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Fifty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:12 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Donley, Kelly, Olson, Taylor were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Karina Rawhani of the Juneau Baha'i Assembly. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Glory be to Thee, O God, for Thy manifestation of love to mankind! O Thou Who art our Life and Light, guide Thy servants in Thy way, and make us rich in Thee and free from all save Thee.

O God, teach us Thy Oneness and give us a realization of Thy Unity, that we may see no one save Thee. Thou art the Merciful and the Giver of bounty!

O God, create in the hearts of Thy beloved the fire of Thy love, that it may consume the thought of everything save Thee.

Reveal to us, O God, Thine exalted eternity - that Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be, and that there is no God save Thee. Verily, in Thee will we find comfort and strength. (Baha'u'llah: Baha'i Prayers (UK), Pages: 60-61)

Senator Ward led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

The presence of Senators Donley, Taylor, Kelly was noted.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 26 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 24**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE, AND TOURISM, entitled:

"An Act relating to use of borough revenues from a sales tax levied upon room rentals for a tourism marketing campaign."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

HB 118

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 BY REPRESENTATIVES WHITAKER, Hayes, Rokeberg, Crawford, Croft, entitled:

"An Act relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal taxes on certain residences; and providing for an effective date."

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

The presence of Senator Olson was noted.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 84**

Forthcoming Finance Committee Substitute (page 500) for SENATE BILL NO. 84 "An Act exempting joint action agencies from regulation by the state or municipalities; relating to the relationship between a joint action agency and the public utilities that form the joint action agency; relating to powers and immunities of a joint action agency; requiring filing of the joint action agency agreement; relating to the financial affairs of a joint action agency; declaring certain joint action agencies to be political subdivisions for certain purposes; relating to liability and indemnification of officers, employees, and agents of joint action agencies; and defining 'agency agreement' as used with reference to joint action agencies" was received today:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 84(FIN) "An Act exempting certain joint action agencies from regulation by the state or municipalities; relating to the relationship between certain joint action agencies and the public utilities that form the joint action agencies; relating to powers and immunities of certain joint action agencies; requiring filing of certain joint action agency agreements; relating to the financial affairs of certain joint action agencies; declaring certain joint action agencies to be political subdivisions for certain purposes; relating to liability and indemnification of officers, employees, and agents of certain joint action agencies; and defining 'agency agreement' and 'parties to the agency agreement' as used with reference to certain joint action agencies."

SB 79

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge." Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Phillips, Therriault, Ellis, Cowdery.

The bill is on today's calendar.

HB 79

The Rules Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 79 "An Act designating a portion of the Eagle River Loop Road as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway." Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Ellis, Therriault, Phillips, Cowdery.

The bill is on today's calendar.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SCR 5**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 BY SENATORS
HOFFMAN, Ellis,

Requesting the Governor to declare March 18 - 24,
2001, to be Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 120**

SENATE BILL NO. 120 BY SENATOR WARD, entitled:

"An Act relating to a public school student high
school graduation examination; and providing for an
effective date."

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

SB 121

SENATE BILL NO. 121 BY SENATOR LEMAN, entitled:

"An Act adding, for purposes of the Alaska Right-of-
Way Leasing Act, a definition of 'substantial change'

as applied to an amended right-of-way lease application; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 79

SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge" was read the second time.

Senators Pearce, Phillips, Wilken, Torgerson, Green moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 79 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 79

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 79 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 79**

HOUSE BILL NO. 79 "An Act designating a portion of the Eagle River Loop Road as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway" was read the second time.

Senators Phillips, Halford, Leman, Taylor, Wilken, Ward, Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Cowdery, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Transportation Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 451. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA) was adopted and read the second time.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA) "An Act designating a portion of the Eagle River Loop Road as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS HB 79(TRA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Commemorating – Women in History Month

Senator(s) Davis, Phillips, Ward, Hoffman, Wilken, Ellis, Leman, Taylor, Pearce, Elton, Lincoln, Austerman

Honoring – Wendy M. Redman

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

Honoring – Kari Wise, Justin Gonka, Jacob Fuller

Representative(s) Porter, Guess, Rokeberg

Senator(s) Donley, Ellis, Pearce, Ward, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman

Honoring – Southeast Alaska Eagle Scouts

Representative(s) Wilson

Senator(s) Taylor, Phillips, Ward, Hoffman, Wilken, Ellis, Leman, Kelly, Green, Pearce, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman

Honoring – 2000 Eagle Scouts - Christopher Michael Thomas, Brian Scott Fairchild, Daniel Christian Peterson

Representative(s) Hudson, Kerttula

Senator(s) Elton, Phillips, Ward, Hoffman, Wilken, Ellis, Leman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Pearce, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman

Honoring – Kikkan Randall, World Ski Championships

Representative(s) Crawford

Senator(s) Ward, Phillips, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Pearce, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman

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**HJR 7**

The reconsideration on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES) am Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production, was not taken up this legislative day and the resolution was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 79**

SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

HB 79

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA) "An Act designating a portion of the Eagle River Loop Road as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 28, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

February 2001

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Feb 28 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + SB 4 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
 += SB 48 MUNICIPALITIES:INCORP/PROPERTY VALUATION
 Testimony by Invitation Only

Mar 01 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += HB 117 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 += SB 73 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/AMEND
 APPROP.

