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Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Gary Stevens at 11:38 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Guess, Olson, Ben Stevens were absent.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Senators Guess, Olson, Ben Stevens be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Guess, Olson, Ben Stevens were excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Q Smythe. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the life that inhabits this incredible planet and thank You for allowing us to be among it. May You bless us and give us the wisdom to appreciate all that we have.

Amen.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the sixth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports**HB 4001**

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) "An Act prohibiting the commissioner of administration from adopting, allowing to become law, or implementing regulations that grant or extend employment-related benefits to same-sex partners of state employees and members of the state retirement systems unless expressly authorized by statute." Signing do pass: Senator Green, Cochair; Senator Dyson. Signing no recommendation: Senators Bunde, Hoffman, Stedman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, House Finance Committee

The bill is on today's calendar.

HB 4002

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act authorizing an advisory vote on employment benefits for same-sex partners of public employees and same-sex partners of public employee retirees." Signing do pass: Senator Green, Cochair; Senators Dyson, Stedman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Bunde, Hoffman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

The bill is on today's calendar.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of House Bills****HB 4001**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) "An Act prohibiting the commissioner of administration from adopting, allowing to become law, or implementing regulations that grant or extend employment-related benefits to same-sex partners of state employees and members of the state retirement systems unless expressly authorized by statute" was read the second time.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) "An Act prohibiting the commissioner of administration from adopting, allowing to become law, or implementing regulations that grant or extend employment-related benefits to same-sex partners of state employees and members of the state retirement systems unless expressly authorized by statute" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 4001(FIN) am(efd fld)
Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Cowdery, Dyson, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nay: Bunde, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Kookesh

Excused: Guess, Olson, Stevens B

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) passed the Senate.

Senator Wilken gave notice of reconsideration.

HB 4002

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act authorizing an advisory vote on employment benefits for same-sex partners of public employees and same-sex partners of public employee retirees" was read the second time.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Green called the Senate.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(FIN)(efd fld) was read the third time.

The call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act authorizing an advisory vote on employment benefits for same-sex partners of public employees and same-sex partners of public employee retirees" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 4002(FIN)(efd fld)
Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nay: Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Kookesh

Excused: Guess, Olson, Stevens B

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(FIN)(efd fld) passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Unfinished Business

Senator Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, November 20 to January 15, 2007. Without objection, Senator Bunde was excused.

Reconsideration of Senate Bills**HB 4001**

Senator Wilken moved that the reconsideration on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) "An Act prohibiting the commissioner of administration from adopting, allowing to become law, or implementing regulations that grant or extend employment-related benefits to same-sex partners of state employees and members of the state retirement systems unless expressly authorized by statute" be taken up at this time.

The question being: "Shall the reconsideration on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) be taken up on the same day?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 4001(FIN) am(efd fld)

Take up Reconsideration same day?

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 2

Yea: Cowdery, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Stedman

Nay: Bunde, Dyson, Huggins, Seekins, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Excused: Guess, Olson, Stevens B

Absent: Davis, Kookesh

and so, the reconsideration on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN) am(efd fld) was not taken up and the bill was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Fourth Special Session of the Alaska State Senate stand in adjournment sine die. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Nov 20	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
		-- Meeting Canceled --	
		-- Continued from 11/19 if necessary --	
=	HB4001	PROHIBIT SAME-SEX EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT REG	
=	HB4002	ADV. VOTE: SAME-SEX PARTNER EMP. BENEFITS	