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Twenty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:17 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Green, Phillips were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Cowdery. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, You have given this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember Your generosity and faithfully do Your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make this land their home. Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world.

May we balance our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people.

O Lord, we pray for Your guidance as we work together for the best interests of our communities, our nation, our world, and the ultimate goal of peace. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful and in troubled times may our deepest trust be with You. Amen.

Senator Kelly led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 6 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 349

HOUSE BILL NO. 349 BY REPRESENTATIVES DYSON, Ogan, Foster, James, Meyer, Rokeberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to agency programs and financial plans."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Errata Sheet to be inserted in the Storage Tank Assistance Fund Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2001, between pages 2 and 3 of Appendix A from Karen Paulick, Department of Environmental Conservation

Alaska Marine Highway System Fund 2001 Annual Financial Report from Captain George A. Capacci, General Manager in accordance with AS 19.65.070

Department of Community and Economic Development, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Annual Report Fiscal Year 2001 from G. Nanette Thompson, Chair in accordance with AS 42.05.211 and 42.05.220

Standing Committee Reports

SB 244

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 244 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry; and relating to optometrists" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 244(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair, Senators Austerman, Davis, Leman, Torgerson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

President Halford added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 257

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 257 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 257(L&C) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors; and relating to licensing of professional counselors."

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair, Senators Austerman, Davis, Leman, Torgerson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HCR 12

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Relating to the preservation of employment opportunities for United States longshoremen with respect to unloading and loading of foreign vessels. Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair, Senators Austerman, Davis, Leman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Labor and Commerce Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 25

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25 BY SENATOR TAYLOR,

Relating to the public trust for fish and wildlife in Alaska.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 284**

SENATE BILL NO. 284 BY SENATOR ELLIS, entitled:

"An Act changing the date of repeal of a provision authorizing an exemption from and deferral of municipal property taxes on certain types of deteriorated property; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 285

SENATE BILL NO. 285 BY SENATOR ELTON, entitled:

"An Act relating to violations of domestic violence protective orders."

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

SB 286

SENATE BILL NO. 286 BY SENATOR ELTON, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting discrimination in insurance rates based on credit rating or credit scoring; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Labor and Commerce Committees.

SB 287

SENATE BILL NO. 287 BY SENATORS HOFFMAN, Ellis, Davis, Elton, Lincoln, Olson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of construction and major maintenance for certain public school facilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from morning plane time, February 13 through afternoon plane time, February 18. Without objection, Senator Taylor was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 15. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 6, 7 and 8. Without objection, Senator Kelly was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 7. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Announcements

SCR 25

Senator Taylor, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived for the Judiciary Committee meeting on February 15 to hear SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25 Relating to the public trust for fish and wildlife in Alaska. Senator Ellis objected.

Senator Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 11, 2002. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 09	Saturday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H)		
	Citizens Concerned About Annexation		
	Public Testimony on Homer Annexation		
Feb 11	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+	Homer Annexation		
	<Testimony by Invitation Only>		
Feb 12	Tuesday	Capitol 124	8:00 AM
+	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H)		
	Homer Annexation		
	<Testimony by Invitation Only>		

FINANCE

Feb 12	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:30 AM
SB 243	CHIROPRACTORS: SUNSET/LICENSING		
SB 244	OPTOMETRISTS: SUNSET AND MISCELLANEOUS		
SB 257	EXTEND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 13	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
HB 96	ACQUIRING JESSE LEE HOME		
HB 52	COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE (Continued)

Feb 14	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:30 AM
	Senate Bill:		
	SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET		
	<Pending Introduction and Referral>		
	Supplemental Budget Overview		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 11	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 250	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORTS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Feb 13	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 256	CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM		
+	Report: American Institute for Full		
	Employment/Welfare Reform		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 08	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 11	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 242	CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITTEES		
+ SB 223	PRISONERS:PAROLE/GOOD TIME		

Feb 13	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 15	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 12	Tuesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 263	REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCES		
+ SB 274	PHYSICIANS' LOCUM TENENS PERMITS		

LABOR & COMMERCE (Continued)

Feb 14 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 270 BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
 + SB 252 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM/BOARD
 + SB 266 FISHERY ENHANCEMENT LOANS

RESOURCES

Feb 08 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 140 SMALL WATER-POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
 + SB 255 LAND EXCHANGES: GOLD CORD DEVELOPMENT

Feb 11 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 13 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 -- Location Change --
 + Joint w/Joint Committee on Natural Gas
 Pipelines
 Overviews:
 Dept of Revenue- Financial Participation
 in AK Natural Gas Pipeline
 Dept of Natural Resources- Gas Supply and
 Demand; Natural Gas and NGL Value

Feb 15 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RULES

Feb 11 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 10:30 AM
 SB 115 EXTEND BD. OF STORAGE TANK ASSISTANCE
 SB 153 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LOAN FUND
 SCR 21 TREATMENT FOR DISTURBED CHILDREN

Feb 12	Tuesday	Terry Miller 104	11:00 AM
	Update on Child Care Issues:Yvonne Chase Deputy Commissioner, Dept of Education and Early Development Committee Schedule and Future Topics		

JOINT COMMITTEES**NATURAL GAS PIPELINES**

Feb 13 +	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
	Joint w/Senate Resources Committee		
	Overviews:		
	Dept of Revenue- Financial Participation		
	in AK Natural Gas Pipeline		
	Dept of Natural Resources- Gas Supply		
	and Demand; Natural Gas and NGL Value		

Feb 15	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Introduction of draft resolution		
	in support of		
	producers' federal enabling legislation		
	Karol Lyn Newman, JCNGP attorney:		
	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission		
	Issues- Upstream Access, Jurisdiction		

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Feb 12 +	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
	Alaska Women's Resource Center:		
	Stepping Stones Program		

JOINT SESSION

Feb 19	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	US Senator Frank Murkowski		

Feb 20	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Chief Justice Dana Fabe		