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First Day

Pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the Senate of the State of Alaska assembled in the Senate chamber for the first regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature. The Senate was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by the Honorable Sean Parnell, Lieutenant Governor.

Colors

The following members of the Honor Guard of the Tongass Alaska Girl Scout Council presented the colors:

Anna Branch	Brittany Page
Amanda Seider	Annika Pearson
Catriona Pearson	Kylie Waggoner
Kiana Ford	Emma Good
Ruby Steedle	Kathryn Vandor
Ali Hiley	Amanda Stevenson
Valerie Paradis	Hannah Nell
Rebekah Peterson	Sommer Ward
Bernie Osborne	Chevelle Hogan
Sierra Risley	Cherry Eckland

Andy Peterson, Flag Corps Coordinator

The Tongass Alaska Girl Scout Council led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Anthem and Alaska Flag Song

Miss Kelsey Leaf performed the “Star Spangled Banner” and “Alaska’s Flag.”

Invocation

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. Bradley Green, Head of the Augustine School and Assistant Professor of Christian Studies at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father,

We come to ask for great wisdom and guidance as a group of men and women gather to govern.

You teach in Holy Scripture that civil government is ordained by you, and that no authority arises apart from your sovereign guidance and will. As the Alaska Senate gathers to begin a new session, I ask that you bring to mind that while you are sovereign over your world, you have granted man the responsibility to govern under you. Remind us that while authority is real, it is always derivative and limited, and that authority and power are to be used for man’s good and for your glory. I ask that you remind us that civil rulers are ultimately servants. You have ordained and instituted civil government, and representatives are ultimately servants for the good of citizens, and that civil government has been instituted to punish wrongdoing.

I pray that you might have mercy on us, and forgive us, for we have failed you in many ways. Have mercy on us for ignoring evil, and for calling evil good. Have mercy on us for turning a blind eye to injustice. Have mercy on us for, like the wayward priests of Jeremiah’s time, for even forgetting at times to ask “where is the Lord?” I pray that these Senators might keep in mind the “least among us,” from the unborn to the very aged, and that the culture of Alaska might indeed be a “culture of life,” as opposed to the “culture of death” so perceptively lamented by the previous Pope.

I pray for both Christian and non-Christian, those both inside and outside of this Senate chamber. I pray that you might, through your grace, bestow mighty wisdom on these Senators. Bring to their minds that there rests upon them a high and mighty calling, the calling to lead and govern. Bring to their mind justice and fairness, and help them to govern in a way that leads to the good.

I pray that these Senators might speak truth, and that they might govern in a way that brings honor and glory to you. That their decisions might indeed lead to justice, and that you might give them great insight and understanding as they deliberate, contend, and debate.

Lord, we pray that this corner of the earthly city might be characterized by a real if incomplete justice. And that while we look forward to the city which is to come, the heavenly city, that we might live and act well and wisely in this city, while still looking ahead to that heavenly city to come.

And Father, I pray that you might teach all of us humility, that all the wisdom we possess, all the strength we possess, all the mental capacities we enjoy, all of the physical stamina we have, are ultimately gifts. Every one, a gift. For you are sovereign and you are good. You are a gift-giving God, and these gifts are to be used for your service. Please help us to do so. Please help us to use the gifts you have bestowed for the good of our citizens, and for your glory. Help us to be the servants you have called us to be, and we pray that your will might be done in these days, both for our good, and for your glory.

For it is in the name of Christ Jesus I pray.

Amen.

Election Certification

The Lieutenant Governor read the certificate of election:

I, Whitney H. Brewster, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that a General Election was held on the 7th day of November, 2006, pursuant to AS 15.15.020 in the State of Alaska and the following candidates were elected to the office of State Senator for the district and term indicated:

Senate District B	Kim Elton – 4 year term
Senate District D	Joe J. Thomas – 4 year term
Senate District F	Gene Therriault – 4 year term
Senate District H	Charlie Huggins – 4 year term
Senate District J	Bill Wielechowski – 4 year term
Senate District L	Johnny Ellis – 4 year term
Senate District N	Lesil McGuire – 4 year term
Senate District P	Con Bunde – 4 year term
Senate District R	Gary Stevens – 4 year term
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman – 4 year term

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Anchorage, this 5th day of December, A.D. 2006.

/s/

Whitney H. Brewster, Director
Division of Elections

Oath of Office

Lieutenant Governor Parnell requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District B	Kim Elton
Senate District D	Joe J. Thomas
Senate District F	Gene Therriault
Senate District H	Charlie Huggins
Senate District J	Bill Wielechowski

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

Lieutenant Governor Parnell requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District L	Johnny Ellis
Senate District N	Lesil McGuire
Senate District P	Con Bunde
Senate District R	Gary Stevens
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

President Pro Tempore

Lieutenant Governor Parnell announced that nominations were in order for President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be nominated. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations for President pro tempore for the Senate be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be elected President pro tempore. There being no objection, Senator Davis was elected President pro tempore.