Feb 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = HB 117 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 = SB 73 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/AMEND
 APPROP.
 + SB 58 ADD PHYSICIAN ASST TO STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 SB 77 NET PROFIT SHARE UNDER/OVERPAYMENTS
 SB 93 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES TEAM ALASKA TRUST
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 01 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 29 APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Fish Safety Monitoring: Dept of Health & Social Services
 Dept of Environmental Conservation
 + SB 96 C.O.P.S FOR API DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION
 + SB 112 LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN;MENTAL HLTH
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 Senate Bill:
 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM
 <Removed from Agenda>
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 28 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 99 DNA REGISTRATION OF BURGLARS
 + SB 105 VICTIMS' RIGHTS/ PRISONER'S PFD

Mar 02 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 27 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 1:30 PM
 -- Location Change --
 + Joint w/(H) Confirmation Hearings:
 Kathleen B. Schreiber, Eagle River
 Linda C. Thomas, Juneau
 Daphne E. Brown, Anchorage
 Patrick H. Kalen, Fairbanks
 Dr. Robert E. Miller, Anchorage
 Darae Crews, Anchorage
 Sheryl L. Sutton, Juneau
 Larry Allen Ungerecht, Anchorage
 Richard D. Brickley, Fairbanks
 Aaron T. Isaacs, Klawock
 Anthony (Tony) J. Joslyn, Anchor Point
 Jeffrey L. Thompson, Anchorage
 The Honorable Cliff Davidson, Kodiak

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 27 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 1:30 PM (continued)

Carla L. Meek, Juneau
 James A. Hage, Fairbanks
 Stephen F. Turner, Anchorage
 Clarence Bolden, Anchorage
 Gail Dossman, Anchorage
 Lottie M. Michael, Anchorage
 James S. Strandberg, Anchorage
 Col William (Bill) McDonald, Fairbanks
 John A. Abshire, Wasilla
 Valerie K. Baffone, Anchorage
 Richard H. Behrends, Juneau
 John Giuchici, Fairbanks
 Stephen T. Hagedorn, Anchorage
 Andrew (Bear) J. Piekarski, Eagle River
 Marc D. Stemp, Bethel
 Robin E. Ward, Anchorage

Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

+ Confirmation Hearings:
 Vince Coan, Wasilla
 Ronald L. Otte, Anchorage
 + SB 6 MOBILE HOME PARK EVICTION NOTICE
 + SB 37 PHYSICIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH INSURE

RESOURCES

Feb 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ Supply and Demand of Future Natural Gas Market:
 Cambridge Energy Research Associates

Mar 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

RULES

Feb 28 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 10:30 AM
SB 72 TAKE A CHILD HUNTING SEASON
SB 84 PUBLIC UTILITY JOINT ACTION AGENCIES

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
+ SJR 14 OPPOSE CANADIAN FEE TO TRANSPORT FIREARMS
+ SB 102 SOCIAL SECURITY # & DRIVER'S LICENSES
+= SB 103 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
SB 92 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE PF BOARD
= SB 82 2001 REVISOR'S BILL

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
SB 100 REGULATION OF AERONAUTICS
= SB 59 FEDERAL FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR ROADS
SB 83 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF
SB 119 WILLIAM R. WOOD FAIRBANKS INTL AIRPORT

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

Feb 27 Tuesday House Finance 519 3:30 PM
 Joint w/(H) Pupil Transportation Review

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
 + Missions and Measures
 Capital Budget Requests (other than Village Safe Water
 Program)

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 27 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 3:45 PM
 Administrative Services/Office of the Commissioner

LAW

Mar 01 Thursday Terry Miller 104 8:00 AM
 Overview: FY02 Operating Budget

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mar 14 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 3:45 PM
 Budget Overview/Increment Details

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 08 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 3:45 PM
 Overview: Operating Budget

Mar 15 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 3:45 PM
 Specific GF Increments/Decrements

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Capitol 102** **2:45 PM**
+ "Best Value" Procurement by UAF

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 28 **Wednesday** **House Finance 519** **12:00 PM**
Executive Session: Preliminary Audit Rpts
Final Audit Report: DPS/Board of Parole
Audit Reports:
Release of Final Audit to Public
Release of Preliminary Audits for Agency
Response

SELECT CMTE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 12 **Monday** **Beltz 211** **8:00 AM**
+ Public Comment
Proposed Open Meetings Guidelines

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Mar 09 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
Impact of Fishing Gear on Marine Habitat

JOINT SESSION

Feb 28 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
-- Rescheduled from 02/23/01 --
Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message