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Friday

March 15, 2002

Sixty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Leman at 11:08 a.m.

The roll showed twelve members present. Senators Cowdery, Halford, Lincoln, Olson, Phillips, Ward were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Kelly, Therriault were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Kathleen Wakefield of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, we pray today for our leaders. May they be quiet in spirit, clear in judgment, able to understand the issues that face them. May they think often of the common people on whose behalf they must speak and act. May they remember that, in keeping Your law, is our only good and happiness. Grant them patience, grant them courage, grant them foresight and great faith. In their anxieties, be their security. In their opportunities, be their inspiration. By their plans and their actions may Your kingdom come, Your will be done. (Lilian Cox) Amen.

Senator Green led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Taylor, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fifty-ninth and sixtieth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Therriault was noted.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska State Commission for Human Rights 2001 Annual Report
from Martha Gore, Chairperson
in accordance with AS 18.80.150

Standing Committee Reports**SB 180**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 180 "An Act implementing pay differentials based on geographic areas for certain state employees and for members of the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 180(FIN) "An Act implementing pay differentials based on geographic areas for certain state employees and for members of the Alaska State Defense Force; relating to cost-of-living differentials for state aid to municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Donley, Cochair, Senators Austerman, Wilken, Leman, Ward. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Olson.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 265

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 265 "An Act relating to physician assistants; providing that a physician assistant is a health care provider covered by certain laws relating to medical malpractice actions; adding physician assistants to the list of providers against whom unfair discrimination relating to health care insurance is prohibited and to the list of providers who can provide proof of disablement or handicap for the purpose of obtaining a special parking permit; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Transportation Committee Substitute offered on page 2257.

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

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 347

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 347 "An Act relating to taxation" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 347(FIN) "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages."

Signing do pass: Senator Donley, Cochair, Senator Austerman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Green, Wilken, Leman. Signing do not pass: Senator Hoffman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

In Memoriam – Milton Ronald Schmitz
Senator(s) Taylor, Halford, Green, Kelly, Austerman, Lincoln, Davis,
Elton, Leman, Wilken, Stevens, Hoffman

Senator Taylor, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Taylor, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam – Adella "Lorene" Stump
Senator(s) Leman, Halford, Stevens, Hoffman, Ellis, Donley, Wilken,
Green, Elton, Kelly, Davis, Taylor, Lincoln, Austerman

Senator Taylor, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Taylor, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 18, 2002. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

March 2002

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 15	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 18	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 20	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+ SB 231	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EXPANSION		
Mar 22	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 15	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 339	INCREASE CRIMINAL FINES		
+ SB 185	PCE BASED ON HIGHEST COST		
	(Subcommittee to take testimony)		
+ HB 4	MOTOR VEHICLES & DRUNK DRIVING		
	(Agency Testimony)		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 19	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
= SB 247	REAPPROPRIATIONS & CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS		
	(Capital Budget Overview)		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Teleconference Upon Request --		

FINANCE (Continued)

Mar 20 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:30 AM

- = SB 291 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
- = SB 182 PRO RATA REDUCTIONS IN BENEFIT PROGRAMS
- = SB 185 PCE BASED ON HIGHEST COST
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
-- Teleconference Upon Request --

Mar 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- SB 226 HIGHWAY DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
- = SB 181 SMALL COMMUNITY HOUSING LOANS
- SB 279 SPORT FISH LICENSES FOR 9/11 RESPONDERS
- SB 277 DEFINITIONS OF FISHERIES BUSINESSES
- SB 308 COASTAL ZONE MGMT PROGRAM
- = SB 4 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
-- Teleconference Upon Request --

Mar 22 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- = SCR 29 HIRING FREEZE
- SJR 37 CONST AM: HIRING FREEZE
<Pending Referral>
- SJR 38 CONST AM: PRIORITY OF EXPENDITURES
<Pending Referral>
- = HB 349 AGENCY PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL PLANS
- SB 299 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD PANELS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
-- Teleconference Upon Request --

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 15 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- SB 346 SCHOOL DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE STUDY
- SB 264 MUNICIPAL BOND REIMBURSEMENT
- SB 345 SCHOOL SERVICES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (Continued)

Mar 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Dept Ed and Early Development Overview:
 Minimum Expenditure for
 Instruction Requirement
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Dept Ed and Early Development Overview:
 ESEA Implementation
 Statewide School Safety/McQueen School
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 15 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 += SB 204 WILDFIRES AND NATURAL DISASTERS
 + SB 324 PUBLIC UTILITIES EXEMPT FROM REGULATION
 + SB 344 TERRORISM AGGRAVATING FACTOR

Mar 18 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SJR 33 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT : TAX CAP
 + SJR 37 CONST AM: HIRING FREEZE
 + SJR 38 CONST AM: PRIORITY OF EXPENDITURES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SJR 25 CONST. AM: EDUCATION FUND
 + HB 362 EXTEND BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF AK BAR ASSN
 += SB 324 PUBLIC UTILITIES EXEMPT FROM REGULATION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 278 TAKING PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN
 + SB 295 LICENSING:DISCLOSURE OF MINORS RECORDS
 + SB 302 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 19 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

- + SB 317 NAT'L FOREST INCOME AND REGS OF DCED
- + HB 418 ELECTRONIC PROXY VOTING & NOTIFICATION
<Pending Referral>
- + HB 281 CIVIL LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING ALCOHOL

Mar 21 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

- + SB 321 REVISION OF VETERINARY STATUTES
- + HB 262 BUILDING SAFETY ACCOUNT

Mar 26 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

- + HB 56 MINIMUM WAGE
- + SB 320 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE & REPAIRS

Mar 28 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

- + Confirmation Hearings:
AK State Board of Public Accountancy
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors
Board of Barbers and Hairdressers
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
AK Workers' Compensation Board

Apr 02 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 04 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

- + Confirmation Hearings:
AK Labor Relations Agency
Board of Marine Pilots
Certified Real Estate Appraisers
Real Estate Commission
Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Apr 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

- Location Change --
Joint w/(H)
+ Nursing Workforce Issues Forum

RESOURCES

Mar 15 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 SB 205 CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILD ANIMALS
 SB 326 WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 280 WATER/SEWER/WASTE GRANTS TO UTILITIES
 + SB 240 TERRORISTIC THREATENING/PIPELINE DAMAGE
 + HB 307 OIL/GAS EXPLORATION INCENTIVE CREDIT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 329 ALLOW CDQ GROUPS TO HOLD ENTRY PERMITS
 + HB 206 LIMITED ENTRY FOR COMM. FISHERIES
 + HB 298 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF RAILROAD LEASES
 + HB 131 FOREST RESOURCES & PRACTICES STANDARDS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 19 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 HCR 20 SEPT 11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
 HJR 33 SUPPORT WAR ON TERRORISM & SUPPORT PEACE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 21 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 HJR 35 REPEAL ESTATE TAX
 SB 306 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE TASK FORCE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Mar 20 Wednesday Capitol 102 8:30 AM
 + Regulation Changes for Special
 (Correspondence) Schools
 Public Comment

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 18 Monday House Finance 519 12:00 PM

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 22 Friday Capitol 208 8:30 AM
Information Technology Subcommittee

OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mar 26 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM

SELECT CMTE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
Public Comment
Committee Members and Officers
Review of State Benefit & Loan Programs
Staff Reports, Late Disclosures
Advisory Opinion 02-01

OTHER MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

Mar 26 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
+ Youth in Action

Apr 02 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
+ Smart Start/Strong Future