

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 20, 2004**

#### **Ninth Day**

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Davis was absent.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be excused from a call of the Senate. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Thomas Dahl of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty God, source of all good will, author of justice, champion of liberty, we pray this day for the people of Alaska. Give us a vision of Your great future, and the grace and the will to see this land as Your gift to us, for today and tomorrows without end. Save us from thinking only of ourselves. Where divisions and selfishness have blinded us, take the scales from our eyes and help us to see the new possibilities for the good and just future that You most surely have for us. We are so grateful for this land. Help us to be good stewards in our use of it.

We pray especially this day for those who have been elected to serve You and Your people as Senators. We are grateful for their time and their commitment, and we pray for them, each one. Be their vision. Nudge them to high resolve. Poke them to think and act beyond their limits. Help them to expect greatness from themselves and from each other, and then give them the strength and wisdom to work for it. Amen.

Senator Ben Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fifth through eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Communications**

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

Regulatory Commission of Alaska, 2003 Annual Report  
from Mark K. Johnson, Chair  
in accordance with AS 42.05.211 and AS 42.06.220

Public Decisions Issued by the Committee, Volume VIII  
January 21, 2003 – December 31, 2003  
from Dennis “Skip” Cook, Chair, Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
in accordance with AS 24.60.150

Advisory Opinions Rendered by the Committee, Volume XXV  
January 21, 2003 – December 31, 2003  
from Dennis “Skip” Cook, Chair, Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
in accordance with AS 24.60.150

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SJR 23**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 BY SENATOR LINCOLN,

Relating to the labeling of salmon and salmon food products.

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

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

In Memoriam – James Richard “Dick” Pace  
Senator(s) Ben Stevens, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 1:16 p.m., February 13 through plane time, February 16 and from 1:16 p.m., February 20 through plane time, February 23. Without objection, Senator Gary Stevens was excused.

#### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 21, 2004. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

January 2004

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
SB 259	SENIORCARE		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint W/(H) Finance Committee Meeting		
	Presentation by the Denali Commission		

<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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## HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

**Jan 21**      **Wednesday**      **Butrovich 205**      **1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 22**      **Thursday**      **Capitol 124**      **1:00 PM**  
-- Time and Location Change --  
Joint w/(H) Education  
+ Overview: Alternative Governance for  
Charter Schools

## JUDICIARY

**Jan 21**      **Wednesday**      **Beltz 211**      **8:00 AM**  
+= SJR 18 CONST. AM: PF APPROPS/INFLATION-PROOFING  
+= SJR 19 CONST. AM: PERMANENT FUND INCOME  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

## LABOR & COMMERCE

**Jan 20**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 211**      **1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 22**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 211**      **1:30 PM**  
+ Overview: Pulltabs Subcommittee Report  
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --

## RESOURCES

**Jan 21**      **Wednesday**      **Butrovich 205**      **3:30 PM**  
+= HCR 10 RESTORATION OF RIPARIAN HABITAT  
+ SB 241 APPROP: NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
+ SB 247 AK NATURAL GAS DEV. AUTHORITY INITIATIVE

**Jan 23**      **Friday**      **Butrovich 205**      **3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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## STATE AFFAIRS

**Jan 20 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM**  
+ SB 190 KENAI RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA  
+ SB 167 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS  
+ SCR 8 AMENDING UNIFORM RULES 37 AND 44

**Jan 22 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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## TRANSPORTATION

**Jan 20 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
Overview of Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority

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## OTHER MEETINGS

### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

**Jan 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
Senator Bunde will offer a presentation, "The High School Graduation Qualifying Exam - A Refresher" to provide legislators staff and others the opportunity to review the history of the exam, what the law contains and new developments since 2001. Copies of the Practice Test will be available. All are welcome.