Lieutenant Governor Parnell requested Senator Bunde and Senator Olson to escort the President pro tempore to the rostrum.

President pro tempore Davis requested Senator Olson and Senator Bunde to escort the Lieutenant Governor from the chamber.

President pro tempore Davis announced that under provisions of law, AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules of the Twelfth Legislature, First Session, as amended in 1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2004 will serve as the temporary rules of the current legislature until permanent rules are adopted.

President

President pro tempore Davis announced that nominations for permanent President of the Senate were open.

Senator Stevens moved that Senator Green be nominated President of the Senate for the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stevens moved that Senator Green be elected President of the Senate for the Twenty-fifth Legislature. Senator Therriault objected.

The question being: "Shall Senator Green be elected President of the Senate for the Twenty-fifth Legislature?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Green be elected President of the Senate for the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature?

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

and so, Senator Green was elected President of the Senate for the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

President pro tempore Davis requested Senator Wagoner and Senator Olson to escort President Green to the podium.

President Green requested Senator Olson and Senator Wagoner to escort Senator Davis from the podium.

President Green made the following appointments:

Committee on Committees

Senator Green, Chair
Senator Stevens, Vice Chair
Senator Cowdery
Senator Ellis
Senator Therriault

President Green appointed Senator Dyson and Senator Wielechowski to inform the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

President Green appointed Senator Thomas and Senator Wilken to inform the House that the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Recess

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair for a Committee on Committees meeting. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:36 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

Committee on Committees Report

Madam President:

Your Committee on Committees has met and submits to the Senate for its consideration, chairs and members to the nine standing committees as approved by the Committee on Committees:

Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Senator Olson, Chair
Senator Thomas
Senator Kookesh
Senator Stevens
Senator Wagoner

Finance Committee

Senator Stedman, Cochair
Senator Hoffman, Cochair
Senator Huggins, Vice Chair
Senator Elton
Senator Olson
Senator Thomas
Senator Dyson

Health, Education and Social Services Committee

Senator Davis, Chair
Senator Thomas
Senator Cowdery
Senator Elton
Senator Dyson

Judiciary Committee

Senator French, Chair
Senator Huggins
Senator Wielechowski
Senator McGuire
Senator Therriault

Labor and Commerce Committee

Senator Ellis, Chair
Senator Stevens
Senator Davis
Senator Hoffman
Senator Bunde

Resources Committee

Senator Huggins, Chair
Senator Stedman, Vice Chair
Senator Green
Senator Stevens
Senator McGuire
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Wagoner

Rules Committee

Senator Cowdery, Chair
Senator Stevens, Vice Chair
Senator Green
Senator Ellis
Senator Therriault

State Affairs Committee

Senator McGuire, Chair
Senator Stevens, Vice Chair
Senator French
Senator Green
Senator Bunde

Transportation Committee

Senator Kookesh, Chair
Senator Cowdery, Vice Chair
Senator Olson
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Wilken

The report was signed by Senator Green, Chair; Senator Stevens, Vice Chair; Senators Cowdery, Ellis, Therriault.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Committees report be adopted. Senator Therriault objected.

Senator Therriault moved to divide the question. President Green ruled the question divisible and stated it would be divided as follows:

Part A

Shall Senator Cowdery be Rules Chair?

Part B

Shall the remainder of the Committee on Committees Report be adopted?

The question being: "Shall Senator Cowdery be Rules Committee Chair (Part A)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Cowdery be Rules Committee
Chair?

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

and so, Senator Cowdery will serve as Rules Chair.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the remainder of the Committee on Committees report (Part B) be adopted. Without objection, the remainder of the Committee on Committees report (Part B) was adopted.

President Green stated that Senator Stevens will serve as Majority Leader for the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Senator Therriault announced he will serve as Minority Leader for the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Messages from the Governor

Message dated January 4 was read, stating:

Under the provision of article III, section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am requesting the opportunity to address a Joint Session of the Legislature on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. for presentation of the State of the State and Budget Address.

Messages from the House

Message dated January 11 was read, stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17 for the purpose of hearing Governor Palin's annual State of the State and Budget message.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Communications

Letter dated August 17, 2006 from Chief Justice Dana Fabe was read, stating pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3), she has nominated Gary J. Turner to serve as a public member on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

President Green referred the nomination to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SR 1**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on
Education.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be taken up. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Education, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 1

Final Passage

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Nays: Bunde, Dyson

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

SR 2

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be taken up. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 2

Final Passage

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Nays: Bunde, Dyson

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

SCR 1

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR WILKEN,

Relating to a "State of Our University" address to the legislature.

