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FY 78
BUDGETED NEW POSITIONS BY CATEGORY

<u>TITLE</u>	* * * <u>GOVERNOR APPROVED POSITIONS</u>	<u>GOVERNOR SALARY & BENEFITS</u>	* * * <u>HOUSE APPROVED POSITIONS</u>	<u>HOUSE SALARY & BENEFITS</u>	* * * <u>SENATE APPROVED POSITIONS</u>	<u>SENATE SALARY & BENEFITS</u>
EDUCATION	19	356.5	16	302.1	6	148.0
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA	8	346.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	172	2928.2	148	1754.6	154	1901.8
HEALTH	21	439.4	13	218.3	17	351.2
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	89	2763.0	66	2442.7	53	2010.8
PUBLIC PROTECTION	29	606.3	23	462.0	27	687.6
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	131	3090.3	93	2164.9	80	1949.6
DEVELOPMENT	10	195.9	10	209.2	7	133.6
TRANSPORTATION	55	2131.6	55	2131.6	55	2131.6
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>88</u>	<u>2114.3</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>1620.6</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1307.4</u>
 TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	 622	 14,971.8	 493	 11,306.0	 454	 10,621.6



Alaska State Legislature

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JUNEAU ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Commissioners

FROM: J. H. Hogan, Director
Legislative Finance Division

SUBJECT: Free Conference Budget Reports

As in past years, the Free Conference Committee report on the FY 1978 Operating and Capital Budget has been printed for distribution to State agencies. Each of the volumes begins with a comparison of the operating and capital budget versions, i.e., Governor, House, Senate, Free Conference. This comparison sheet also serves as an index to the component detail which makes up the body of the volume. Following the budget comparison pages, we have inserted a new listing containing operating budget totals for the category. Another new listing shows new positions approved by category, and is located on the last page of each volume.

Two cautionary notes are in order. This year in the detail or component budget summary section of each volume we have included information on revised programs (FY 77 RP), Supplemental Appropriations (FY 77 Sup), and Special Appropriations and bills funded through fiscal notes (Bills). For any one component, the information shown in these columns is the sum of the revised programs or bills shown in the footnotes at the bottom of the page. With the exception of bills funded through fiscal notes, these items are not appropriated in the General Appropriations Act. They were included in the various runs to provide finance committee members with information concerning other possible funding sources for any given program. Thus, "appropriations" and positions shown in these columns are dependent upon passage and approval of the revised program or bill in question and proper authorization for the use of the funds or establishment of the positions by Budget and Management.

As in past years, several State agencies discovered to their sorrow that bills for which fiscal notes had been prepared had passed the Legislature but received no funding via the fiscal note process in the General Appropriations Act. Again, this occurred primarily because the bills in question did not receive a finance committee referral; amounts for them were thus not placed on our list of bills to bring before the Free Conference Committee for inclusion in the Budget.

FY 78
BUDGETED NEW POSITIONS BY AGENCY

TITLE	GOVERNOR		HOUSE		SENATE	
	Approved Positions	Salary & Benefits	Approved Positions	Salary & Benefits	Approved Positions	Salary & Benefits
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	28	671.2	16	385.9	16	366.8
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION	74	1482.4	61	391.1	52	232.9
DEPT. OF LAW	23	681.1	15	434.8	21	652.8
DEPT. OF REVENUE	28	545.0	23	462.6	15	261.4
DEPT. OF EDUCATION	19	356.5	16	302.1	6	148.0
DEPT. OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	69	1514.4	30	606.3	34	752.0
DEPT. OF LABOR	100	1651.0	97	1596.1	99	1657.3
DEPT. OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	8	238.2	7	195.9	11	346.3
DEPT. OF MILITARY AFFAIRS	4	86.3	3	71.9	3	71.9
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	31	679.1	14	293.7	5	154.3
DEPT. OF FISH AND GAME	35	1357.6	30	1284.5	27	1138.5
DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY	57	1428.1	71	1931.0	61	1568.8
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	16	422.6	16	422.6	15	413.0
DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HIGHWAYS WORKING CAPITAL FUND	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	9	227.8	3	80.1	3	80.1
STATE OPERATED SCHOOLS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	13	243.7	11	212.0	10	181.4
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY	4	94.2	5	120.6	4	94.2
STATE BOND COMMITTEE	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ALASKA COURT SYSTEM	41	814.7	20	383.2	17	370.3
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA	8	346.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	55	2131.6	55	2131.6	55	2131.6
TOTAL ALL AGENCIES	622	14,971.8	493	11,306.0	454	10,621.6

STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

POUCH AM — JUNEAU 99811
PHONE 465-2213

April 4, 1977

Jay Hogan, Director
Division of Legislative Finance
Pouch WF
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Jay:

In an effort to assure that we have adequate information available to evaluate items added to the budget by the Legislature, I am requesting that you provide us information on any items not contained in the original agency requests.

This information should provide a much better basis for the consideration of legislative proposals by the executive and alleviate some of the problems surrounding vetos encountered last year. I would be happy to meet with you or the respective finance chairman to work out a specific procedure.

Sincerely,

Ron Lind for:

Ron Lind
Director

RL/dtp

MEMORANDUM

TO: John C. Sackett
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: 
Director, Division of Legislative Finance

DATE: April 18, 1977

RE: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

I would suggest that the Senate adopt by reference all intent statements included in the Senate Budget (certain pieces of conditional intent language are included in the bill and these do not need to be adopted by reference). The motion would go as follows:

I move that the Senate adopt by reference all intent language prepared by the committee for submission with the Senate version of the general appropriation act. Specifically I move the adoption by reference of the letter of intent presented to the Senate Secretary, and the specific intent statements set out in the budget short form reports currently on file in my office, in the Senate Majority Leader's office, and the Senate Minority Leader's office.

JH:kh

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
AND ESTIMATED FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
FY 78 Operating Budget	\$793.1	\$1,042.6
FY 78 Capital	35.7	57.5
Total	\$828.8	\$1,100.1

COMPARISON WITH FY 77

	<u>FY 77 Adjusted</u>	<u>FY 78 Recommended</u>	<u>FY 78 Senate</u>
<u>Operating Budget</u>	<u>\$892.7</u>	<u>\$1,041.5</u>	<u>\$1,028.3</u>
General Fund	665.1	792.0	776.8
<u>Capital Budget</u>	<u>458.5</u>	<u>57.5</u>	<u>48.6</u>
General Fund	10.9	35.7	26.8
<u>Other Appropriations (to date)</u>	<u>12.1</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
General Fund	12.1	-0-	
<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>1,363.3</u>	<u>1,099.0</u>	<u>1,076.9</u>
General Fund	688.1	827.7	803.6
<u>Additional Appropriations*1</u>	<u>44.0</u>	<u>31.1</u>	<u>35.0</u>
General Fund	40.0	26.1	35.0 (est.)
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,407.3</u>	<u>1,130.1</u>	<u>1,111.9</u>
	728.1	853.8	838.6
<u>Non-Recurring Items</u>	<u>(13.7)</u>	<u>(67.5)</u>	<u>(67.5)</u>
General Fund	(13.7)	(67.5)	(67.5)
<u>Lapses</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>*4</u>	
General Fund	(10.7)		
<u>Comparative Budget*2</u>	<u>1,393.6</u>	<u>1,062.6</u>	<u>1,044.4</u>
General Fund	703.7	782.3	771.1
<u>Recurring Revenue*3</u>	<u>378.0</u>	<u>304.0</u>	<u>304.0</u>
% of Comparative General Fund Budget	54%	39%	
		38.7%	39.4%

*1 Additional Appropriations: This item is an attempt to estimate future appropriations that will be made to fund supplementals now being requested, salary increases for employee contracts not yet negotiated, new legislation that is expected to pass this session and legislative adjustments to budget proposals.

*2 Comparative Budget: Excludes Native Land Claims, Kachemak Bay - Ch 113, SLA 1976, and Correction's Anchorage Presence Facility.

*3 Recurring Revenue: Excludes direct petroleum sources. Projections made at the time of the FY 77 budget submissions were \$270.5 revenue versus \$700.0 expenditures which equated 39% of the General Fund Budget.

*4 FY 78 lapse expected to equal supplemental needs. Budget presented does not anticipate any additional needs.



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

May 28, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Steve Cowper
Senator John Sackett

FROM: *J.H.H.* Hogan, Director
Legislative Finance Division

SUBJECT: Errors in FCCS for SCS for CSHB 52

There are three errors in the Free Conference version of the budget as printed. I would propose that these errors be explained on the floor prior to adoption of the report. We will then be able to correct them during the enrolling and engrossing process and have another bill printed prior to the departure of the members from Juneau. The errors are as follows:

Page 7, Lines 17 & 18. Delete: "Sufficient funding shall be allocated to the Performing Arts Center to maintain the program at the current level." This was not legislative intent designated for printing in the bill.

Page 8, line 22. A \$300,000 error was made in the funding for Instruction - Kuskokwim. The figure \$841,800 should read "\$1,141,800". The figure \$693,100 should read "\$393,100".

Page 36, line 37. This should read: "Bike trails, Statewide", and the amounts in each column should read "\$300,000".

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1 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA (CONT.)

2		3 ALLOCATIONS	4 APPROPRIATION ITEMS	5 APPROPRIATION FUND GENERAL FUND	6 SOURCES OTHER FUNDS
4	FAIRBANKS				
5	INSTRUCTION - 4 YR & GRADUATE		7,422,500	6,397,500	1,025,000
6	INSTRUCTION - TVCC		1,262,400	980,800	281,600
7	RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL CENTERS		41,900		41,900
8	PUBLIC SERVICE		769,900	570,400	199,500
9	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - 4 YR & GRADUATE		2,746,800	2,517,100	229,700
10	ACADEMIC SUPPORT TVCC		223,400	223,400	
11	STUDENT SERVICES - 4 YR & GRADUATE		3,422,000	1,192,900	2,229,100
12	STUDENT SERVICES - TVCC		122,200	104,900	17,300
13	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		12,434,400	8,254,600	4,179,800
14	STUDENT LOANS, SCHOLARSHIPS		424,700	74,700	350,000
15	CHANCELLOR'S DISTRIBUTION		675,000	675,000	
16	NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISIONS OF AS 37.07.080(E), THIS APPROPRIATION IS SUBJECT TO REALLOCATION BY THE CHANCELLOR IN ACCORDANCE				
17	WITH MAINTENANCE DEFINITIONS IN THE GENERAL INTENT STATEMENT; ~~SUFFICIENT FUNDING SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE PERFORMING ARTS~~				
18	~~CENTER TO MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM AT THE CURRENT LEVEL.~~				
19	ANCHORAGE				
20	INSTRUCTION - 4 YR & GRADUATE		3,838,400	3,012,500	825,900
21	INSTRUCTION - ACC		6,493,700	5,112,400	1,381,300
22	INSTRUCTION - MAT SU		332,000	302,000	30,000
23	RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL CENTERS		639,000	166,800	472,200
24	PUBLIC SERVICE		182,800	148,800	34,000
25	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - 4 YR & GRADUATE		1,299,100	1,230,100	69,000
26	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - ACC		1,104,600	1,104,600	
27	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - MAT SU		67,000	67,000	
28	STUDENT SERVICES		2,078,900	721,100	1,357,800
29	STUDENT SERVICES - MAT SU		6,500	6,500	
30	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		5,029,700	4,033,100	996,600
31	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - MAT SU		201,000	199,000	2,000
32	STUDENT LOANS, SCHOLARSHIPS		1,098,000		1,098,000
33	PUBLIC SERVICES - EAGLE RIVER		75,000	75,000	
34	CHANCELLOR'S DISTRIBUTION		675,000	675,000	
35	NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISIONS OF AS 37.07.080(E), THIS APPROPRIATION IS SUBJECT TO REALLOCATION BY THE CHANCELLOR IN ACCORDANCE				
36	WITH MAINTENANCE DEFINITIONS IN THE GENERAL INTENT STATEMENT.				
37	SOUTHEAST		146,600	142,700	3,900

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA (CONT.)		ALLOCATIONS	APPROPRIATION ITEMS	APPROPRIATION FUND SOURCES	
				GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS
4	INSTRUCTION - SENIOR		659,100	470,400	188,700
5	INSTRUCTION - JDCC		1,024,200	763,900	260,300
6	INSTRUCTION - KETCHIKAN		580,500	507,600	72,900
7	INSTRUCTION - SITKA		259,100	217,000	42,100
8	PUBLIC SERVICE		356,900	107,100	249,800
9	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - SENIOR		289,500	277,600	11,900
10	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - JDCC		132,100	132,100	
11	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - KETCHIKAN	84,400			
12	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - SITKA	62,200			
13	STUDENT SERVICES		307,900	160,600	147,300
14	STUDENT SERVICES - KETCHIKAN		21,500	21,500	
15	STUDENT SERVICES - SITKA		15,300	15,300	
16	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - JUNEAU		1,228,900	1,083,300	145,600
17	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - KETCHIKAN		183,900	168,900	15,000
18	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - SITKA		88,900	88,900	
19	RURAL EDUCATION AFFAIRS		242,100	237,100	5,000
20	INSTRUCTION - KODIAK		612,700	444,700	168,000
21	INSTRUCTION - KENAI		610,400	531,800	78,600
22	INSTRUCTION - KUSKOKWIM		1,534,900	1,141,800	393,100
23	INSTRUCTION - NORTHWEST		196,400	159,800	36,600
24	INSTRUCTION - RURAL CENTERS		1,124,600	1,124,600	
25	INSTRUCTION - CENTRAL SUPPORT		210,000	210,000	
26	RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL CENTERS		155,800	118,600	37,200
27	PUBLIC SERVICES		2,089,200	1,656,900	432,300
28	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - KUSKOKWIM	237,100			
29	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - NORTHWEST	5,000			
30	ACADEMIC SUPPORT - CENTRAL SUPPORT		527,000	341,300	185,700
31	STUDENT SERVICES - KENAI		72,400	68,400	4,000
32	STUDENT SERVICES - KUSKOKWIM		176,800	65,800	111,000
33	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - KODIAK		296,200	287,600	8,600
34	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - KENAI		303,800	285,900	17,900
35	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - KUSKOKWIM		250,500	215,500	35,000
36	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - NORTHWEST		189,900	181,500	8,400
37	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT - CENTRAL		262,400	262,400	

1	SOCIAL SERVICES (CONT.)		APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION FUND SOURCES
2		ALLOCATIONS	ITEMS	GENERAL FUND OTHER FUNDS
4	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES			
5	ALCOHOL DETOXIFICATION FACILITIES GRANTS		615,000	615,000
6	BETHEL PRE-MATERNAL HOME		35,000	35,000
7	BETHEL ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT CENTER		187,500	187,500
8	DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS			
9	GALENA HEADSTART BUILDING		5,000	5,000
10	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
11	ANCHORAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER PLANNING		70,000	70,000
12	FAIRBANKS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER PLANNING		50,000	50,000
13		*****		
14		***** HEALTH *****		
15		*****		
16	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES			
17	ROOM SOUNDPROOFING		14,000	14,000
18	KODIAK HOSPITAL ORTHOPEDIC EQUIPMENT		15,000	15,000
19	SEWARD ALCOHOLISM & MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY		80,000	80,000
20	KENAI BUILDING REPAIR		5,000	5,000
21	TOK HEALTH CLINIC DIRECT GRANT		90,000	90,000
22	MT VILLAGE HEALTH CLINIC DIRECT GRANT		50,000	50,000
23	UNALASKA HEALTH CLINIC DIRECT GRANT		50,000	50,000
24	FT YUKON HEALTH CLINIC DIRECT GRANT		75,000	75,000
25	BREAST CANCER DETECTION CENTER, FAIRBANKS		50,000	50,000
26	KWIGILLINGOK HEALTH CLINIC DIRECT GRANT		100,000	100,000
27	ANCHORAGE NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER X-RAY		89,000	89,000
28	HAINES CLINIC X-RAY		20,000	20,000
29		*****		
30		***** NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT *****		
31		*****		
32	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES			
33	ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER		18,500	18,500
34	MICROFILM CAMERA		15,000	15,000
35	HALIBUT POINT RECREATION AREA - SITKA		95,000	95,000
36	CHUGACH PARK ROAD ACQUISITION		40,000	40,000
37	ANCHORAGE BIKE TRAILS, <i>Statewide</i>		~~644,600~~ 300,000	~~644,600~~ 300,000



Alaska State Legislature

May 28, 1977

JUNEAU ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Steve Cowper
Senator John Sackett

FROM: J. H. Hogan, Director
Legislative Finance Division

SUBJECT: Funding Error

There is a \$300,000 funding error in the Free Conference version of the budget as printed. The wrong funding column was used for Rural Education Instruction in Kuskokwim Community College in the University of Alaska category.

I would propose the following remedy:

1. Announce on the floor, prior to adoption of the report, that the general fund total for Instruction Kuskokwim Community College is \$300,000 low (and thus the entire budget is \$300,000 in general funds low) but that the record of the motion to increase funding by \$300,000 is clear and that the intent to that effect is included in the budget report.

2. Therefore, we can correct the funding error during the enrolling/engrossing process.

JHH:pw



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

May 2, 1977

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Chancy Croft
Alaska State Legislature

FROM: J. H. Hogan, Director
Legislative Finance Division

SUBJECT: Governor's Budget Escalation

I don't have the information for FY 76, but I do have it for FY 77 and am substituting that in lieu of the original request.

The Governor submitted an operating budget calling for the expenditure of \$637.5 million. To this total he "added" \$24.1 million general fund, with 66 numbered budget amendments. This made his actual recommended total \$661.6 million. The new legislation portion of the current year general appropriations act included \$15.6 million for new general fund programs. This added to the \$661.6 is \$677.2 or \$4.6 million less than the final figure of \$681.8 approved by the Free Conference Committee.

In summary then, you could argue that the legislature added only \$4.6 million to the Governor's operating budget, while the Governor added \$24.1 million.

JHH:pw

Attachment:
Summary of FY 77 budget amendments



JUNEAU, ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

Senate

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Hogan
FROM: Senator Chancy Croft
DATE: April 27, 1977

Jay:

If at all possible I would appreciate your determining the total operating and capital budget for FY 76 as submitted by the Governor when his budget revisions are included. If it is not possible to do, please let me know.



Alaska State Legislature

POUCH V, STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
907 465-3800

April 23, 1977

The Honorable John L. Rader
President, Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. President:

For the reasons indicated in the enclosed staff memorandum, we feel that it is virtually impossible to successfully pursue negotiations to reach a settlement on House Bill 52, appropriating for the operating and capital expenses of state government. Therefore, we are requesting that you grant our committee powers of free conference in order that we may quickly and successfully negotiate a compromise budget acceptable to both houses.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Sackett
Conferee on the Budget

George H. Hohman
Conferee on the Budget

Clem V. Tillion
Conferee on the Budget



Alaska State Legislature

May 28, 1977

JUNEAU ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steve Cowper, Chairman
House Finance Committee

FROM: J. H. Hogan, Director
Legislative Finance Division

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

I would suggest that the House adopt by reference all intent statements included in the Free Conference Committee budget (certain pieces of conditional intent language are included in the bill and these do not need to be adopted by reference). The motion would go as follows:

I move that the House adopt by reference all intent language prepared by the Free Conference Committee for submission with the Free Conference Committee Report on the General Appropriation Act. Specifically, I move adoption by reference of the letters of intent presented to the Chief Clerk and the specific intent statements set out in the budget short form reports currently on file in my office, in the House Majority Leader's office, and the House Minority Leader's office. (These reports are to be printed following adjournment and distributed to the membership, state agencies and the public.)

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FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Monday, April 25, 1977
10:45 a.m.

The meeting convened at 10:45 a.m. Present were:
Senators Sackett, Hohman, and Tillion; Representatives
Cowper, Haugen, and Gruening.

PRESENT

Also present were: Jay Hogan, Director, Division of
Legislative Finance; Ron Lind and Barbara Thomas from
the Division of Budget and Audit; Dr. Dafoe; Bob
Schroeder, Glen Vernon, Alison Farnan, Milt Barker,
and Bob Grogan, Fiscal Analysts; Judy Crondahl,
Administrative Assistant to Senator Sackett; Susan
Fowler, Administrative Assistant to the Legislative
Budget & Audit Committee; Joe LaRocca and other members
of the press and television media; and Senators Rader
and Kerttula (both of whom were present for a portion
of the meeting).

Senator Sackett moved and asked unanimous consent that
Representative Cowper be elected Chairman of the Free
Conference Committee. There being no objection, it was
so ordered.

COWPER
CHAIRMAN

Chairman Cowper stated that the Committee would begin
work by taking up the operating budgets as they are
shown on the Operating Budget Summary, commencing with
Education.

EDUCATION

ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Representative Cowper moved that this program be held
open until a later time.

OPEN

ALASKA ARTS COUNCIL - Administration and Support

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Governor's
figure of 240.6. There being no objection, it was so
ordered.

ALASKA ARTS COUNCIL - Grants

Representative Gruening advised that he believed an error
had been made regarding the figure shown for the visual
arts center in Anchorage. The budget analysis shows 85.0,
and he believed the figure should be 58.0. Glen Vernon
advised that the visual arts center had 50.0 and had
received an additional 30.0 in new money.

Senator Tillion stated that he objected to the State subsidizing art. He added that he would rather see the funds go to the Haines Native Art Center instead of the areas to which it is now appropriated, and made reference to a letter from Carl Heinmiller. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure of 1032.0, with 50.0 for the Haines Art Center from the Community Arts Agency Program and General Grants; allowing the Agency to make the decision regarding apportionment. Senator Sackett moved that this sub-program be left open pending a clarification of figures.

OPEN

TEACHER RETIREMENT - Regular TRS State

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the House figure of 13984.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Foundation Program-Regular

Chairman Cowper advised that the Senate figures include money for correspondence study. Glen Vernon stated that the existing law allows for correspondence study funds based on instructional units. Rather than use a supplemental for foundation support, this has been shown as general funds. The Senate increased the amount in the foundation program and funded from interagency transfers rather than general fund. The Senate figures are more conservative than the original request. Representative Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 138748.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Pupil Transportation-Public

Chairman Cowper advised that this program has a budget amendment that reached the Senate after the House budget was adopted. He moved adoption of the Senate figure of 14371.3, and adoption of the Senate legislative analysis. Representative Haugen called attention to a problem in his district relating to a contract for transportation of children across the Narrows to Petersburg. The contractor is paid \$72 per day for transporting 5 or more children. When the number of children drops below 5, the contractor no longer provides transportation but the contract continues to compensate him at the rate of \$40 per day. The contractor is thus getting paid \$40 per day for doing nothing. Chairman Cowper moved to amend the legislative intent with regard to public transportation. The amended intent to read as follows: The Legislature intends that the Department of

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Education and the State Board of Education prepare and adopt regulations which will effectively require school districts to more closely negotiate transportation contracts so as to control costs and assure the most competitive rates possible. The Department will continue to transport students from Kupreanof to Petersburg so long as there are students to be transported, regardless of the number, providing there is an outstanding contract to transport students. The Senate figure of 14371.3 and the above stated legislative intent were unanimously adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Pupil Transportation-Private
Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 127.2. There being no objection, it was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Debt Retirement-Local
Ron Lind advised that Budget and Management had received new information from the Department of Education advising that it was possible this sub-program could be over funded by 2000.0. The sub-program has been prorated in the past. He further advised that the Department had only unaudited reports from the schools to work with. He stated that he believed the actual cost would be less than 11600.0 but more than 9594.7, and that the Department will be disbursing what was paid in 1976. Mr. Lind advised that the Department could be called to determine whether more recent information is available. Chairman Cowper advised that he would rather take the Governor's figure and if the sub-program needs a supplemental, let it have one. Representative Haugen moved to hold the sub-program open until more figures are available. Representative Gruening advised that some of the districts pay cash and it is hard on the district if it is prorated during a year in which cash was paid. Representative Cowper renewed the motion to hold the sub-program open pending further information.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT - Tobacco Tax Distribution
Senator Tillion moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 2104.4. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Supplemental Programs
Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure and asked that the figures for sabbatical leave be reinstated. The vote was 4 - 2. Senators Sackett and Hohman and Representatives Cowper and Haugen voting for the motion, Senator Tillion and Representative Gruening voting against. Chairman Cowper

suggested that the appropriation include the following intent: The sabbatical leave program shall be discontinued after FY 78. The above intent was unanimously adopted.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Local Formula-REAA

Chairman Cowper advised that a budget amendment for this sub-program had been received after the House budget was completed. Ron Lind stated that this sub-program deals with audited reports from school districts. He further advised that if all of the school districts contribute more in cash dollars, the sub-program increases. Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 9225.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - SOS ASHA Payments

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 311.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Foundation Program-REAA

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 41656.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted. Chairman Cowper advised that he wished to point out to committee members the difference in general fund moneys.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Bilingual Fund

Chairman Cowper asked Mr. Lind if there was a problem with this sub-program, stating that he had read an article in the newspaper suggesting that Alaska had a problem complying with federal regulations. Mr. Lind replied that he had not been notified of any proposed changes. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 683.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Regional Resource Centers

Representative Gruening moved for adoption of the House figure of 350.0, advising that he had a letter from the Chugach School District regarding school funding of resources center. Chairman Cowper moved that the House intent also be adopted. Glen Vernon advised that the intent would raise the distribution to 50.0 instead of 30.0. There being no objection, both the House figure and intent were adopted. Intent: Funding distribution is to be \$50.0 for each functioning regional resource center; any balance is to be pro-rated to the participating centers based upon adm. counts in the participating REAA's.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Federal Programs

Chairman Cowper moved the Governor's figure of 14485.5. There being no objection, it was so adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Tuition Students

Chairman Cowper advised that there was a budget amendment relating to this sub-program. Senator Hohman moved the adoption of the Senate figure of 3585.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - Boarding Home Grants

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 2722.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS - State Contract Programs

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 17391.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADMINISTRATION & PROGRAM SUPPORT - Administrative Services

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 575.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADM. & SUPPORT - Financial Accounting & Audit

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House and Senate figure of 437.2. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADM. & SUPPORT - General Overhead

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 670.3. There being no objection, the figure was so adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Correspondence Study

Senator Sackett advised that the Senate had deleted the new positions. Judy Crondahl advised that the reduction was based on a total of 30 instructional units. Chairman Cowper advised that the House deleted two positions that were allowed by the Governor. These positions were deleted because projected enrollment figures for the coming year are smaller than past years. Judy Crondahl further advised that the Senate figure adds no new positions but places excess money in the 800 miscellaneous line item. These funds are to be transferred out of miscellaneous as needed. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 825.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Cross Cultural Education

Senator Sackett moved for acceptance of the House figure of 508.7. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - Scholarship Loan Program

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure. Senator Hohman advised that the Senate had intent pertaining to this program. Glen Vernon advised that the Governor's figures show a position coming from non-existing funding. Senator Kerttula advised that past legislative intent had been to allow 2.5 per year to undergraduates and 5.0 a year for graduate work. The Post Secondary Education Commission has set a maximum of 10.0 per student. The Commission has written regulations against the intent of the legislature. Senator Kerttula suggested that the original intent of the legislature be tied to the appropriation under this sub-program. Representative Haugen proposed additional intent that the legislature be provided with information regarding the condition of the student loan program. Upon a show of hands both the House figure of 4420.0 and both of the above-mentioned areas of legislative intent were adopted. Intent: The maximum amount available per student is to be 20.0 instead of 10.0 as per regulations; a status report on the loan program is to be provided to the legislature by January 20, 1978.

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STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - Administration

Chairman Cowper advised that he did not recall that the House had adopted figures to add on two additional people. He moved to hold this sub-program open pending further inquiry. The committee returned to this sub-program later in the meeting and moved that the Senate figure of 335.2 be adopted. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION - General Administration

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure. Senator Sackett offered an explanation of what the Senate had done regarding this sub-program. Chairman Cowper replied that the House understanding was that the Post Secondary Education staff would handle the problem raised by Senator Sackett due to the need for control by an independent agency. Chairman Cowper further advised that he would like Post Secondary to take a more active part in advising the Board of Regents. Senator Sackett stated that he believed it was the Senate Finance Committee's feeling that this area included student loans. Chairman Cowper suggested that this sub-program be left open until a later time. He also advised committee members that there had been a call of the House and the committee would recess and reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

RECESS 11:50 a.m.

RECONVENE 1:30 p.m.

Upon reconvening Chairman Cowper advised that the committee would return to the Post Secondary Education Commission - General Administration program for further review and moved for adoption of the House figure of 470.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted. Senator Sackett advised that it was his understanding that the specifications the committee intends be written are not what the department requested.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION COMM. - Center for Staff Development
Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 825.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION COMM. - WICHE

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 656.1, with legislative intent. Senator Hohman objected asking whether there was pending legislation applying to this program. Upon reply he withdrew his objection and the Governor's figure and legislative intent were adopted. Intent: The total number of law students accepted for WICHE certification shall not exceed 50% of all WICHE certified students from the state, except that currently certified law students who are attending a law school shall continue to be funded until their programs are completed.

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ADULT EDUC. & VOC. TRAINING - Adult Basic Education

Senator Sackett advised that the Senate figures came close to what the department said it could actually use. Senator Hohman moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 1200.0. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate intent as well. There being no objection, both the Senate figure and intent were adopted. Intent: Funding includes \$18.0 for adult literacy lab in Anchorage.

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ADULT EDUC. & VOC. TRAINING - Fire Service Training

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 68.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT EDUC. & VOC. TRAINING - Adult Vocational Education

Chairman Cowper advised that the House put 50.0 into the Anchorage program for English as a second language. Representative Gruening stated that there was a need for English as a second language for the adults involved in this program in Anchorage. Senator Hohman moved for adoption of the House figure of 100.1. Upon a show of hands, Senators Hohman and Sackett and Representatives Gruening and Cowper voted in favor of the motion, Senator Tillion and Representative Haugen voted against it. The House figure was adopted and Chairman Cowper moved that the House intent also be adopted. There being no objection, the House intent was adopted. Intent: Funding

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includes \$50.0 for "English As a Second Language" program in Anchorage.

ADULT EDUC. & VOC. TRAINING - Community Schools

OPEN

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 860.6. There was an objection to the motion, and subsequent motion to hold this program open for further consideration.

ADULT ED. & VOC. ED. TRAINING - CETA Voc. Ed. Grants

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 169.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT ED. & VOC. TRAINING - Grants Administration

Senator Sackett advised that on the whole the House and Senate figures basically come out together for the next three BRU's. Glen Vernon stated that fire training had been taken from personal services and shown under contractual, and that travel was also reduced. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 496.3, and also moved for adoption of the Senate intent. There being no objection, both the Senate figure and intent were adopted. Intent: The fire-service training instructor/coordinator shall be contracted rather than established as a regular position; Code 300 is increased for this purpose.

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ADULT ED. & VOC. TRAINING - Skill Center

Senator Sackett advised that the Senate zeroed out two positions and reduced general funds but increased program receipts. Glen Vernon stated that a position had been left unfunded. Ron Lind question the application of CETA funding stating that CETA people feel this is contrary to Federal regulations for use of these funds. He stated he would like to see 1/2 of the CETA funds added back in. Senator Sackett advised that he could see no reason to fund the skill center through general funds when there is an existing CETA program for funding. Ron Lind stated that if 1/2 the funding was added back in it would provide the desired flexibility. Representative Haugen advised that there had been many problems concerning CETA and audits, etc., and asked if there was any way to check to see how the funds are being spent and if the spending agrees with Federal requirements. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 2223.8, and adoption of the Senate intent. There being no objection, both the Senate figure and intent were adopted. Intent: \$701.0 from CETA classroom training appropriation is to be granted to the skill center to fund 100 slots year around.

INTENT

PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION - Operations

Representative Gruening moved for adoption of the House figure of 2553.1. Senator Sackett moved to amend the motion by adding 26.5 to the Mini T.V. Dubbing Program, bringing this program total to 47.5. These funds are to go to the Alaska State Library in Anchorage. Representative Cowper further amended the motion to include the House intent. There being no objection, the motion, plus additional funding, and House intent were accepted. Total: 2579.6. Intent: The grants portion of this appropriation is to be distributed as follows:

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KAKM, Anchorage TV	\$356.6
Anchorage FM	120.6
Bethel Radio/TV	393.0
KTOO Radio & TV Station, Juneau	334.0
KDLG, Dillingham Radio	138.0
KMXT, Kodiak Radio	119.8
KOTZ, Kotzebue Radio	155.5
Narrows, Petersburg	36.8
KRBD, Ketchikan Radio	54.7
Wrangell Radio	32.0
KBRW, Barrow Radio	118.5
Radio Network	150.0
Legislative TV Coverage	108.0
Mini T.V. Dubbing, Alaska	
State Library in Anchorage	47.5
Alaska Review	92.0

MUSEUMS - Juneau Museum

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure of 441.4, which he added includes money for a typewriter needed at the museum. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

STATE LIBRARY - Regular Operations

OPEN

Chairman Cowper advised that the Senate had put personal services money into contractual. Senator Sackett replied that the above understanding was correct, the Senate had zeroed out some PHS positions. The Senate Finance Committee wanted to know what the status was under the Executive Director's Office regarding federal and general funding before the committee would allow general funding. Senator Hohman advised that he would ask for additional funding for preservation and restoration of religious icons from the Sitka Church. Chairman Cowper advised that perhaps that request should be included in the capital budget. Senator Hohman replied that he would rather have the funds placed under Mr. Engen's administration in the library category. Senator Sackett advised that he also had an additional request

relating to this program. Chairman Cowper suggested that the program be held open for review at a later time. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

STATE LIBRARY - Anchorage Media Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure, the House figure being the same. Total: 391.3. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROGRAM EVALUATION - K-12 Education Program

Senator Sackett advised that the Senate reduction was due to a cut in contractual, and the fact that the department is not using personal services. It had 53% funding remaining at the middle of the year. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 490.4, including the Senate intent. There being no objection, the figure and intent were adopted. Intent: The first Education Specialist position becoming vacant in this sub-program shall not be filled.

INTENT

PROGRAM EVALUATION - Career & Vocational Education

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 448.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROGRAM EVALUATION - Special Education

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 283.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROGRAM EVALUATION - Supplemental Programs

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 674.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROGRAM EVALUATION - Accreditation

Senator Sackett advised that this program represents the first time the state has come in with a BRU specifically for accreditation. The Senate Finance Committee felt this area is a matter of policy as to whether the state government should get into accreditation. Rather than start something that would grow and grow, the committee cut it off at the top. Representative Haugen advised that he would concur with Senator Sackett, adding that as for previously accreditation, this function was performed by the Northwest School Accreditation Association. Senator Sackett stated that there is state law which allows the State to become involved in accreditation but up to this point it has been performed by the Northwest Association. Senator Hohman moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

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PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICE

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 83.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION - Commissioner

Chairman Cowper advised that the House placed a 20.0 item in this area to be used by the Commissioner's office for small one-time capital projects (band instrument, small requests, etc.). Representative Haugen moved for adoption of the House figure of 539.0. Senator Hohman objected, but upon a show of hands the motion carried and the figure was adopted. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House intent. There being no objection, the intent was adopted. Intent: Funding of \$20.0 under miscellaneous to be used for small one-time capital projects.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION - Planning Info & Research

Chairman Cowper advised that the Senate budget included more federal receipts and a reduction in contractual. He then asked where the additional receipts had come from. Judy Crondahl replied that a line item review showed that the student assessment program decreased by 90.0 from FY 77 to FY 78. The addition of the Essential Skills Project and new federal projects under NIE for Project Dissemination resulted in general fund reductions in the Senate budget. The new NIE projects for FY 78 were not reflected in additional federal receipts in their budget request. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 610.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION - Boards & Commissions

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 145.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS

Chairman Cowper advised that the House figure included 18.0 for infant learning grants in Anchorage. Senator Sackett requested an additional 30.0 for the St. Jude Center for retarded children in Juneau, and proposed adoption of a total figure of 110.8, and the House intent. There being no objection, the figure was adopted together with the House intent. Intent: \$18.0 to be for infant learning grants to Anchorage.

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DEBT SERVICE - University of Alaska

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 9710.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

DEBT SERVICE - General Education

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 10663.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

DEBT SERVICE - Libraries

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figures for a total of 470.4. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

The committee completed its review of the Education category with the exception of those areas held open for later review, and commenced review of the budget for the University of Alaska.

UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF REGENTS

Chairman Cowper announced that Glen Vernon and Senator Kerttula had hand-outs they would distribute to committee members. He then moved for adoption of the House and Senate figure of 122.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

(Senator Tillion left the meeting at this time)

BOARD OF REGENTS - Regents Distribution

Senator Sackett moved to accept the House and Senate figure of 6312.3. Chairman Cowper added that he would like to have the House intent adopted as well. There being no objection, both the House and Senate figure and the House intent were adopted. Intent: \$2265.5 in personal services is for salary increase distribution not completed in current fiscal year; the remaining balance of \$4046.3 is to be distributed only upon approval of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. INTENT

STATEWIDE - Institutional Support

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the House figure and Senate figure of 133.4. Chairman Cowper also moved for adoption of the House intent. There being no objection, the House and Senate figure was adopted together with the House intent. Intent: Fund here is to provide for the President's office, i.e.: his salary, secretary's salary, and his direct support costs. INTENT

STATEWIDE - Capital Development
General Salary Increase
Community College Salaries

Chairman Cowper advised that for the above BRU's both the House and Senate allowed nothing. He moved that the figures for these BRU's be zero. There being no objection, the zeroes were adopted.

ORGANIZED RESEARCH

Chairman Cowper advised that traditionally the legislature has put general fund moneys into institutions described as components under this BRU. He further advised that these institutions had guessed at what their grants will be in 1978. He stated that the House put all figures into allocation rather than appropriation. In addition, the House adopted the FY 77 figures which put funding above maintenance in some areas, with the governing intent to be understood that the program would move surplus money out of overfunded institutions. Chairman Cowper moved that the committee approve the action of both the House and Senate. There being no objection, the House and Senate action was adopted. House: 36365.9, Senate: 36329.4.

ORGANIZED RESEARCH - Institute of Marine Science

Chairman Cowper advised that the House committee had added on the clam toxin study. He added that this is supposed to be the last year for funding this study and the current finance committees will be in existence next year to make certain no additional request is made for that year. Senator Sackett requested that the two committees discuss individual approaches to the BRU's for the University. Chairman Cowper advised that he felt the only thing the two committees did not agree upon was the clam toxin study. Senator Tillion advised that the feelings on the Senate side were that the study had pretty well run its course. Representative Haugen advised that all committee members had heard before that prior years would be the last for funding the study. He added that the study is now at the point where it is able to obtain FDA approval, and recommended that it be continued this last year.

Senator Sackett advised that he still felt that whether the program entailed organized research or not, the committee should discuss its philosophy and approach to University funding. Chairman Cowper advised that the House approach to University funding was to carry them over this period

during which the University itself doesn't even know what it has done with its money. He added that the Senate approach looked like it didn't apply to Anchorage or Bethel, but only to Juneau and Fairbanks. He added further that what was good for one should be good for the other. The House has taken a consistent approach to all areas. The House did add money in Ketchikan in an attempt to "beef up" the economy there and provide the college with funds to initiate educational programs to upgrade employment levels for Ferry System personnel residing there.

Senator Sackett stated that the Senate approach was in terms of adding on new services to areas of need. Secondly, with regard to Fairbanks, the Senate committee was interested in seeing what was really needed there before appropriating funds. In the Anchorage area Senator Sackett advised that the committee had some problems with accreditation. Chairman Cowper stated that the House committee had approached the Anchorage campus in terms of enrollment. Senator Sackett stated that he felt what Anchorage was moving toward was a four year arts and sciences college on that campus. Senator Sackett stated that he felt the committee had reached an impass on budget philosophy for the University and suggested that the committee recess and take the University budget under consideration at a later time. There being no objection, the committee recessed at approximately 3:40 p.m.

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FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1977

8:10 a.m.

All members of the Free Conference Committee were in attendance.

Rep. Miles was present along with Legislative Finance Division staff and Budget and Management staff.

HEALTH CATEGORY

Department of Health & Social Services

Nursing, Field Nursing: Chairman Cowper explained that many of the House's cuts in this category were based on the Y-T-D statement, and that's not always completely accurate. Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figures with the House Intent: "\$20.0 is included under contractual for Palmer Nurses move and rent." There was no objection; so adopted.

Nursing, Home Health Service: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$28.6; no objection.

Nursing, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$714.0; no objection.

Nursing, Early Screening: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$168.9; no objection.

Communicable Disease Control, TB Control: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$660.7; no objection.

Communicable Disease Control, Venereal Disease Control: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$211.2; no objection.

Communicable Disease Control, Immunization: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$71.7; no objection.

Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$255.7; no objection.

Environmental Health, General Sanitation: Senator Sackett moved the Senate figure. Chairman Cowper commented that his notes reflected that under Travel they had \$2,500 a year per person for rental cars. Mr. Lind pointed out that the House version cut \$52,000 for vehicle rental, but they say they only have \$47,000 total. Senator Tillion said he was reluctant to cut Travel on General Sanitation. Rep. Gruening objected to the motion. The vote was: In Favor - Tillion, Sackett, Hohman, Haugen. Opposed - Gruening, Cowper. The motion carried. The Senate figure of \$1114.6 was adopted.

Environmental Health, Seafood Sanitation: The Senate and House had both zeroed this one out. Rep. Gruening objected to their action.

Public Health Administration, Health Education: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$140.6; no objection.

Public Health Administration, Grant to GAAB: Rep. Haugen moved the Senate figure of \$500.0. Chairman Cowper stated that the point here was to increase the grant to the borough because it hadn't been increased for some time. Rep. Gruening added that Anchorage puts quite a bit into this. Rep. Haugen's motion failed with Gruening, Cowper, and Hohman opposed. Rep. Gruening moved the House figure of \$700.0 plus \$89.0 for an X-ray unit for the Anchorage Health Center. At present time all patients go to Providence. Senator Sackett said he saw no reason for an increase of \$289.0 over the Senate figure. Chairman Cowper moved to hold this one OPEN; no objection.

Alaska Psychiatric Institute, General Program: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$6777.7; no objection.

Harborview: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$5089.1; no objection.

Contract Institutions: Chairman Cowper moved the House figure of \$1964.8 with the INTENT: A respite care program is to be implemented and \$20.0 is included for mental health services; no objection.

State Mental Health Centers, Juneau: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$280.8 with the House INTENT: If Juneau assumes responsibility for a community mental health center, a regional consultant is to be retained by the division to serve outlying areas.

State Mental Health Centers, Fairbanks: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$334.3; no objection.

Community Mental Health Center: Senator Tillion explained that the Senate figure is 20% over the Governor's figure. Rep. Haugen asked what Ketchikan-Gateway Mental Health would get. Mr. Barker explained that they would get \$235.0; it was in the Governor's budget at \$206.0. Rep. Haugen said he wanted \$10.0 each for Wrangell and Petersburg for their contributions to Ketchikan-Gateway Mental Health. Chairman Cowper moved the figure of \$1900.0. Senator Sackett moved to amend the figure to 2123.7. Senator Tillion was opposed. Motion carried. INTENT: \$10.0 for Wrangell and \$10.0 for Petersburg to take the place of local contribution to Ketchikan-Gateway Mental Health.

Mental Health Administration, Developmental Disabilities: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$150.0; no objection.

Mental Health Administration, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved the House figure plus the addition of the federally funded position; no objection.

Medicaid: Mr. Barker stated that this was broken out into six BRUs to give an indication of where the money is being spent. The total is the same, it's just been divided up.

Child & Family Health, Family Planning: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$354.9; no objection.

Child & Family Health, Maternal & Child Health: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$116.6; no objection.

Child & Family Health, Handicapped Children: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$1188.1; no objection.

Child & Family Health, Communicative Disorders: Senator Hohman said \$100.0 was needed for otitis media operations for the 4-500 children who need surgery in the Bethel area. Chairman Cowper suggested that there should be a coordinated statewide program, and Rural CAP was already slightly involved since they aid people in finding services. Senator Hohman stated that it would be a mistake to put it in Rural CAP and allow for the administrative bite. Chairman Cowper moved that \$150.0 be added to grant; for early detection, screening, and treatment of otitis media. INTENT: \$100.0 of this figure shall be a grant to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. No objection; so ordered.

Child & Family Health, Child Development Service: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate and House figure of \$231.6; no objection.

Child & Family Health, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$109.9; no objection.

Child & Family Health, Nutrition: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$467.5; no objection.

Laboratories, Regional Labs: Senator Hohman moved the figure of \$1208.1 with House Intent: This appropriation includes 40.0 for a contract with YKHC for a Strep Control Program. No objection; so ordered.

Laboratories, Administration: Senator Sackett moved the Governor's revised figure of \$121.8; so ordered.

Health Information, Health Management Data: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure of \$62.9; no objection. Senator Tillion explained that it was a transfer into another BRU of vital statistics, and not a cut.

Health Information, Impairment Registry: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure of \$79.2; no objection.

Health Information, Vital Statistics: Chairman stated that there was a transfer in from General Government category of \$302.0. He moved the Senate figure of 502.4; no objection.

Certification & Licensing: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$270.9; no objection.

Public Health Administration, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$456.5; no objection.

Mr. Lind suggested that if these were allocations in the appropriation bill it would be possible to transfer the money around to cover. Senator Tillion commented that that would defeat the purpose of determining what was going where. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the following figures on the following programs; no objection:

Medicaid, Hospitals	\$3058.9
Medicaid, Physician Services	1280.2
Medicaid, Other Services	435.1
Medicaid, Early Screening	1192.4
Medicaid, Nursing Homes	10461.0
Medicaid, State Institutions	5779.8

General Relief Medical: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$4010.9; no objection.

Public Assistance Administration: Mr. Lind said the assumption used when this budget was prepared was that they could allocate their costs to programs, federally funded. This is allocated based on the overhead of all those programs. The GR Med is 100% state money, so the state has to pay the overhead. The ratio had to be changed. Chairman Cowper moved the figure of \$825.9 only with Federal Receipts of \$322.1 and General Fund of \$503.8; no objection.

Planning & Research, Data Services: Mr. Lind commented that the Governor's budget and the Senate figure included \$300.0 to get the department to develop a data base proposal. Chairman Cowper moved the House figure with INTENT: This appropriation and its expenditure is contingent upon the following: None of the appropriation shall be transferred, either directly or indirectly, to Central Data Processing in the Dept. of Administration for implementing any merger or consolidation of data processing operations prior to the review and approval of the proposed Central Data Processing organization structure by the Legislature. -- No objection to figure or intent.

Planning & Research, Health Planning: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$783.7; no objection.

Planning & Research, Human Services Planning: Mr. Lind commented that in terms of planning capability, the Senate had eliminated four of these positions. Senator Sackett moved the House figure. Chairman Cowper suggested holding this one open. The BRU was HELD OPEN.

Planning & Research, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$106.3; no objection.

Emergency Medical Services: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure of \$723.8; no objection.

Debt Service, Health Facilities: Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of \$1741.6; no objection.

TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY

Mr. Hogan explained the differences in the budget--Senate and House. The Senate put in 35.0 for the Aleutian subsidy and 20.0 for Travel of mechanics. They also deducted 10.0 for the Commissioner's salary increase. The House had rather broad Intent which appeared in the House Journal, March 25, p. 665.

Marine Transportation

Senator Hohman said the Department had been asked for a study the first week in January of the feasibility of the Bellingham move. The study has not been done. It's too big a move to be made without a study. Chairman Cowper said that from what he had seen the move to Bellingham seemed to be a good thing.

Mr. Lind interjected that he had spoken to Mr. Hudson yesterday about this. They have just received a new proposal from Seattle. The current contract is up January 1, 1979. Representative Haugen said he would like to have the Southeast group have a chance to see what's going on. The cost of running a van one way from Seattle to Bellingham is \$40. That will raise the price of freight to Juneau. Senator Tillion said the run could be reduced by 65 miles by moving to Bellingham.

Chairman Cowper commented that if money could be saved with this and reasonable service retained it would be a good thing. We should look at the effect on the tourist trade. It's a major step and any major reorganization should be reviewed by the legislature. Representative Gruening wondered about making the move on a trial basis. Senator Tillion explained that only 8% of the traffic has to come from Seattle. Any time you have to run 65 miles in parallel with the highway you are wasting money. Mr. Lind commented that if this is put off until the next session the division would only have six months for looking into the alternatives to Seattle.

Representative Haugen said he felt the mainline vessels should be used without the stops in Sitka. You should run the LeConte to cover those small ports.

At 9:50 Chairman Cowper called a recess until 11:00.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
April 26, 1977
1:20 p.m.

All members of the Committee were in attendance.

PRESENT

Chairman Cowper recalled the meeting to order and stated discussion would continue on the Transportation budget category.

TRANSPOR-
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Discussion was continued on Southeast Shore Facilities. Chairman Cowper was advised that Director of Marine Transportation, Bill Hudson, was in Seattle until April 27th and he would appear before the Free Conference Committee upon his return. The Committee agreed to hold this category open until they heard from Mr. Hudson.

Marine Transportation, Administration: Rep. Haugen moved for adoption of the Legislative Intent - During Annual Overhaul each vessel shall be equipped with centrally located facilities for infant care/maintenance. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE
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Southeast Region O & M, Highways: The following Legislative Intent was discussed: The District shall provide year-round maintenance of the access road to the villages of Klukwan and Thorne Bay. Senator Tillion stated he objected to this intent because once intent of this type is included it will set a precedent for dozens of others just like it. Rep. Haugen stated legislative intent for the road to Klukwan was in the budget last year. Senator Sackett asked how long the road at Thorne Bay was and Rep. Haugen stated it is approximately 30 miles.

LEGISLATIVE
INTENT

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the legislative intent to provide year-round maintenance of the access road to the villages of Klukwan, Thorne Bay and Aliknigik. Senator Tillion objected. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE
INTENT

Central Region O & M, Airports: Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the legislative intent concerning winter maintenance of Kalifonsky Airport. Motion unanimously carried.

LEGISLATIVE
INTENT

Interior Region O & M, Airports: Senator Sackett moved that the following legislative intent be accepted: \$4.4 is included in contractual to subsidize mail delivery in the Cosna-Wien Lake Area. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE
INTENT

Western Region O & M, Highways: Senator Hohman moved for adoption of the following legislative intent: The District shall provide year-round maintenance of the Icy View Loop Road, Nome. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE
INTENT

Design & Construction, Planning: Mr. Hogan advised the Administration has presented a Budget Amendment requesting an additional \$125.0 for a new position. Senator Sackett stated he saw no need for the additional funding. He stated they could find funds to fill the position in the existing budget. Chairman Cowper moved that funding remain at \$546.9 and that the number of authorized positions be changed to 14. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Chairman Cowper moved to accept all the figures in the Transportation budget that are the same for the House and the Senate. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Chairman Cowper stated the Transportation budget was accepted in this manner because of the new Department of Transportation.

Administration, Commissioner's Office: Senator Hohman moved to accept the Senate's figure of \$1128.7. He further moved to accept the Senate's legislative intent stating \$100.0 was included to fund the Portage-Whittier Train Subsidy. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE
INTENT

Chairman Cowper moved to accept the over-all legislative intent that appeared in the House Journal regarding level of services. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Chairman Cowper stated the only BRU left open in the Transportation budget was Southeast Shore Facilities.

OPEN

Chairman Cowper advised the next budget category to be discussed was DEVELOPMENT.

DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Governor, Tokyo Office: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$110.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

Office of the Governor, Policy Development & Planning: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$290.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Department of Administration, Surplus Property: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$222.1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Department of Revenue:

Shared Taxes, Business Revenue Tax: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$11025.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Shared Taxes, Amusement & Gaming Tax: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$35.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Shared Taxes, Aviation Fuel Tax: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$165.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Shared Taxes, Electric & Telephone Coop Tax: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$1000.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Shared Taxes, Liquor License Tax: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$550.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Shared Taxes, Fisheries Tax: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$525.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Municipal Bond Bank Authority: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$251.2. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Department of Commerce & Econ. Development:

Economic Enterprise, General Operation: Mr. Lind advised there was a misunderstanding in the initial presentation of information. He advised the House made a general reduction because they believed there was a duplication of effort. Mr. Lind stated there was not a duplication of effort. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$894.9. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Economic Enterprise, EDA Planning: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$198.5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Loan Fund Administration: Chairman Cowper advised the House figure added funds for loan examiners to serve as "circuit riders" in the rural areas. Their purpose would be to process applications for any State loans. Rep. Haugen moved to accept the House figure of \$463.9 and the House legislative intent which states--Loan examiners added to serve Kenai, Soldotna, Homer, Kodiak, King Salmon, Dillingham, Bethel, Ft. Yukon, Tanana, Galena, Golovin, Elim, Nome, Kotzebue and Unalakleet. There being no objection, the motion was adopted. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Veterans Loan Fund: Senator Sackett advised the Senate deleted the positions of loan examiner and clerk which had been vacant for more than six months. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$1136.3. Rep. Gruening objected, stating the House made a general reduction in contractual. Chairman Cowper withdrew his motion. Rep. Gruening moved to accept the Senate's figures, except in Contractual where the House figure of \$170.0 would be accepted, for a total of \$1126.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Tourism: This BRU was held open as there was a question on whether or not HB 288 was a duplication of funding. OPEN

Energy and Power Development: Chairman Cowper advised the House deleted this BRU. Senator Hohman advised the Senate kept this BRU and requested \$100.0 for a generator facility in Bethel. He stated he would like to revise that request to \$135.0 and advised this is for matching funds from the federal government. He explained the system and stated this would have statewide ramifications in the area of waste heat and energy. This BRU was held open for further information.

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Alaska Power Authority: This BRU was held open.

OPEN

Department of Natural Resources:

Agricultural Development, State Fairs: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$124.7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Agricultural Development, Plant Materials Center: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$357.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Agricultural Development, Administration & Support: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$133.4. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Agricultural Development, Agricultural Loan Fund: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$139.2 and to accept the House legislative intent stating - Agency should fill vacant loan examiner in an effort to improve loan administration. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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INTENT

Native Claims Payment: Senator Sackett moved to accept the House figure of zero as there is a Bill in the Senate that probably will pass. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Department of Fish & Game:

King Crab Quality Control Board: Mr. Lind advised they have requested an increase of \$85.0 in order to prepare 3 films. The film they are currently using was made in 1967. He stated the Board has a sufficient carry over in funds from Program Receipts to cover that figure. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$256.8 with an increase in contractual of \$85.0, for a total of \$346.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Department of Community & Regional Affairs:

Housing Development, Senior Citizen Housing Dev.: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$80.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Local Government Assistance: Senator Sackett advised the Senate figure includes the Administration's Budget Amendment. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$382.4. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Community Planning Assistance: Senator Sackett stated the difference between the House and Senate figures is in the number of people allowed. He stated the Senate allowed three positions and they are all federally funded. Mr. Lind advised the Senior Planner the Senate disallowed is the position responsible for the Coastal Zone Management Fund. Discussion on position. Rep. Gruening moved to accept the Senate figure of \$1199.1. Mr. Grogan advised the computer print-out had a clerical error and all funding should be moved down one line. There being no objection to the motion, it was so ordered.

Local Boundary Commission, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$73.9. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Local Boundary Commission, Organizational Grants: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House and Senate figure of \$25.0 and he further moved the legislative intent - If agency requires additional funding, they should request a supplemental - be accepted. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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INTENT

State Assessor, Juneau Indemnification: Chairman Cowper move to accept the figure of \$24.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

State Assessor, Agricultural Land Exemption: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House and Senate figure of \$55.0. Mr. Lind advised that if this figure is accepted the Department will require a supplemental appropriation. Chairman Cowper withdrew his motion. Senator Tillion moved to accept the Governor's figure of \$125.0. He further moved that legislative intent be included stating that all unexpended funds shall lapse. There being no objection to the motion, it was so ordered.

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INTENT

State Assessor, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$212.2. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Revenue Sharing, Municipal Services Revenue Sharing: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House and Senate figure of \$19527.3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Revenue Sharing, National Forest Receipts: Senator Sackett advised the Senate figure includes the Governor's Budget Amendment. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate's figure of \$664.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Community Legal Assistance: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$20.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Administration, Office of the Commissioner: Senator Sackett advised the Senate figure reduces the Commissioner's salary. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$182.7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Administration, Administrative Services: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$243.5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Community & Rural Development, Grants: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$842.1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Community & Rural Development, Administration: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$516.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

State Bond Committee:

Debt Service, Remote Housing: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$238.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Debt Service, Port Facilities: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$1501.7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Debt Service, Waters & Harbors: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$632.6. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Debt Service, Natural Disaster: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the figure of \$385.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. Chairman Cowper reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and stated the next budget category to be discussed was GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

RECESS

GENERAL
GOVERNMENT

Senator Sackett made a preliminary statement. He advised that within the General Government category the Senate took a different approach in terms of funding - particularly in looking at vacant positions and eliminating them. The Senate General Government Subcommittee also took a negative figure in miscellaneous in several BRU's.

Office of the Governor:

Executive Operations, Executive Office: Senator Sackett advised the Senate deleted the position of Special Assistant since it has been vacant since January 1976. Mr. Lind advised that although the PCN has been vacant, the funds for the position have been used for temporary positions.

Discussion on deleting the position of Special Assistant. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House figure of \$1667.7. Senator Sackett moved to amend the motion to include legislative intent stating that the newly requested position of Clerical Aide be disallowed; reduce full-time Washington, D.C. office contract to level of funding recommended by the Management and Efficiency Review; and look at restoring the Executive Office as recommended by the Management and Efficiency Review. There being no objection to the amendment and the original motion, they were adopted. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate legislative intent stating the Executive Office shall not reduce planned expenditures of \$12.5 for the Alaska Special Olympics. There being no objection, it was so ordered. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Executive Operations, Policy Development & Planning: Mrs. Farnan advised the Senate deleted the position of Deputy Director since it has been vacant since June 1976. They also took \$108.9 out of the miscellaneous line item. Mr. Lind stated that although the previous Director did not fill the position of Deputy Director, he would assume that the person appointed as Director would want to fill that position. This category was left open. OPEN

Executive Operations, Growth Policy/Public Forum: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$319.3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. and Chairman Cowper recalled the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. RECESS

Executive Operations, Contingency Fund: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House and Senate figure of \$250.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Executive Operations, Budget & Management: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House figure of \$691.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Executive Operations, Executive Mansion: Senator Sackett moved to accept the Senate figure of \$111.7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Executive Operations, Telecommunications: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House figure of \$584.7 and the Senate legislative intent stating the Office of the Governor shall present a specific plan concerning Management & Efficiency Review recommendation No. 17 to the Legislature on or before February 1, 1978. Rep. Haugen asked if last year's legislative intent stating that telecommunications systems would be installed in Southeast outside of Juneau had been acted upon. Senator Hohman moved to rescind the motion concerning action on this budget category until the Free Conference Committee is advised what action was taken on last year's legislative intent. Senators Sackett, Hohman and Tillion in favor of the motion. Motion failed. This budget category was held open. OPEN

Executive Operations, Lieutenant Governor: Mr. Lind advised that the Governor's Office feels they can accept the reduction of \$20.0. Senator Tillion moved to accept the figure of \$343.6. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Executive Operations, Elections: Senator Sackett stated the Senate's reasoning in reducing this budget was that since this is an off election year they shouldn't need as much as requested. He stated they also reallocated funds for FY 78 travel. Sackett moved to accept the Senate figure of \$586.3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Executive Operations, Public Offices Commission: Rep. Gruening moved to accept the House figure of \$303.6. Chairman Cowper stated the only additions in the House budget were for the new positions. Question on the motion. Gruening in favor. Motion failed. Senator Tillion moved to accept the Senate figure of \$261.6. Rep. Gruening moved to amend the motion to include legislative intent stating the Agency can use the funds to fill any positions they feel are justified within the appropriation. There being no objection to the amended motion, it was so ordered. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Executive Operations, Volunteer Action: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$59.5. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House legislative intent stating the Volunteer Action Office shall present an in-depth report of its activities, program measures and accomplishments to the Senate and House Finance Committees on or before February 1, 1978. There being no objection, it was so ordered. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Executive Operations, Internal Audit: Mrs. Farnan advised the House figures are on page 35 of the computer print-out, under Department of Administration, Executive Administration. She advised the Senate transferred this division to the Office of the Governor. Senator Sackett stated this was done at the recommendation of Management & Efficiency Review Recommendation #19 in order to strengthen the activity of internal audit. Mrs. Farnan stated the Senate General Government Subcommittee felt that moving this division to the Office of the Governor would give it more authority. Senator Sackett moved to adopt the Senate figure of \$409.1 and to move this category from the Department of Administration to the Office of the Governor. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House legislative intent stating the Division of Internal Audit shall make an accelerated effort with existing positions to increase audit compliance in order that efficiency, effectiveness and cost savings in state programs might be achieved to a greater degree as a result of the audit function. A special report of calendar year 1977 audit activities shall be presented by the internal auditor to the House and Senate Finance Committees on or before February 1, 1978. There being no objection, it was LEGISLATIVE INTENT

so ordered. Senator Sackett moved to accept the Senate legislative intent stating this appropriation and its expenditure is contingent upon the following: The Division of Internal Audit shall be transferred from the Department of Administration to the Office of the Governor. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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INTENT

Department of Administration:

Executive Administration, Office of the Commissioner:

Mr. Lind advised the new Commissioner intends to fill the position deleted by the Senate. He stated that if the Division of Internal Audit is moved from the Department of Administration, the Department will need additional staff assistance. Senator Sackett moved to accept the House figure of \$1048.6 less \$10.0 from the Commissioner's salary, for total expenditures of \$1038.6. He further moved to accept the House legislative intent stating the management consultant position shall be recruited for and filled so that other departmental high management positions (which are being utilized to perform duties and oversee special projects for which the management consultant would be responsible) shall be freed to perform their normally assigned and equally important duties. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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INTENT

Executive Administration, Internal Audit: Transferred to the Office of the Governor.

Executive Administration, Administrative Services: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House figure of \$314.7 and the Senate legislative intent stating the Department of Administration shall continue development of the word processing concept, as recommended by Management & Efficiency Review recommendation No. 20. This shall be carried out with existing staff. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Executive Administration, Equal Employment Opportunity:

Senator Sackett moved to accept the Senate figure of \$209.8. He further moved to accept the House and Senate intent stating this appropriation and its expenditure is contingent upon the following: The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity shall remain an office and function separate from the Division of Personnel. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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INTENT

Personnel, Personnel Management: Senator Sackett moved to accept the House figure of \$1377.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the legislative intent stating although the Personnel Analyst III position is disallowed, Personnel Management shall carry out the training functions for state agencies (as described in the Personnel Analyst Position Description) with existing staff. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Personnel, Employee Negotiations/Relations: Chairman Cowper stated he would like to see this Division moved from Personnel as he does not think Personnel can be impartial in handling employee grievances against the State. Mr. Lind advised this BRU also handles State contract negotiations. Chairman Cowper moved that the Governor's request figure of \$587.3 be accepted. Hohman objected and stated he would like to see the Chairman's suggestion carried out. This BRU was held open.

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Accounting, Pre-Audit: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$225.3 and the Senate legislative intent stating: One pre-audit section position shall be deleted when a position becomes vacant in the section. This intent is in compliance with the Management & Efficiency Review which recommended (recommendation #32) the deletion of a position. The FY 78 authorized position count has been adjusted downward to reflect the deletion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m. and Chairman Cowper called the meeting back to order at 4:35 p.m.

RECESS

Accounting, Accounting Services: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$222.5 and the Senate legislative intent which states: Accounting Services shall examine the possibility of computerizing the State's annual report as recommended in the Management & Efficiency Review recommendation #35. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Accounting, Payroll Accounting: Senator Sackett moved to accept the House figure of \$431.2. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Accounting, Administration & Support: Senator Sackett asked if the Clerk Typist position was still vacant and was advised that it was. Senator Sackett moved to accept the Senate figure of \$225.7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Purchases: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$702.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Property Management: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$147.5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Risk Management: Senator Tillion moved to accept the figure of \$157.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Central Mail & Switchboard: Senator Sackett moved to accept the Senate figure of \$311.8. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Central Duplicating: Chairman Cowper moved the figure of \$425.4 be accepted. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Archives: Chairman Cowper moved to accept the Senate figure of \$516.0. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

General Services, Leasing & Facilities: Mr. Lind stated the budget request did not include funding for maintenance of housing. He stated the Administration requests an addition of \$130.0 for maintenance of housing and that funding will come from Program Receipts in rent. Senator Sackett asked if they intend to dispose of State housing. Mr. Lind stated that in some cases it will not be possible. Senator Sackett moved to accept the House figure of \$121.9 with an increase of \$130.0 for maintenance of housing, for a total budget of \$251.9. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Data Processing, Services to Administration: Senator Sackett moved to accept the Senate figure of \$462.3 and the Senate legislative intent which states: This appropriation and its expenditure is contingent upon the following: None of this appropriation shall be used either directly or indirectly for implementing any merger or consolidation of data processing operations of state agencies prior to the review and approval of the proposed organization structure in the Department of Administration, complete with accompanying budget, by the Legislature. Any consolidation plan shall include a five-year projection for data processing hardware and positions. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Data Processing, Services to Operating Agencies: Rep. Haugen commented on problems with Data Processing that have been occurring for several years. He stated the State should consider contracting with a private operator for data processing. Mr. Lind advised Administration is requesting an additional \$90.0 to lease a computer. He advised \$28.8 of funds would come from Program Receipts and the remainder would be inter-agency. Mr. Lind stated the computer they have in Anchorage is not sufficient to meet the demand. Chairman Cowper moved to accept the House and Senate figure of \$2620.0 plus an increase of \$90.0 in contractual. \$28.8 of this increase is to come from Program Receipts and the remainder from interagency. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Further discussion on the problems with Data Processing. Rep. Haugen stated the only way he can see to solve the problem is to get the Government out of data processing. Chairman Cowper moved that legislative intent be included requiring the Department of Administration to submit a report to the Legislature on or before February 1, 1978 on the relative merits of contracting out computer

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functions to private contractors. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Chairman Cowper moved the legislative intent approved under Services to Administration regarding consolidation of data processing be included in this BRU. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m.

RECESS

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1977

7:10 p.m.

All members of the Committee were in attendance.

Chairman Cowper reopened the meeting and stated that discussion would continue on the GENERAL GOVERNMENT category.

Department of Administration

Data Processing, State Telecommunication Network: Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure along with the LEGISLATIVE INTENT - The Office of the Governor shall present a specific plan concerning Management and Efficiency Review Recommendation No. 17 to the Legislature on or before February 1, 1978. There was no objection; it was so ordered.

Data Processing, Consultant Services:

Mr. Lind commented that the Department of Administration's highest priority was to try to get the two positions back that the Senate disallowed. Representative Haugen commented that it hadn't worked for the state to be in the data processing business. The agencies which need the service should pay for contracting it out. Senator Sackett moved the House figure with INTENT - This appropriation and its expenditure is contingent upon the following: None of this appropriation shall be used either directly or indirectly, for implementing any merger or consolidation of data processing operations of state agencies prior to the review and approval of the proposed organization structure in the Department of Administration, complete with accompanying budget, by the legislature. Any consolidation plan shall include a five-year projection for data processing hardware and positions. Representative Haugen asked that additional INTENT be - Vendors shall also be part of the report to the legislature.

Data Processing, Administration & Support: Chairman Cowper moved the House figures along with the deletion of the vacant position which has been vacant since 1974. INTENT - Delete position.

Labor Relations Agency: Mr. Lind explained that this is the Labor Relations Board itself. It's also the Grievance Review group. Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figures with INTENT - If further funds are necessary, the Legislature will consider a supplemental.

Retirement & Benefits, PERS: The figure of 351.0 was approved.

Retirement & Benefits, TRS: The figure of 343.3 was approved.

Retirement & Benefits, Other Benefits: The figure of 132.3 was approved.

Retirement & Benefits, Central Support: The figure of 208.1 was approved.

Department of Law

Legal Services: Mr. Lind said that both the Senate and House have told Law to absorb the APOC attorney. In addition, the Senate gave them a reduction of 130.0. That would not reduce their ICC cases; that would reduce the number of attorneys they have. It would not be in our best interests to further reduce attorneys. Senator Sackett commented that there are other places in this budget the AG could cut without cutting attorneys. The Department of Law had the highest percentage increase in general fund than anyone else for the coming year. Mr. Dawson mentioned that the Alyeska Pipeline audit is going on now with Mr. Lenzner. The figure does not cover funds for paying witnesses. That's about \$2-300,000. The day-to-day operations of the Department of Law are increasing in the civil section. Going into their existing staff will really hurt them. Ms. Farnan said both houses had cut the funding for APOC. Mr. Dawson said the Department would have a choice of cutting contractual or cutting attorneys. Senator Tillion suggested that someone from Law be asked for an explanation. The Committee held this BRU Open.

Department of Revenue

Revenue Operations, Audit: Chairman Cowper moved to take the Senate figures with 69 FT and 3 PT positions and the following INTENT: The Department may fill the positions that they regard as being the most needed.

Revenue Operations, Enforcement: Senator Sackett said they had asked for tax collection specialists and enforcement officers, but they have also reclassified existing people. Mr. Lind explained that that was in Fairbanks where they had a regional office. They wanted to set up an administrative position. If they got two of the positions they could hold their own but not improve. Chairman Cowper moved Personal Services of 900.0 with House figures for the remainder to total 1073.0, 35 FT positions. So ordered.

Revenue Operations, Treasury Management: Chairman Cowper moved the House figures; no objection.

Revenue Operations, Petroleum Revenue: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figures with Senate INTENT - This appropriation and its expenditure is contingent upon the following: None of the appropriation shall be transferred, either directly or indirectly, to central data processing in the Department of Administration for implementing any merger or consolidation of data processing operations prior to the review and approval of the proposed central data processing organization structure by the Legislature.

Revenue Operations, Office of the Commissioner: Senator Sackett said the Senate had disallowed the secretary because an existing secretary was transferred out in '77. Ms. Farnan said another justification for disallowing was that she was to support the Revenue Hearing Examiner which was disallowed. Senator Sackett moved the Senate figure minus 29.4 for a total of 296.7. No objection.

Revenue Operations, Administrative Services: Senator Sackett said due to the oil and gas revenue study being completed the principal economist was disallowed in the Senate budget. Representative Gruening moved the House figure. Senator Sackett moved to delete the information officer. Mr. Lind said the information officer is on board. Chairman Cowper objected to the amendment. Chairman Cowper moved the House figures on authorized positions and they can pick it - 51 FT positions.

Department of Education

Blue Book: Senator Tillion moved the Senate figure of 0.0; no objection.

Dept. of Public Safety

Building Security: Chairman Cowper moved the figure of 157.9; no objection.

Dept. of Public Works

Buildings, Construction Inspection: Senator Tillion moved the figure of 190.5 with House INTENT - General construction shall establish uniform inspection standards for all state or state constructed buildings and facilities. These standards shall require that buildings and facilities constructed with state funds be structurally sound, properly wired, plumbed, and otherwise finished regardless of the location of the construction site. Construction standards for rural area projects are to be no different from those applied to projects constructed in urban areas of the state, except where physical conditions justify higher standards for rural construction.

Building, Construction Administration: Chairman Cowper moved the House figure of 234.2; no objection.

Buildings, Maintenance & Operations: Senator Sackett explained that the Senate had deleted 7 janitors due to the creation of the DOT and 10 frozen positions because we have a contract with a janitorial service, also one new assistant PT groundsman. Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure. Mr. Dawson pointed out that the reason for lapsing funds in maintenance was probably because the buildings were behind schedule in being built. Senator Sackett recommended making Misc. 150.0 added to the Senate figures. Senator Tillion commented that the cuts were too deep. Senator Sackett disputed that. This BRU was HELD OPEN.

Buildings, General Design: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figures; no objection.

Communications, Support to State Agencies: Mr. Lind pointed out that the position in SE Alaska was critical because this position handles the public safety radios. They have been actively trying to fill it with a permanent employee. Senator Tillion moved the House figure; no objection. Chairman Cowper moved the Senate
INTENT: The Office of the Governor shall present a specific plan concerning management and efficiency review recommendation No. 17 to the Legislature on or before February 1, 1978.

Communications, Remote Village Radio: Chairman Cowper moved the figure of 239.5; no objection.

Department of Highways

State Equipment Fleet, Central District: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure with the FT positions at 55; no objection.

State Equipment Fleet, Interior District: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure; no objection.

State Equipment Fleet, Southeastern District: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure leaving positions at 20.0; no objection.

State Equipment Fleet, Western District: Senator Tillion moved the House figures and positions; no objection.

State Equipment Fleet, Southcentral: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figures; no objection.

State Equipment Fleet, Administration & Support: Mr. Lind explained that the Supply Officer III that was deleted also works as the Assistant for Specifications writing. They say it's more work than one person can handle. Senator Tillion moved the Senate figures and Senate positions; no objection.

Legislative Affairs

Office of Ombudsman: Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figures; no objection.

DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY

Commerce & Economic Development

Tourism: This BRU was previously held open. Chairman Cowper said the House had put an additional 200.0 in for grants promoting conventions. This is money that has been in the

budget for the last year. It's a pretty successful program. Senator Tillion said he would prefer to move the Governor's figure. Senator Sackett commented that there was a bill pending. Chairman Cowper moved the House figure on page 35 but using the Governor's figure in Personal Services for a total of 1411.7.

Energy & Power Development: Chairman Cowper moved to add 35.0 to the Senate figure for a total of 469.4.

