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Seventeenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 10:20 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Weyhrauch was absent.

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

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Chenault be excused from a call of the House from today to 7:00 p.m., plane time, January 31, 2006. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Nancy Campbell. Representative Stoltze moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer. Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I entreat Your favor on the state House today as they meet for this legislative session. Grant them good health. Give them wisdom. Bless their decisions. Let any unresolved issues be

settled. Cause Your light to shine upon them and give them peace of heart and peace of mind.

I pray for renewed energy - a refreshing of their minds and a quickening of their steps from You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hawker.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 15th and 16th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Rokeberg introduced Ashley Straley, Page, from Anchorage.

Representative Rokeberg introduced Yelena Bakulina from Kirov, Russia. She is a participant in The Young Professionals U.S. Government Internship Program sponsored by the U.S. State Department in conjunction with the American Councils for International Education and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land, and Water
2006 Report to the Legislature
Report on Identified R.S. 2477 Rights-of-Way
Notification of Annual Mining Report
Land Disposal Income Fund Report
Notification of Annual Report on the
Status of Land in the Land Disposal Bank
Notification of Annual Report on Water Removals and Exports
Notification of Interim Land Classifications

(Closing Land to Mineral Entry)
Summary of Cooperative Resource Management
or Development Agreements
(as required by AS 19.30.400, 27.05.060, 38.04.022, 38.04.020,
46.15.020, 38.05.300, 38.05.027, respectively)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Resources Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Mr. Jeremiah D. Campbell

as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Bruce C. Twomley

as a member of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

The reports were signed by Representative Ramras, Co-chair; and Representatives Kapsner, Gatto, Olson, Crawford, LeDoux, and Seaton.

HB 194

The State Affairs Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

"An Act prohibiting a public officer from taking official action regarding a matter in which the public officer has a significant financial interest; and defining 'official action' for purposes of the chapter generally referred to as the Executive Branch Ethics Act."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 194(STA)

"An Act prohibiting a public officer from taking official action regarding a matter in which the public officer has a significant financial interest; providing for imposition of costs against violators of, and defining 'official action' for purposes of, the chapter generally referred to as the Executive Branch Ethics Act."

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

Do pass (4): Gardner, Lynn, Gatto, Seaton

No recommendation (2): Ramras, Elkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 194(STA):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/All Depts.
2. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 194 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A letter dated January 24, 2006, was received from the Joint Victims' Advocate Selection Committee, stating that in accordance with AS 24.65.020, they have nominated the following as Victims' Advocate:

Mary Anne Henry

Ms. Henry meets the qualifications specified in AS 24.65.030.

The report was signed by Representatives Samuels, Stoltze, Berkowitz; and Senators Huggins, Dyson, French.

The appointment becomes effective if the nomination is approved by a roll call vote of two-thirds of the members of the legislature in joint session.

HB 300

The House Special Committee on Oil & Gas has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

"An Act relating to the qualifications of the member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission who need not be certified, trained, or experienced in either the field of petroleum engineering or the field of petroleum geology."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 300(O&G)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Guttenberg, Samuels, Dahlstrom, Rokeberg, Kohring

No recommendation (1): Gardner

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 300(O&G):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 300 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Katie Pearson
By Representative Ramras

Honoring - The Teachers and Staff of Schoenbar Middle School
By Representative Elkins

In Memoriam - Lois Elinor Cosgrove
By Representative Harris

In Memoriam - First Lieutenant Jamie Campbell
By Representative Ramras

In Memoriam - Fiatau Saena, Jr.
By Representative Gruenberg; Senator Guess

The following citations were introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - The Creating Alaska Project
By Representative Kelly; Senator Seekins

Honoring - The 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Constitutional
Convention
By Representative Kelly; Senator Seekins

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HR 12

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12 by Representative Olson:

Requesting that the Alaska Department of Transportation and
Public Facilities terminate the State of Washington's involvement
in the Alaska marine highway system.

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

HCR 27

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27 by Representatives
Ramras and Holm:

Urging the Alaska Retirement Management Board and the Alaska
Permanent Fund Corporation to divest all holdings held in
companies with business activities or holding investments in Iran
and North Korea.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS**

HB 390

HOUSE BILL NO. 390 by Representatives Stoltze, Lynn, and
Dahlstrom, entitled:

"An Act limiting the amount that a municipality may charge for an
appeal of a residential real property tax assessment to the
municipality's board of equalization."

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

HB 391

HOUSE BILL NO. 391 by Representatives Stoltze, Lynn, and Dahlstrom, entitled:

"An Act relating to a limit on the amount by which the assessed value of property may be increased for purposes of municipal property taxation."

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

HB 392

HOUSE BILL NO. 392 by Representative Wilson, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the establishment of regional solid waste management authorities."

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

HB 393

HOUSE BILL NO. 393 by Representatives Anderson, Lynn, and Gruenberg entitled:

"An Act requiring that certain health care insurance plans provide coverage for the costs of colorectal cancer screening examinations and laboratory tests; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Health, Education & Social Services Committees.

HB 394

HOUSE BILL NO. 394 by Representative Meyer, entitled:

"An Act relating to allowing insurance policies to be filed, approved, and delivered in languages other than English if an official English language version is also provided."

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

HB 395

HOUSE BILL NO. 395 by Representatives Olson, Hawker, and Seaton, entitled:

"An Act extending the period of the fire season."

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

HB 396

HOUSE BILL NO. 396 by Representatives Berkowitz and Cissna, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Commission on Health Care; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 397

HOUSE BILL NO. 397 by Representatives Anderson, McGuire, Gruenberg, Gara, Gardner, and Cissna, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation for an upgrade of signal system emergency devices in Anchorage, contingent upon matching funds from the Municipality of Anchorage; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich

By Senator Davis; Representatives Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Moses, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Honoring - Patrick L. Garrity, Principal, Sand Lake Elementary, Recipient Consul-General's Commendation, Consulate-General of Japan

By Senator Ben Stevens; Representatives Rokeberg, McGuire, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

In Memoriam - Betty McPeak

By Representatives Coghill, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

In Memoriam - Celebrating the Memory and Life of Warren Wenzel Prax

By Representatives Coghill, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

In Memoriam - Norman A. Cosgrove

By Representatives Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

In Memoriam - Representative Drew Scalzi

By Senator Gary Stevens; Representatives Olson, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Moses, Neuman, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

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 Kerttula - from 7:00 a.m., January 26 to 2:00 p.m., plane time, January 28, 2006

Representative Gatto - from 1:00 p.m., January 26 to 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 30, 2006

Representative Ramras - from 1:00 p.m., January 26 to 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 30, 2006

Representative Kott - from 6:00 a.m., January 27 to 10:00 p.m., plane time, January 29, 2006

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring - The 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention and Honoring - The Creating Alaska Project, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that all members of the House be shown as cosponsors of the citation, Honoring - The 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - The 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention

By Representatives Kelly, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Moses, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson; Senator Seekins

Honoring - The Creating Alaska Project

By Representatives Kelly, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson; Senator Seekins

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 144

Representative Foster added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

"An Act authorizing an advisory vote on whether income of the Alaska permanent fund in the earnings reserve account should be used for a community dividend program."

HB 318

Representative Elkins added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 318

"An Act limiting the exercise of eminent domain."

HB 321

Representatives Gatto and Anderson added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 321

"An Act relating to high risk operation of a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance and to refusal to submit to a chemical test."

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., January 27, 2006. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk