

House, Senate Look At Operating Budget

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JUNEAU (AP) — The 1987 operating budget for Alaska is on its way to a conference committee with less than a 24-hour difference between the House and Senate versions.
The Senate voted 17-13 Friday for a bill in general funds. The House rejected the Senate version of the bill, leaving the two sides to work out a compromise.
Three Democratic minority members — Bill Hay of Bethel and Joe Fischer and Joe Josephson, both of Anchorage — voted against it, saying it cuts too deeply into important programs.
But two senators who are not up for election second their colleagues who will face the pain this fall of having to deep budget cuts for next year.
"We tried to share the burden," said Sen. Dick Eliason, R-Sitka. "We were unsuccessful — primarily because it's an election year."

Senate leaders called at the House earlier this spring for preparing a \$100 million budget cut, and putted them selves for planning to knock \$200 million off the proposed budget for next year.
The drive for cuts began when state officials predicted the oil slump will leave Alaska \$1.1 billion short in revenue this coming year.
Eliason said good fiscal intentions were lauded when senators seeking public approval shopped money back into their proposed cuts, bringing the reduction back up to about \$100 million.
Going by current economic predictions, he said, that will leave next year's legislators to slash \$200 million out of the budget, with little savings opportunity to ease the burden.
Sen. Mitch Abbott, R-Anchorage, declined to support the bill, saying it is against the shallowness of the cut, but declined the budget. He said the legislature should not take the full brunt of what's going to happen next year. The public has demands.

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Legislature Gives OK To Top Priority Bills

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JUNEAU (AP) — Alaska lawmakers decided to keep arguments over their own pay out of this fall's campaign debates by lowering their salaries — at least until after the November election — and filled what one lawmaker calls the final check in the local option alcohol laws by giving villages the right to ban liquor within their bounds.
Those two measures swept through the Senate with 16 other bills and resolutions Sunday in a crunch of legislative action intended to beat Monday's adjournment deadline.
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But legislators went ahead and voted 16-1 to wind their salaries back to \$24 a year, plus \$60 a day in living expenses during the session — for a total of about \$34,000 for most legislators. They now make \$28,000 a year, but no per diem allowance.
However, the pay which would be bumped back up by a special commission on state officials' pay which would be set up by a constitutional amendment.
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Cabin, Insurance Bills Top Voting in House

By BRUCE KANDLING
Associated Press Writer
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Peel Trial: Prosecution Scores One?

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Lawsuit on Meetings Awaits Session End

JUNEAU (AP) — The secret lawsuits against the Alaska Legislature will begin again after the session ends, says Justice Superior Judge Walter Carpenter, who on Friday denied pleas for immediate hearings on the suits.
Carpenter noted that there is no evidence the public would be hurt if the lawsuit is delayed until adjournment, scheduled for today. The suit claims legislators illegally conducted state business during secret meetings.
They filed suit on grounds that majority members of the House and Senate violated the Alaska Constitution by not reporting to the public whether or not they met.
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Senate Finally Agrees To Alaskan Artists Bill

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The clause scrapes the traditional "jury selection" of the best or most appropriate work from a variety of artists in favor of limiting the selection to Alaskans — in effect, a local hire measure for the art community.
The measure, which also reduces the art's per-plate allowance from 10 percent to 5 percent of a project's total cost, passed the Senate 11-7, with the minimum number of supporting votes.
Debate that swung from catty barbs to jokes and puns left some lawmakers laughing so hard that senators had to leave the floor.

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