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Twenty-seventh Day

The House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 10:19 p.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives LeDoux and Samuels had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Neuman was absent.

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

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

Let us pray. As we bow in reverence before the Almighty and in respect of one another, I offer this prayer.

We are always mindful of the privilege of serving our people while remembering our duty: one generation to another.

Through our decision making today, I ask the one who knows our hearts and the beginning from the end to help us with wisdom from above. We are struggling with the problem of the wealth of the land and the needs of the people throughout

Alaska, and we ask for help in seeing through to a wise solution.

As time pressure and personal considerations push upon us, we pause to reflect on our need for divine guidance. Help us be at peace in our spirits as we tackle the work of this day. Thank you.

I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Salmon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 26th legislative day of the Fourth Special Session be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated August 4, 2008, regarding the Tanana Basin Flood, were received and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated August 4, 2008, was read stating the Senate passed the following and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 4002

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4002(FIN) am by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to grants from the renewable energy grant fund; amending the bulk fuel bridge loan fund and the bulk fuel

revolving loan fund; amending the power cost equalization program, repealing the exclusion from eligibility for power cost equalization for certain power projects that take their power from hydroelectric facilities, and amending the definition of 'eligible electric utility' as it applies to the power cost equalization program and the grant program for small power projects for utility improvements; relating to establishing a gas pipeline development fund in the Department of Revenue; establishing the Alaska resource rebate program and relating to that program; relating to heating assistance; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

State of Illinois
House of Representatives
House Resolution 1325
"Honors Fallen Servicemen/women"

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 4001

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4001

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize a fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Meyer and Chenault, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Stoltze, Foster, Meyer, Chenault

No recommendation (3): Hawker, Thomas, Kelly

Amend (3): Gara, Crawford, Nelson

HB 4001 is on today's calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam – Marie Quirk Fate Haggard
By Representative Ramras

In Memoriam – Franc Guiliano Fallico
By Senator McGuire

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 4001

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4001

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize a fund; and providing for an effective date."

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Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4001(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 4001(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 4001(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 4002

The following, which is on today's calendar pending referral, is in the Finance Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4002

"An Act establishing the Alaska resource rebate program and relating to the program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 4003

The following, which is on today's calendar pending referral, is in the Finance Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4003

"An Act making supplemental appropriations to the Alaska Energy Authority for power cost equalization; making special appropriations to the Department of Revenue and to the Department of Health and Social Services for the Alaska resource rebate program; making a special appropriation to the Department

of Revenue for the payment of certain shared taxes relating to aviation fuel; and providing for an effective date."

HB 4004

The following, which is on today's calendar pending referral, is in the Finance Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4004

"An Act suspending the motor fuel tax; and providing for an effective date."

HB 4005

The following, which is on today's calendar pending referral, is in the Finance Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4005

"An Act amending the power cost equalization program, repealing the exclusion from eligibility for power cost equalization for certain power projects that take their power from hydroelectric facilities, and amending the definition of 'eligible electric utility' as it applies to the power cost equalization program and the grant program for small power projects for utility improvements; and providing for an effective date."

HB 4006

The following, which is on today's calendar pending referral, is in the Finance Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4006

"An Act authorizing, as a temporary rebate of state resources to certain state residents, payments to assist in meeting heating costs under the federal and state heating assistance programs; and providing for an effective date."

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Bruce Bartley

By Senator Huggins; Representatives Stoltze, Harris, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Doll, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Thomas, 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 Thomas – from midnight, August 7 to 8:00 a.m., January 1, 2009

Representative Buch – from 6:00 a.m., August 31 to evening plane time, December 31

Representative Gatto – from 5:00 a.m., August 8 to midnight, December 31

HB 152

Pursuant to:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 152(FIN) am S

"An Act establishing a renewable energy grant fund and describing its uses and purposes; establishing a renewable energy grant recommendation program; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, authorizing the Alaska Energy Authority to distribute renewable energy grants and setting out the procedures to be followed to award those grants; establishing a state heating assistance program in addition to the federal heating assistance program; establishing an Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

A message dated August 3, 2008, stated the Speaker appointed the following to the Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force:

Representative Fairclough
Representative Edgmon
Representative Thomas

The message further stated that the Speaker appointed the following to the Renewable Energy Project Advisory Committee:

Representative Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 2:00 p.m., August 5, 2008. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk