

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 30, 2005**

**Eightieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:55 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Dyson, Kookesh, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Guess was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Gary Waterhouse of the Juneau and Sitka Seventh Day Adventist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, We pray that You will bless those assembled here today. Guide their minds and hearts, teach them to be generous in their outlook and courageous in the face of difficulty and wise in their decisions. May they have pure motives and honest hearts.

Lord our God, we implore You to imbue this body with a spirit of justice, compassion and clarity of vision, as they work through obstacles and detours placed in front of them.

May the people of our great land be inspired by the leadership of these men and women.

And now let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our strength and our redeemer.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventy-ninth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Recess**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:59 a.m.

### **After Recess**

#### **Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Harris called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:10 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator for Alaska.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative LeDoux and Senator Davis to escort U.S. Senator Murkowski to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Eric Huckaba, announced Senator Lisa Murkowski's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 5.

Senator Murkowski introduced her staff: Tom Daffron, chief of staff; Elliot Bundy, press secretary; and Connie McKenzie, special assistant in Juneau. She also introduced, her father, Alaska's Governor Frank H. Murkowski.

Following her address, there was a question and answer period. The Honorable Lisa Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Davis and Representative LeDoux.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 12:05 p.m.

#### **After Recess**

#### **In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

##### **SB 67**

Corrected Judiciary committee report (page 705) was received today, regarding SENATE BILL NO. 67 "An Act relating to claims for personal injury or wrongful death against health care providers; and providing for an effective date." The Judiciary Committee considered the bill and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(JUD)

**SB 132**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 132 "An Act relating to complaints filed with, investigations, hearings, and orders of, and the interest rate on awards of the State Commission for Human Rights; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Therriault, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Huggins. Signing amend: Senator Davis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 143**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 143 "An Act amending the definition of the term 'state agencies' as it applies under Executive Order No. 113; relating to information systems in the legislative branch and to the Telecommunications Information Council; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 143(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Davis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HJR 8**

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Expressing support of Alaska Army National Guard soldiers deployed worldwide. Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Huggins, Davis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring – Sergeant Alfonso Grubbs

Senator(s) Davis, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Honoring – Haines Borough Public Library

Senator(s) Kookesh, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Representative(s) Thomas

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment and Enrollment****SB 98**

CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98 "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:19 a.m., March 30, 2005.

**Adjournment**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 31, 2005. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

March 2005

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
+ HB 108	WATER & SEWER UTILITIES OF POLIT. SUBDIV. <Bill Hearing Postponed> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 01</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ HB 108	WATER & SEWER UTILITIES OF POLIT. SUBDIV. Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 141	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Committee will recess to the call of the Chair --		

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 31 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 141 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 --Committee will recess to the call of  
 the Chair, approximately 4:00 p.m.--

**Apr 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 141 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Committee will recess to the call of  
 the Chair, approximately 4:00 p.m.--

**Apr 02 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 += SB 141 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 03 Sunday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 += SB 141 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
 Yukon Legislative Exchange

**Apr 01 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 74 CRIMES INVOLVING MARIJUANA/OTHER DRUGS

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 31 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM**  
 + HB 124 COLLECTION OF DNA/USE OF FORCE  
 + SB 20 OFFENSES AGAINST UNBORN CHILDREN  
 + SB 54 PROTECTIVE ORDERS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 31 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 142 REGIONAL SCHOOL BD LAND/BLDG OWNERSHIP  
 + SB 139 EXTENSIONS OF OCCUPATIONAL BDS/AGENCIES  
 + SB 108 INSURANCE  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 including but not limited to:  
 = SB 147 SPORT FISHING FACILITY REVENUE BONDS  
 = SJR 11 REPEAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX  
 = SB 130 WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 30 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 2:30 PM**  
 Joint w/(H) Resources  
 Nenana Basin Gas & Oil Project  
 <Please Note Time & Location>

**Apr 01 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Meeting Canceled --  
 += SB 113 GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 31 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 121 STATE OF AK CAPITAL CORP.; BONDS  
 + SB 122 AMERADA HESS INCOME; CAPITAL INCOME ACCT.  
 + SB 152 APPROP: COST-OF-LIVING SURVEY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 31 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 = SB 16 POWERS/DUTIES DOTPF/TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
 = SB 133 AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION (continued)**

**Apr 05**      **Tuesday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **1:30 PM**  
 +      Joint w/(H) Transportation  
      Port of Tacoma - Briefing  
 +      Federal Aviation Administration  
      Weather Camera Program - Briefing  
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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Apr 05**      **Tuesday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **7:00 AM**  
      FY06 Budget Review:  
      Dept of Administration  
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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Apr 01**      **Friday**                                      **Beltz 211**                      **4:00 PM**  
      FY06 Budget Review:  
      Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Apr 01**      **Friday**                                      **Beltz 211**                      **7:00 AM**  
      FY06 Budget Review:  
      Dept of Public Safety  
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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Apr 01**      **Friday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**              **8:00 AM**  
      FY06 Budget Overview:  
      University of Alaska  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Mar 30**      **Wednesday**                      **House Finance 519**                      **5:00 PM**  
+              Executive Session  
                 Other Committee Business  
                 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Mar 30**      **Wednesday**                      **House Chamber**                      **11:00 AM**  
                 Address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski