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Sixty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 10:48 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Dahlstrom was absent and her presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Bob Stevens of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Representative Meyer 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 invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray.

God our Creator, thank you for this beautiful day. Guide us as we represent those that have elected us to make decisions for them. Give us strength to make choices that we believe are right for all Alaskans. Give us respect to strive to understand those that do not agree with us. Give us hope that our decisions will be the best for this great state we call home. Give us energy to do our jobs. Give us rest when we need to regroup. Bless us as we gather to do the work set before us and bless those we represent. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Edgmon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 60th, 61st, and 62nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Holmes introduced Fatima Gulieva, Guest Page, from Tajikistan.

Representative Guttenberg introduced Jack Consenstein, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

Representative Stoltze introduced Tavish Logan, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to allow the members of the Senate to enter the Chamber; and so, the House recessed at 11:01 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:08 a.m.

**The presence of Representative Dahlstrom was noted.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Harris turned the gavel over to President Green who called the joint session to order at 11:09 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Green appointed Representative Joule and Senator Huggins to escort the Honorable Ted Stevens to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

Senator Ted Stevens was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Green.

Senator Ted Stevens delivered his address and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Ted Stevens received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Joule and Senator Huggins.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Green adjourned the joint session at 12:00 p.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:05 p.m.

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Representative Doogan introduced Mukhamad Suhermanto, Guest Page, from Indonesia.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**HB 21**

A message dated March 15, 2007, was read stating the Governor signed the following bill and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 21(STA)

"An Act relating to the state flag; and relating to the proper retirement of an official state flag."

Chapter No. 3, SLA 2007

Effective Date: June 13, 2007

HB 120

A message dated March 15, 2007, was read stating the Governor signed the following bill and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120(FIN)

"An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 4, SLA 2007

Effective Date: March 16, 2007

RECONSIDERATION**HB 121**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, reconsideration of the following, which was held to today (page 474), would be held to March 21, 2007:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(L&C) am(efd fld)

"An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records."

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HJR 14**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Urging the United States Congress to enact Senate Bill 552 so that individuals receiving a damage award from the Exxon Valdez oil spill can benefit from the income averaging and retirement contribution provisions of the bill.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(FSH)

Urging the United States Congress to enact S. 552 and H.R. 1334 so that individuals receiving a damage award from the Exxon Valdez oil spill can benefit from the income averaging and retirement contribution provisions of the bill.

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

Do pass (7): Johnson, LeDoux, Wilson, Johansen, Holmes, Edgmon, Seaton

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 14(FSH):

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Fisheries

HJR 14 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 - Service High School Nordic Ski Teams, 2007 State Champions

By Representative Meyer

In Memoriam - Henry Harris, Sr.

By Representative Joule

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

HB 207

HOUSE BILL NO. 207 by Representative Wilson, entitled:

"An Act relating to questionnaires and surveys administered in the public schools."

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

HB 208

HOUSE BILL NO. 208 by the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the substitution by a pharmacist of an equivalent drug product."

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

HB 209

HOUSE BILL NO. 209 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the chair of and the membership of and qualifications of members of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; adding positions to the partially exempt service; creating an administrative law division and natural gas and oil pipeline division within the commission; amending the timeline requirements for a final order of the commission; relating to the commission's regulatory cost charges; and adding to the duties of the Alaska Judicial Council as they relate to the presentation of nominees for consideration for appointment to the commission."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 8**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act naming the law enforcement training facility in Fairbanks the J. Kevin Lamm Law Enforcement Training Facility."

with the:

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Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 8 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 8 will advance to third reading on the March 21, 2007, calendar.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Samuels 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 - Tony Gasbarro

By Representatives Kawasaki, Harris, Chenault, Cissna, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Gara, Gardner, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johnson, Joule, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson

Honoring - Women's History Month, Generations of Women Moving History Forward

By Senator Davis; Representatives Harris, Chenault, Cissna, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Gara, Gardner, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson

In Memoriam - Specialist Shane W. Woods

By Representatives Stoltze, Gatto, Harris, Kohring, Neuman, Dahlstrom, Chenault, Cissna, Doll, Doogan, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson; Senators Huggins, Green

In Memoriam - Vincent Edward Tubbs

By Representatives Stoltze, Gatto, Harris, Kohring, Neuman, Dahlstrom, Chenault, Cissna, Doll, Doogan, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson; Senators Green, Huggins

In Memoriam - Janice Elizabeth Donnelly

By Senator Kookesh; Representatives Harris, Chenault, Cissna, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 8

Representative Dahlstrom added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act naming the law enforcement training facility in Fairbanks the J. Kevin Lamm Law Enforcement Training Facility."

HB 159

Representative Fairclough added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

"An Act relating to the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in a stillbirth."

HB 198

Representative Thomas added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

"An Act establishing the Alaska senior assistance payment program; repealing the senior care and longevity bonus payment programs; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 21, 2007. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk