohman voting no).

The House and Senate figures were the same for Payments.

Senator Ray moved a compromise figure for Administration and Support. Mr. Hohman objected. The motion failed. Senator Ray explained that the Senate had reduced travel. Senator Ray restated his motion. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Mr. Hohman voting no).

WIN (AFDC)

Senator Butrovich moved the House figure for WIN (AFDC). Mr. Ditman objected. The motion failed 3 to 3 (Representatives voting no). Senator Butrovich moved the House figure. The motion failed 4 to 2 (Mr. Hohman and Mr. Fink voting no). Senator Palmer said he felt a compromise figure could be agreed on in this instance as the cuts were in contractual services. Senator Palmer moved a compromise figure. The motion failed. The committee could not reach a decision and moved on to the next section.

Family & Children Services Administration

Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for General. The motion failed 3 to 3 (Representatives voting no). The committee then discussed Operation Intercept. Mr. Hohman said it was his understanding that this is a good program and he felt it should be funded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for General and the House figure for Staff Development. No objection, so ordered.

Administration and Support

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure for Office of Commissioner. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Ray moved the Senate figure for Division of Administrative Services. Mr. Fink noted there is an additional \$400,000 in the Senate figure for the move of the Department of Health and Social Services and it was his understanding this was not needed. Senator Ray said if this was not needed it would merely lapse. Discussion followed.

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure. Senator Ray objected. The motion failed 4 to 2 (Senator Butrovich and Senator Ray voting no).

Department of Labor

Mr. Hohman moved the House figures for Other Employment Services for Disabled, Employment Service, Office of Commissioner, and Jobs, Regular and HIRE Program (under Job Training). Senator Ray moved to amend this motion to accept the Senate figure on Jobs, Optional (under Job Training). No objection, so ordered.

Senator Ray moved the Senate figure for WIN Program (also under Job Training). No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Fink requested a letter from the Administration regarding the move for the Department of Health and Social Services.

Adjournment:

Mr. Hohman moved for adjournment and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 20, 1972

8:25 a.m.

Present: All members. From the Department of Administration, Mr. Freer, and Mr. Lind were also present. Mr. Joe LaRocca was also present.

Senator Butrovich called the meeting to order.

HEALTH

Department of Health and Social Services

Public Health

The committee requested Budget and Management to check into Alaska Native Health Service. No decision was reached on this and the committee went into the next section.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for a compromise figure for General Nursing with the adjustment to reflect a cut of \$1,000 in equipment, code 500, with the remaining cut in travel, code 200. No objection, so ordered.

The House and Senate figures for Home Health Service were the same and the committee accepted this figure.

Mr. Hohman moved the House figure for Public Health Nursing Administration and Support. He then withdrew his motion. Senator Ray moved a compromise figure with a 9 percent vacancy and turnover to be held in reserve. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hohman moved the House figure for Tuberculosis Control. He explained the rationale behind the House figure. Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure. Senator Palmer objected. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Senator Palmer voting no).

Senator Butrovich moved the Senate figure for Community Health. Mr. Hohman objected. Senator Palmer suggested the committee go on to the next section.

After a brief discussion the committee adopted the Senate figure for Environmental Health and the House foot note concerning the two positions at Kenai and Nome (Senator Ray objected to the position at Kenai).

Mr. Ditman moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Family Planning. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Ditman moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure for Maternal & Child Care to include \$20,000 for dental care for children. No objection, so ordered.

The committee adopted a compromise figure for Crippled Children with the deletion to be in travel.

Senator Ray moved the Senate figure for Communicative Disorder. The motion carried unanimously. Senator Ray indicated that the Senate footnote was to be used.

Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Child Study Center. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure for Registry of Human Impairments. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Palmer moved a compromise figure for Regional Laboratories. Mr. Freer noted there were three positions in this budget that had been approved by Executive Order. Senator Palmer requested that the Administration check into this contract. The motion failed 4 to 2 (Mr. Fink and Hohman voting no).