Alaska Power Authority: Chairman Cowper moved the Governor's figure of 471.6.

Chairman Cowper called a recess at 9 p.m. and stated that the meeting would reconvene at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

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FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 27, 1977
8:50 a.m.

The meeting convened at 8:50 a.m. Present were: Senators, Sackett, Hohman and Tillion; Representatives Cowper, Haugen and Gruening.

Also present were: Robert Schroeder, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Division, Ron Lind and Barbara Thomas, Division of Budget and Management, J. Hogan, Director, Legislative Finance Division, Susan Fowler, Admin. Assist. to Senator Hohman, Judy Crondahl, Admin. Assist. to Senator Sackett, Mike Harmon, Associated Press, Louise Crane, Rep. Freeman, and Gary Peska, Legislative Auditor.

STATE RECORDER

PUBLIC
PROTECTION

Senator Sackett explained the Senate figure. Bob Schroeder gave further explanation. Rep. Haugen moved the Senate figure. Comment by Ron Lind regarding Division of Budget and Management's position. Motion carried to adopt Senate figure of 779.6 with INTENT that the Court System shall continue to provide recording services in 4 outlying locations where permanent full-time positions were not transferred to the Department of Administration with the recording section.

INTENT

OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Comments by Rep. Gruening regarding the need for paralegal due to loss of VISTA volunteer. Comment by Senator Sackett. Motion by Sackett for the House figure failed. Cowper moved the Senate figure of 381.8. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOA

House and Senate figures of 353.7 the same. Motion for that figure carried.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

House and Senate figures of 501.9 the same. Motion for that figure carried.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

Senator Sackett explained the Senate figure. Question by Cowper regarding funding for positions. Comment by Ron Lind. Question by Cowper regarding year-to-date figures. Reply by Schroeder. Sackett moved the House figure with new Personal Services figure. Motion for figure of 904.2 carried.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, HEALTH INSPECTION

Senator Sackett explained the Senate figure; deleted funding for one position. Ron Lind explained that the Department has had to

do some recruiting from out of state. Just recently hired an Industrial Hygenist. Sackett moved the House figure be recommended with an amendment to the Personal Services changing the total to 236.9. Motion carried.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, TRAINING & CONSULTATION

Senate and House figure of 289.5 carried.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, PLANNING & STANDARDS

Senate and House figure of 150.1 carried.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, RESEARCH CONTRACTS

Senate and House figure of 118.8 carried.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, STATE INSPECTION

Judy Crondahl explained the Senate figure - disallowed the new positions allowed by the Governor, deleted position vacant since last June, and added position for an elevator inspector. Question by Cowper regarding the decrease in Contractual. Explanation by Bob Schroeder that it was supposed to be taken up in the BRU as General Funds. Ron Lind commented that he thought a reduction coming only out of General Funds would cause problems; one-half should come out of Program Receipts, as well. Cowper moved the Senate figure with an amendment changing General Funds to 196.6 and Program Receipts. Motion carried - 393.1

CONSUMER PROTECTION, WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Question by Cowper regarding the "Prover Tank". Explanation by Lind. Sackett moved the Senate figure with an addition of \$9,000 under Equipment for the Prover Tank. Motion carried - 592.8

BANKING SECURITIES & CORP., BANKING & SMALL LOANS

Cowper moved the Senate figure of 186.6. Motion carried.

BANKING SECURITIES & CORP., SEC. & LAND SALES

Senate and House figure of 132.8 carried.

BANKING SECURITIES & CORP., CORPORATIONS

Senate and House figure of 161.5 carried.

BANKING SECURITIES & CORP., ADMIN & SUPPORT

Senate and House figure of 132.1 carried.

INSURANCE, INSURANCE COMPANIES

Senator Sackett commented that they have \$14,000 nonspecified.

Lind replied that he (Commissioner) cannot specify. There is a lot of activity in this office and there will continue to be next year. Sackett moved the House figure with a reduction of Travel to 17.0. Motion for the figure of 320.7 carried.

INSURANCE, RATES & POLICY FORMS

Senate and House figure of 152.3 carried.

INSURANCE, LICENSING

Senate and House figure of 52.4 carried.

INSURANCE, INVESTIGATION

Senate and House figure of 123.8 carried.

REGULATION OF BUSINESS & PROF., APUC

Senate and House figure of 1235.1 carried.

REGULATION OF BUSINESS & PROF., ATC

Ron Lind commented that two positions were existing and handling the workload - Hearing Officer and Secretary. They were shown as new positions per Department of Administration directive. Sackett moved the Senate figure of 1013.8. Motion carried.

REGULATION OF BUSINESS & PROF., ALASKA PIPELINE COMM.

Judy Crondahl explained that she had talked to Mr. Donohue. He felt at that time that the funds included in the supplemental would be sufficient for investigations and professional fees to carry out the investigations. Gruening commented that they have a small staff and have to contract out a lot of work. They are doing a good job; much better than previously. Sackett commented that during the joint hearings they said they wouldn't need the supplemental and now they are saying they do need it. Cowper commented that he thinks it is the Legislature's fault. That it didn't act earlier on this and now they really are trying to do the job. It was decided after further discussion to leave this open.

OPEN

REGULATION OF BUSINESS & PROF., REGULATION & LICENSING OF PROF

Senate and House figure of 770.1 carried.

REGULATION OF BUSINESS & PROF., ADMIN & SUPPORT

Sackett commented that there is \$14,500 nonspecified in this Budget under Contractual. Lind replied that the Department says they have their dictation equipment and typewriters in that figure. Schroeder explained that in effect it is a change item. They added a phone-in dictation system which was contained specifically in their budget. Cowper moved

the Senate figure plus adding \$10,000 in Equipment. Motion carried - 547.6

SEARCH & RESCUE, CIVIL AIR PATROL

Schroeder explained that \$64,000 under Contractual Services is strictly necessary to maintain the program. They have a new Administrator who put in a request for everything he wanted. The Agency broke down the needs to maintain the program. They must have six items amounting to \$66,500 in order to certify. Cowper moved the Senate figure. Gruening moved to add \$14,200 for strobe lights. Motion for the Senate figure plus \$14,200 carried - 282.1

ALASKA DISASTER OFFICE, CIVIL DEFENSE PLANNING

Senate and House figure of 504.1 carried.

TECHNICAL SERVICES, RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM

Senate and House figure of 40.5 carried.

ALASKA DISASTER OFFICE, CITY PARTICIPATION

Senate and House figure of 125.0 carried.

ALASKA DISASTER OFFICE, FLOOD CONTROL

Senate and House figure of 70.8 carried.

ALASKA DISASTER OFFICE, DISASTER RELIEF ACT

Senate and House figure of 95.6 carried.

ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD, OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

Ron Lind explained that this is presently funded 70% by the State and 30% by the Federal government. Cowper moved the Senate figure plus \$20,000 in Personal Services and the position count be changed to 23.0 full-time and 1.0 part-time. Motion carried - 942.4

FACILITIES OPERATIONS & MAINT., STATE ARMORIES

Senate and House figure of 680.3 carried.

FACILITIES OPERATION & MAINT., FEDERAL ARMORIES

Senate and House figure of 606.6 carried.

FACILITIES OPERATION & MAINT., ARMY TRAINING SUPPORT

Senate and House figure of 375.1 carried.

FACILITIES OPERATION & MAINT., AIR TRAINING SUPPORT

Senate and House figure of 668.4 carried.

ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD, ORGANIZED MILITIA BENEFITS

Senate and House figure of 331.1 carried.

ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD, HITCHHIKE - AK MILITARY ACADEMY

Sackett explained that initially this program was an employment run through the National Guard. Purpose of the program changed. It is now service of some type at Camp Carroll. Lind explained that the Hitchhike program stopped in 1976 and it is now an indoctrination program for rural area people to adjust to the differences. Motion for House and Senate figure carried - 14.1

AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION, PLANT INDUSTRY

Senate and House figure of 99.1 carried.

AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION, ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Schroeder explained that when the House Finance Committee considered this program they decided not to define the positions allowed and to give them the funding and let the Senate Committee sort it out. Tillion moved the House figure - failed. Motion for Intent by Gruening; discussion; motion failed. Cowper moved to hold open. Motion carried.

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FIRE SAFETY

Cowper moved the Senate figure of 713.3. Motion carried.

DRIVER VEHICLE SERVICES, DRIVER SERVICES

Senate and House figure of 519.9 carried.

DRIVER VEHICLE SERVICES, VEHICLE SERVICES

Senate and House figure of 531.2 carried.

DRIVER VEHICLE SERVICES, FIELD OPERATIONS

Tillion explained the Senate figure. The amount of money was satisfactory, but the Committee didn't feel they need the new positions. Cowper moved the House figure. Motion carried - 2832.7

DRIVER VEHICLE SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION

Senate and House figure of 336.4 carried.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT, COORDINATION

Senate and House figure of 241.1 carried.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, FEDERAL PROJECTS

Senate and House figure of 857.1 carried.

DRIVER VEHICLE SERVICES, MUNICIPAL TAX UNIT

Senate and House figure of 198.4 carried.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES, VEHICLE WEIGHT ENFORCEMENT

Senate and House figure of 499.9 carried.

DEBT SERVICE, NATIONAL GUARD

Senate and House figure of 78.7 carried.

DEBT SERVICE, FLOOD CONTROL

Senate and House figure of 632.6 carried.

DEBT SERVICE, FIRE CENTERS

Senate and House figure of 32.5 carried.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 27, 1977
1:45 p.m.

Chairman Cowper reconvened the meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m. All committee members were present.

PRESENT

Also present were: Ron Lind and staff from the Division of Budget & Management; Jay Hogan, Director, Legislative Finance; Bob Schroeder, Fiscal Analyst; Susan Fowler, Administrative Assistant to Legislative Budget & Audit Committee; Judy Crondahl, Administrative Assistant to Senator Sackett; Louise Crane from the Division of Budget & Audit; Arthur Snowden, Administrative Director of the Alaska Court System; Senator Orsini; Senators Kerttula and Ferguson, and Representative Meekins (at varying times); Elaine Mitchell and other media representatives.

Chairman Cowper advised that the Committee would begin review of the Administration of Justice budget category.

JUSTICE

PUBLIC DEFENDER - First Judicial District

Chairman Cowper advised that one of the requested Attorney III positions was already filled. He further advised that he felt this program really needed that person due to workload increase because of the disallowance of plea bargaining. He said he had talked with Bud Carpenetti from the department concerning this and suggested that the committee accept the House figure of 286.3. There being no objection, the figure was accepted.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - Second Judicial District

OPEN

Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figures. Senator Sackett advised that Senator Ferguson had made a request regarding this program. Senator Hohman stated that Senator Ferguson wants the contractual reduced and personal services money added for a Public Defender in Kotzebue. Chairman Cowper suggested the program be left open for discussion at a later time. Senator Ferguson entered the meeting at a later time and advised that he wished to have a Public Defender and secretary in Nome; that he believed this would cost approximately 99.8. He also added that he would like to have the District Attorney in Kotzebue, but the Attorney General's Office has said the workload there will not support a District Attorney. Chairman Cowper suggested this program be held open a while longer in order to obtain further information. He added that it was his understanding that there had been a Public Defender in Nome at one time but the workload was not sufficient and service for this area was contracted out.

