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Fifty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Kott at 10:09 a.m.

Roll call showed 28 members present. Representatives Anderson, Chenault, Heinze, Kookesh, McGuire, and Moses had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Berkowitz, Croft, Gara, and Guttenberg were absent and their presence was noted later.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Hawker be excused from a call of the House today because of illness. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Morgan be excused from a call of the House from today to 10:00 a.m., plane time, March 12, 2004. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Robert Sherwood of Church of the Nazarene. Representative Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

"Abraham went out without knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8. Oswald Chambers writes, "You do not know what you are going to do; the only thing you know is that God knows what He is doing. Continually revise your attitude toward God and see if it is a going out of everything, trusting in God entirely. It is this attitude that keeps you in perpetual

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wonder - you do not know what God is going to do next." My son-in-law yesterday went out in faith and humility to interview for a part-time temporary job selling passes at a park. He came back with a full-time temporary park ranger job and was told he will receive the first permanent position. You say, "What is the point?" My point is to let your life be a continual "going out" in dependence on God and you will be a wonder to yourself and others. Your life will have an ineffable charm about it. God will protect your going out and your coming in. Now go, in the mercy of the Father, and the grace of His Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Harris.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 57th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 8, 2004, was read stating the Senate has passed the following and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 260

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 260(TRA) am by the Senate Transportation Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations and to the policy board of the metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area; relating to transportation planning in federally recognized metropolitan planning areas; and providing for an effective date."

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

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 319

The Resources Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

"An Act relating to the disposal of state land by lottery; and relating to the disposal, including sale or lease, of remote recreational cabin sites."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 319(RES)

"An Act relating to the disposal of state land by lottery; relating to the reservation of rights by the state in land contracts and deeds; and relating to the disposal, including sale or lease, of remote recreational cabin sites."

The report was signed by Representatives Dahlstrom and Masek, Cochairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Lynn, Stepovich, Wolf

No recommendation (3): Gatto, Dahlstrom, Masek

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 319(RES):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 319 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**The presence of Representatives Guttenberg and Berkowitz was noted.

HB 466

The State Affairs Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 466

"An Act relating to investments of Alaska permanent fund assets; and providing for an effective date."

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and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 466(STA)

"An Act relating to investments of Alaska permanent fund assets; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation to loan permanent fund assets to the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority for use in developing North Slope natural gas resources and in transporting the natural gas, and relating to those loans; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Weyhrauch, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Gruenberg, Seaton, Coghill, Weyhrauch

Amend (2): Lynn, Berkowitz

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 466(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 466 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 486

The Finance Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 486

"An Act relating to reclamation bonding and financial assurance for certain mines; relating to financial assurance limits for lode mines; establishing the mine reclamation trust fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 486(FIN) (same title)
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The report was signed by Representatives Harris and Williams, Cochairs, with the following individual recommendations:

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Do pass (9): Meyer, Hawker, Croft, Moses, Fate, Foster, Chenault, Harris, Williams

No recommendation (2): Stoltze, Joule

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 486(FIN):

- 1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources
- 2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 486 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**The presence of Representative Gara was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Mary Elizabeth Cesar

By Senator Elton; Representatives Kerttula, Weyhrauch, Kott, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Foster, Gara, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Joule, Kapsner, Kookesh, Masek, Meyer, Morgan, Ogg, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stepovich, Stoltze, Williams, Wilson, Wolf

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Kookesh - from 7:30 p.m., March 15 to 9:30 p.m., March 16, 2004

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Representative Stepovich - from 7:30 p.m., today to 10:00 a.m., March 15, 2004 (amended from page 2912)

**The presence of Representative Croft was noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 12, 2004, for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Suzi Lowell Chief Clerk