Mr. Fink moved the House figure for Laboratories Administration and Support plus an additional \$50,000 to fund the move for the Lab. There was discussion on where this amount should be included. Mr. Freer said as long as they are moving just the Lab this would be the proper place but if they are moving the entire Department it should be placed in Administrative Services. Mr. Vernon indicated there was an additional amount requested for rental space. Mr. Vernon reported the amount necessary for rental at the new location. Mr. Fink then moved a figure to include this. No decision was reached and the committee then went to the next section.

The committee accepted the Senate figure for General Health Education.

The committee accepted the Senate figure for Administration and Support Administration.

Both the Senate and House figures for Grants to Greater Anchorage Area Borough Health Department and Medical Social were the same and these were accepted.

Mental Health

The committee accepted a compromise figure for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute.

Mr. Ditman moved and asked unanimous consent for a compromise figure for Harborview Memorial Hospital. No objection, so ordered.

The Senate and House figures for Haven Acres were the same.

Senator Butrovich moved the Senate figure for Hope Cottage. Discussion followed on this. Representative Wright testified before the committee that the Senate figure (which was the same as the Governor's) would eliminate this. He said there are many parents in Anchorage who want to keep their children in this home. Mr. Hohman moved and asked unanimous consent that the committee adopt the House figure for Hope Cottage. The motion carried.

The House and Senate figures were the same for Other Hospitals.

Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Senate figures for State-Operated Mental Health Centers. Mr. Hohman objected and then withdrew his objection. The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Community Operated Mental Health Centers. No objection, so ordered. The House and Senate figures were the same on this.

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Administration and Support. No objection, so ordered.

Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent for the House figure for Developmental Disabilities, Grant and Consultation. No objection, so ordered.

Alcoholism

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Grants to Local Programs. Mr. Hohman objected.

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

AFTER RECESS

10:30 a.m.

Senator Ray restated his motion for the Senate figure for Grants to Local Programs. Mr. Hohman objected. The motion carried 5 to 1 (Mr. Hohman voting no) and the Senate figure was adopted.

Senator Ray moved the Senate figure for Administration and Consultation. Mr. Hohman objected. Senator Ray explained what the Senate version had deleted. The House version had allowed the new position for Internal Auditor. Mr. Fink moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the House figure. Senator Ray objected. In answer to Mr. Hohman, Mr. Lind explained that one of the regulations for Title IV money is that the program cannot be less than it was the year before. The motion for the House figure carried 5 to 1 (Senator Ray voting no).

Drug Abuse

Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Drug Abuse. No objection, so ordered.

Comprehensive Health Planning

Senator Butrovich moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Comprehensive Health Planning and Facilities Development. Mr. Ditman objected. Mr. Ditman withdrew his objection. Mr. Hohman moved a compromise figure which he noted was the same as the Governor's recommendation. No action was taken at this time.

Recess: The Committee recessed at 10:50 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

Senator Palmer moved the Senate figure on Comprehensive Health Planning and Facilities Development, the House figure on Facilities Development Grants and the House figure on Certification of Facilities. No objection, so ordered. Senator Palmer indicated the Senate footnotes on outside travel would be used for Comprehensive Health Planning and Facilities Development.

Mr. Steve Weiner entered the meeting. He explained his position to the committee. He felt that he should be allowed to cover the Free Conference. Mr. Weiner then left the meeting.

Mr. Fink moved that the committee accept the House figures for the Department of Environmental Conservation, minus the vacancy and turnover, and the Senate's figures for the Department of Fish and Game (except for the Habitat section). This motion was not acceptable. Mr. Fink withdrew his motion.

Recess: The Representatives called for a House caucus at 1:40 p.m.

AFTER RECESS
1:55 p.m.

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Department of Environmental Conservation

Quality Control

Senator Butrovich moved a compromise figure for Water Quality. Mr. Fink objected. The motion failed 3 to 3 (Representatives voting no).

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figure for Air Quality. Mr. Ditman and Mr. Hohman objected. The committee decided to go to the next section of the bill.

Department of Fish and Game

Sport Fish

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for all the Senate figures in Research. No objection, so ordered.

Senator Ray moved and asked unanimous consent for the Senate figures for Management with vacancy and turnover to be held in reserve. This motion was also to include Sport Fish Restoration and Administration and Support. No objection, so ordered.

Commercial Fish