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PUBLIC DEFENDER - Third Judicial District

Chairman Cowper advised that the Senate figure appeared to contain a small reduction in Contractual. Senator Tillion advised that personal services had also dropped somewhat due to vacancies. Ron Lind stated that when the administration put the Public Defender's budget together with the Prosecutor's, it attempted to balance the case load. From information which the administration has gathered, it appears that the requested attorney is needed in the Third Judicial District. Bob Schroeder replied that the Senate Finance committee had made an analysis of that district and determined that it had 42% of the caseload and 55% of the attorneys within the department. Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure. Representative Gruening stated that since the committee had taken the attorney out of Anchorage, he felt Anchorage should get the intern at a lower rate to do the investigative work. Bob Schroeder advised that the department has come in with 12.0 for new interns. The intern program is basically a new effort since the department has not had interns before. Representative Gruening advised that the caseload doubles without plea bargaining. Ron Lind stated that the interns are not funded out of state funding, that they now have some criminal justice funding; that criminal justice money is "seed" money to try new programs. Chairman Cowper suggested that the committee put the money in with the intent that the BRU shall lapse money equal to LEAA receipts. Following further discussion a vote was taken on the above proposal resulting in the following show of hands: Senators Sackett, Tillion, Hohman, and Rep. Haugen for, Representatives Cowper and Gruening against. Representative Gruening then moved the House figure and Senator Sackett objected, advising that he did not want to take on additional general funding. Chairman Cowper advised that he would like to find out if paralegals are doing work that attorneys might have been doing had the necessary attorneys been available. Chairman Cowper moved that the category be held open. Upon return to this category at a later time, Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the House figure of 988.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - Fourth Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure. Senator Hohman objected. Upon a show of hands, the vote resulted in the following count: Representatives Cowper, Gruening and Haugen, and Senators Sackett and Tillion for, Senator Hohman against. The Senate figure was adopted. Upon return to this program for further review at a later time, Senator Hohman moved to rescind the prior committee

action adopting the Senate figure and adopt the House figure of 551.8 instead. There being no objection, the prior committee action adopting the Senate figure was rescinded and the House figure of 551.8 was adopted.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - Administration and Support

Chairman Cowper advised that the House figure of 117.6 was based upon year-to-date expenditures for this sub-program, and moved for adoption of the House figure. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Representative Haugen moved for adoption of the Senate figure. Ron Lind advised that the department was trying to get the hearing officer in order to prepare cases to go before the Commission. The department feels that getting the cases moving is just as important as getting field officers in the field. Upon a show of hands for acceptance of Rep. Haugen's motion, the count was as follows: Senators Hohman, Sackett, Tillion, and Rep. Haugen voting for, Representatives Gruening and Cowper voting against. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's figure of 838.2. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House and Senate figure of 96.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING - Action Grants

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House and Senate figure of 2119.2. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING - Discretionary Grants

Senator Sackett moved to add 50.0 for Alaska Legal Services. Representative Gruening stated that he thought the legislature had already provided these funds. Chairman Cowper advised that prior legislative action was for a supplemental for 1977. Ron Lind advised that there really wasn't an Alaska Legal Services budget last year, that the agency was included within CRA. Senator Tillion advised that he would not vote to expand the program. Upon a show of hands the count was as follows: Representatives Cowper and Gruening, and Senators Sackett and Hohman for, Senator Tillion and Representative Haugen against. The motion to add 50.0 for Alaska Legal Services was adopted. Chairman Cowper moved to adopt the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 611.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING - Planning

Chairman Cowper stated that it appeared the House had accepted 3 of the requested positions, but advised that his figures indicate a total of 10 full time positions, adding that there is a discrepancy in the figures. Senator Tillion advised that the positions have been on the payroll elsewhere and are transferring in by RP. Chairman Cowper asked why there was such a great difference in the House and Senate figures for travel. Bob Schroeder advised that the House only allowed the 1977 figure for travel. Chairman Cowper moved that the committee accept positions 1, 4, & 6, and the House figure for travel, and the Senate figures for the remainder of the budget. He stated that the position total would be 13 and general fund would be increased by 8.0 in personal services. Ron Lind stated that the department would like to have 4 of the six positions back. He further advised that the travel for the commission comes out of this budget. Mr. Lind advised that the figures the department would like to use are as follows: 501.5 personal services, 95.0 travel, 87.0 contractual, 9.6 commodities, 1.0 equipment, for a total of 489.1 in federal funding and 205.4 in state funding. Chairman Cowper stated that he would move those figure except that he would propose reducing travel to 75.0. The above motion would result in a total of 14 positions and total expenditure of 676.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROSECUTION - First Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, Senate, and House figure of 413.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROSECUTION - Second Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the figures for the House and Senate, 111.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROSECUTION - Third Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 1952.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROSECUTION - Fourth Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved the House and Senate figure of 816.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROSECUTION - Administration & Support

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure of 215.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

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ADULT CONFINEMENT - Palmer Correctional Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House and Senate figure of 1049.4. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Anch. State Correction Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 889.4. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Juneau Correction Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House and Senate figure of 1604.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Fairbanks Correction Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure of 1804.6. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Ketchikan Correction Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figures of 604. . . There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Anchorage Annex Correction Center

Bob Schroeder advised that there was no mention of additional needs in the Anchorage Annex when the women were moved out. Senator Sackett advised that the department had stated that it would not need additional positions due to the move. Chairman Cowper advised that he had intent adopted by the House to the effect that if the program moved to Ridgeview, the legislature would consider a supplemental next year. Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 1297.7, with the intent above mentioned. There being no objection, the figure and intent were adopted.

Intent: If there is a move to Ridgeview, the legislature will accept a supplemental if properly documented.

INTENT

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Eagle River Correction Center

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figures of 1907.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Ridgeview Manor

Ron Lind advised that part of the problem regarding this program and the elimination of the 5 positions is that the Human Rights Commission is requesting that all pre-trial

people be separate from sentenced individuals. The Human Rights Commission is mandating how prisoners will be treated. Bob Schroeder advised that the Human Rights Commission has said they have no agreement worked out. Also, the department has asked for two of the correctional officers to man the Second Floor. There is in fact no Second Floor. There is a half-way house but no security is needed there. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure and the House figure of 702.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Local Facilities

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 1057.1, with House intent. There being no objection, the figure and intent were adopted. Intent: Prompt payment will be made to the respective municipalities in accordance with the terms of the contracts.

INTENT

ADULT CONFINEMENT - Out-of-State Contractual

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 823.8. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

JUVENILE CONFINEMENT - McLaughlin Youth Center

Senator Sackett advised that the Finance Committee had used the Governor's figure with the understanding that the program would be coming in with an RP. Bob Schroeder stated that the Senate subcommittee discussed this program with the department and found that the positions were related to the capital request to add on another cottage. The capital request has been allowed by both the Senate and House, so the positions will be needed. Senator Orsini advised that the proposed construction is not major and will probably be completed this summer. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure of 3468.0 plus 30.0 in personal services for a total of 3498.0, and a total of 122 authorized positions. There being no objection, the above figures were adopted.

JUVENILE CONFINEMENT - Local Facilities

Ron Lind advised that the department had submitted an amendment on April 15, in the amount of 470.0 as an increase in this program. The new total should be 2211.9 for foster care and institutional care in other areas. Chairman Cowper advised that he would move for adoption of the 2211.9 figure. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

JUVENILE CONFINEMENT - Out-of-State Contractual Services

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 526.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROBATION & PAROLE - First Judicial District

Chairman Cowper advised that the House cut 25.0 out of contractual for car rental. Senator Tillion moved for adoption of the House figure of 624.6. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROBATION & PAROLE - Second Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 168.0. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

PROBATION & PAROLE - Third Judicial District

Chairman Cowper advised that he had received a plea for a clerk typist in Palmer. Senator Sackett advised that the Senate Finance Committee felt that since there was only one probation officer in Palmer, he could possibly use some of the existing clerk typists. Bob Schroeder advised that the probation officers were the department's first priority. Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 1410.6. Chairman Cowper moved to amend the motion and add 17.5 for the clerk typist position, and further moved that the committee adopt the House intent. There being no objection, the Senate figure was adopted with the addition of the clerk typist and House intent.

Intent: The Legislature will entertain a supplemental appropriation request if presumptive sentencing becomes law and the resultant workload justifies a budget increase.

INTENT

PROBATION & PAROLE - Fourth Judicial District

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House figure of 610.7, including the House intent. There being no objection, both the figure and the intent were adopted.

Intent: The Legislature will entertain a supplemental appropriation request if presumptive sentencing becomes law and the resultant workload justifies a budget increase.

INTENT

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

Ron Lind asked if the committees had taken the correctional officers' training out of this BRU. Mr. Schroeder replied that last year the legislature had set up 5 positions and funded 180.0 for the training, and that this year the House deleted most of the funding. Chairman Cowper asked if the funding and positions were to have been a one-time cost. Mr. Schroeder replied that that was the original implication, but then the department said it needed the funds again the following year. Ron Lind stated that usually the correction officers go through the Trooper Academy in Sitka. Chairman Cowper asked if these expenses would show up in interagency transfers. Mr. Lind replied that the Academy is not budgeted

that way. There is an additional cost for running more students through the program. The Academy also has to sign an agreement with Sheldon Jackson for housing more students. Chairman Cowper stated that he believed the Criminal Justice Program in Anchorage provided a similar service. Senator Orsini advised that the Anchorage program provided academic education for the correction officer rather than on the job training like the Trooper Academy. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 1054.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

(The committee recessed at this time 2:55 p.m.)
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(Chairman Cowper reconvened the meeting at 4:10 p.m.)

PAROLE BOARD

Ron Lind advised that the administration was concerned by the House and Senate budgets for this program because it includes travel for the parole board. He added that travel under this program is heavy due to the need to provide parole hearings for Alaskan prisoners lodged in penal facilities outside the state. The committee adopted the Senate figure of 124.8.

VIOLENT CRIMES BOARD

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 323.6. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 582.3, with legislative intent. There being no objection, both the figure and intent were adopted. Intent: Budget for support services for this BRU will appear in the appropriate BRU under General Fund.

INTENT

ADMIN. OF WORKMENS COMPENSATION

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the House and Senate figure of 918.4, with Senate intent. There being no objection, the figure and intent were adopted. Intent: Budget for support services for this BRU will appear in the appropriate BRU under general fund. FY 79 budget shall show the relationship of units of work to the program.

INTENT

LOCAL HIRE

Ron Lind asked if the legislative intent was to wind down this program. Chairman Cowper replied that it was; that

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the legislature assumed that there will not be too much pipeline work after July. Ron Lind advised that if the legislature lets the program die now, when the gas pipeline construction commences people will need new cards. He further added that some of the cards are beginning to expire now, and the idea was to continue the program and have all the cards issued when the construction begins. Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 100.0, with legislative intent. Senator Orsini advised that the above may not effect the end of the program but only reduce it to 2 or 3 people rather than 6 people. There being no objection to the motion for the Senate figure and intent, both were adopted. Intent: Budget for support services for this BRU will appear in the appropriate BRU under general fund.

INTENT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 85.9. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ENFORCEMENT - Detachments & C.I.B.

OPEN

Chairman Cowper advised that the House had picked up detachments for Eagle River and Sand Lake. He further stated that if the Anchorage area went to area-wide police it would cost more in revenue sharing than it would cost to put the troopers in the area. Senator Orsini advised that there would have to be an increase in the mill levy to put local police into those areas, but he also advised that he had a memo from the Commissioner of Public Safety which estimates the additional cost for the troopers to be \$750.0. Chairman Cowper questioned Senator Hohman regarding the number of troopers in Bethel. Senator Hohman replied that Bethel currently has 5 troopers; that with the new position, it would have 6. Senator Hohman moved for adoption of the Governor's figure. Senator Sackett objected. Representative Cowper moved for the House figure and Senator Sackett objected. Upon a show of hands the three House members voted for the motion and the three Senate members voted against the motion. Senator Tillion moved that this program be left open until a later time.

ENFORCEMENT - Narcotics Unit

Chairman Cowper moved the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 515.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

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ENFORCEMENT - A.S.T. Division H.Q.

Senator Sackett moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 740.4 with the exception of contractual which should be the House figure of 300.0, for a new total of 714.9. There being no objection, the figures were adopted.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Representative Gruening moved for adoption of the House figure. Senator Tillion asked how many people were on board. Bob Schroeder replied that the Safety Inspector was new and the Trainee was by revised program. Ron Lind stated that when the administration budget was prepared, two positions were changed to be funded by federal receipts. Those two positions are in the Organized Crime Prevention Unit. Public Safety says that due to the report process connected with federal receipts and the fact that outside auditors would be auditing the activities of this Unit were it to be under LEAA funding, the department does not feel that this program should be funded in this manner. The department does not feel that these reports should become public information. Senator Orsini advised that there is a requirement that the funds be audited, and that the department would have to show what kinds of expenditures it is making, but did not believe it would have to detail the purpose of the expenditure. Senator Sackett moved to accept the House figure of 1656.8 with a 10.0 reduction in the Commissioner's salary. There being no objection, the figure was adopted. New figure 1646.8.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Records and Identification

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Senate figure of 135.1. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Laboratory Services

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the Governor's, House, and Senate figure of 150.2. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Central Communications

Chairman Cowper advised that this program had transferred in money from Research and Planning. Bob Schroeder advised that there had been a reduction of 330.0 in Research and Planning. Chairman Cowper moved the Senate figure of 1293.3 with the exception of contractual which should be the House figure of 565.9, for a new total of 1247.4. There being no objection, the figures were adopted.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Housing Programs

Chairman Cowper moved for adoption of the figure 680.5. There being no objection, the figure was adopted.

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