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Juneau, Alaska

Tuesday

February 13, 2001

Thirty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:16 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Cowdery was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Larry Rorem of the Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church.

Senator Pearce led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the thirty-sixth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

SCR 1

Message dated February 12 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1(RLS) with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1(RES)
Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

Senator Leman moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSCR 1(RES)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment to CSSCR 1(RLS)?

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Green, Halford, Hoffman, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Pearce, Phillips, Taylor, Therriault, Torgerson, Ward, Wilken

Excused: Cowdery

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1(RES) Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 16

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; and authorizing compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Kelly, Cochair, Senators Austerman, Leman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Donley, Cochair, Senators Green, Hoffman, Olson, Ward, Wilken.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public
Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 21

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 21 "An Act increasing the maximum civil fine that may be imposed by the State Medical Board as a disciplinary sanction" and recommended the adoption of the following Finance Committee Letter of Intent:

Letter of Intent for SB 21

It is the intent of the Legislature that the size of fines typically imposed for minor, noncompliance infractions remain unaffected by the enactment of SB 21.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the size of fines typically imposed for serious and consequential violations of ethical and professional misconduct be increased.

Signing do pass: Senators Donley, Kelly, Cochairs, Senators Green, Austerman, Hoffman, Olson, Wilken, Leman, Ward.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Community and Economic
Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 53

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers" and recommended the adoption of the following Finance Committee Letter of Intent:

Letter of Intent for SB 53

The Legislature requests that the Board carefully consider the option of self-testing by the various vocations regulated by the Board and that it consider a pilot program of self-testing. The Legislature specifically requests the Board to research and investigate the results of self-testing in Washington and Oregon.

Signing do pass: Senators Kelly, Donley, Cochairs, Senators Green, Austerman, Hoffman, Olson, Wilken, Ward, Leman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 72

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 72 "An Act relating to 'take-a-child-hunting' seasons for big game" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Torgerson, Chair, Senators Taylor, Kelly.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Pearce, Lincoln, Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 7

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Opposing former United States Secretary of the Interior Babbitt's rescission of a United States Department of the Interior directive prohibiting the United States Bureau of Land

Management from considering Alaska land for designation as wilderness and urging the reinstatement of that directive, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.
7(RES) Supporting reinstatement of the United States
Department of the Interior directive exempting the
United States Bureau of Land Management in Alaska
from the mandatory wilderness review process.

Signing do pass: Senator Torgerson, Chair, Senators Pearce, Taylor, Kelly. Signing no recommendation: Senators Lincoln, Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 85

SENATE BILL NO. 85 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act relating to failure to report a crime."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

SB 86

SENATE BILL NO. 86 BY SENATORS KELLY, Donley, Taylor, entitled:

"An Act relating to employment of teachers who
have subject-matter expertise; and providing for an
effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

SB 87

SENATE BILL NO. 87 BY SENATOR LINCOLN, entitled:

"An Act providing special absentee ballots for voters in remote areas."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

SB 88

SENATE BILL NO. 88 BY SENATORS PHILLIPS, Donley, entitled:

"An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations and to establishment of a metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation, Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 89

SENATE BILL NO. 89 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to charter schools; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Principi
Representative(s) Murkowski
Senator(s) Leman, Phillips, Pearce, Wilken, Donley, Ellis, Hoffman,
Therriault, Halford, Lincoln, Taylor, Elton, Davis, Kelly, Green,
Austerman, Ward

In Memoriam – Senator Fred F. Zharoff

Senator(s) Austerman, Phillips, Halford, Pearce, Ellis, Wilken, Donley, Hoffman, Therriault, Leman, Lincoln, Taylor, Elton, Davis, Kelly, Green, Cowdery, Ward, Torgerson, Olson

Representative(s) Stevens

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

HB 100

Senators Ellis, Olson, Leman, Lincoln, Elton, Ward moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 100 "An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Donley withdrew his excused absence on February 23 and moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 16. Without objection, Senator Donley was excused.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 16 and through morning plane time on February 20. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 14, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

February 2001

Announcements

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**FAHRENKAMP 203**

Feb 14 Wednesday 1:30 PM
 + SB 75 SERVICE AREAS:VOTER APPROVAL/TAX ZONES

Feb 16 Friday 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE**SENATE FINANCE 532**

Feb 13 Tuesday 9:00 AM
 = SB 53 EXTENDING THE BD. OF BARBERS/HAIRDRESSERS
 = SB 21 FINES BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 = SB 16 OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 14 Wednesday 9:00 AM
 SB 19 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/SOC SEC. #
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 15 Thursday 9:00 AM
 SB 80 APPROP: SPECIAL OLYMPICS
 SB 73 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/AMEND APPROP.
 SB 74 FAST TRACK SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
 Overview: Governor's Supplemental Budget
 Annalee McConnell, Director, OMB
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 14	Wednesday	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

JUDICIARY

BELTZ 211

Feb 14	Wednesday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

Feb 16	Friday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

LABOR & COMMERCE

BELTZ 211

Feb 13	Tuesday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

Feb 15	Thursday	1:30 PM
= SB 38	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER	

RESOURCES

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 14	Wednesday	3:30 PM
+	TAPS Briefing:	
	David Wight, CEO and President, Alyeska Pipeline	

SENATE FINANCE 532

Feb 15	Thursday	12:00 PM
+	-- Time and Location Change --	
	Joint w/(H) Resources and (H) Special Committee on	
	Oil & Gas	
	Presentation on LNG Market in Japan and Asia:	
	Shigeru Muraki, General Manager, Gas Resources Dept,	
	Tokyo Gas Co. Ltd.	

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 16	Friday	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

Feb 19 Monday 3:30 PM
Comparison of Northern vs Southern Gas Pipeline Route:
Foothills Pipelines Ltd

Feb 14	Wednesday	10:45 AM
SB 52	TERMINATION OF STATE PHYS THERAPY BOARD	
HB 44	JOE REDINGTON SR. MEMORIAL TRAIL	
HJR 6	ROADLESS POLICY	

Feb 13		Tuesday	3:30 PM
+	SB 24	LEGIS APPROVAL OF SEAFOOD/FOOD SAFETY LAB	
	SB 65	PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES	
	SJR 10	US COAST GUARD FUNDING	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

Feb 15 Thursday 3:30 PM
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 13	Tuesday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 15 Thursday 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 23 ANCHORAGE LIO CONFERENCE ROOM 1:30 PM
 Friday
 -- Time and Location Change --
 Presentation: Alaska's Future Transportation Needs

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****SENATE FINANCE 532**

Feb 15 Thursday 3:30 PM
Department Overview

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**TERRY MILLER 104**

Feb 15 Thursday 8:00 AM
Child Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Child Care
Grants, Head Start

FISH & GAME**SENATE FINANCE 532**

Feb 15 Thursday 2:00 PM
Division of Habitat and Restoration
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
Division of Commercial Fisheries

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**BELTZ 211**

Feb 15 Thursday 3:45 PM
-- Agenda to be Announced --

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW****FAHRENKAMP 203**

Feb 20 Tuesday 2:45 PM
+ Review of Past and Proposed Regulations

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**HOUSE FINANCE 519**

Feb 22 Thursday 3:30 PM
Alaska's Space Mission and Military Force Projection:
Adjutant General Phil Oates, Military & Veterans Affairs
Commissioner

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SELECT CMTE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

BELTZ 211

Feb 14

Wednesday

8:00 AM

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Open Meeting Guidelines

OTHER MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

FAHRENKAMP 203

Feb 13

Tuesday

12:00 PM

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Public Health

JOINT SESSION

HOUSE CHAMBER

Feb 21

Wednesday

11:00 AM

U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski's Annual Message

Feb 23

Friday

11:00 AM

Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message

MINORITY CAUCUS

GOVERNOR'S CONF RM

Feb 13

Tuesday

4:00 PM

State/Tribal Relations: Will Mayo