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education, State Affairs and Finance Committees.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 1

SENATE BILL NO. 1 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education, Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 2

SENATE BILL NO. 2 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the natural gas revenue fund; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 3

SENATE BILL NO. 3 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the community dividend program; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 4

SENATE BILL NO. 4 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 5

SENATE BILL NO. 5 BY SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis, French, entitled:

"An Act relating to reporting of certain crimes."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 6

SENATE BILL NO. 6 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Elton, entitled:

"An Act relating to offenses or juvenile delinquency acts involving the victim's race, sex, color, creed, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national origin; relating to sentencing, informal adjustment, and adjudication for those offenses and acts; relating to diversity tolerance programs; relating to a civil cause of action for certain acts involving discriminatory harassment; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 7

SENATE BILL NO. 7 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the voting rights of felons."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

SB 8

SENATE BILL NO. 8 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, Elton, entitled:

"An Act relating to a mental health patient's right to choose the gender of hospital staff providing intimate care to the mental health patient and to the duties of hospital staff in caring for patients receiving mental health treatment."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 9

SENATE BILL NO. 9 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Elton, entitled:

"An Act repealing the secondary student competency examination and related requirements; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education, Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 10

SENATE BILL NO. 10 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act establishing truancy officer positions for school districts."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education, State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 11

SENATE BILL NO. 11 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to a dress code for public schools."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 12

SENATE BILL NO. 12 BY SENATOR BUNDE, entitled:

"An Act relating to sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 13

SENATE BILL NO. 13 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting a legislator from providing consulting services to a person in the private sector or agreeing to accept consulting fees from a person in the private sector."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and State Affairs Committees.

SB 14

SENATE BILL NO. 14 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, Elton, entitled:

"An Act raising the compulsory school attendance age; relating to the crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor; relating to duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to truancy; and relating to employment of a minor."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

SB 15

SENATE BILL NO. 15 BY SENATORS THERRIAULT, Wilken, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date for the Board of Marine Pilots; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 16

SENATE BILL NO. 16 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 17

SENATE BILL NO. 17 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to tuition waivers for a child who was in foster care; relating to eligibility for foster care and subsidy payments for a hard-to-place child; and changing the definition of 'child' to include persons under 23 years of age in foster care."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 18

SENATE BILL NO. 18 BY SENATOR BUNDE, entitled:

"An Act relating to property foreclosures and executions; and amending Rule 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 19

SENATE BILL NO. 19 BY SENATORS FRENCH, ELTON, MCGUIRE, WIELECHOWSKI, THOMAS, HUGGINS, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to a public officer's taking official action regarding a matter in which the public officer has a financial interest; and defining 'official action' under the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act and related law."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary, State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 20

SENATE BILL NO. 20 BY SENATORS FRENCH, ELTON, MCGUIRE, WIELECHOWSKI, THOMAS, HUGGINS, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure to the Alaska Public Offices Commission of information about certain income received as compensation for personal services by legislators, public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, and legislative directors subject to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary, State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 21

SENATE BILL NO. 21 BY SENATORS THERRIAULT, Wilken, Elton, entitled:

"An Act relating to breaches of security involving personal information, credit report and credit score security freezes, consumer credit monitoring, credit accuracy, protection of social security numbers, care of records, disposal of records, identity theft, furnishing consumer credit header information, credit cards, and debit cards, and to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; amending Rule 60, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 22

SENATE BILL NO. 22 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale or donation of certain food items."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 23

SENATE BILL NO. 23 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to providing indecent material to minors and to online enticement of a minor."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 24

SENATE BILL NO. 24 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the amount of the state's business license fee."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 25

SENATE BILL NO. 25 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the state budget and to planning and reports regarding state finances and operations; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 26

SENATE BILL NO. 26 BY SENATORS THERRIAULT AND WAGONER, entitled:

"An Act conferring original jurisdiction on the Alaska Supreme Court for the purposes of providing judicial review of a final decision by the commissioner of natural resources terminating an oil or gas unit or lease; amending Rules 202, 204, 601, and 602, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 27

SENATE BILL NO. 27 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, and persons in medical or intermediate care facilities; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 28

SENATE BILL NO. 28 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to limitations on mandatory overtime for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in health care facilities; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 29

SENATE BILL NO. 29 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain hospitals to make certain disclosures on patient billings."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 30

SENATE BILL NO. 30 BY SENATOR BUNDE, entitled:

"An Act relating to failure to report certain crimes."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 31

SENATE BILL NO. 31 BY SENATOR BUNDE, entitled:

"An Act relating to truancy."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education, State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 32

SENATE BILL NO. 32 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to postsecondary educational services and programs for Alaska residents; relating to a student loan repayment program for medical doctors, and amending the duties of the State Medical Board that relate to the program; relating to a student loan repayment program for registered nurses, and amending the duties of the Board of Nursing that relate to the program; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 33

SENATE BILL NO. 33 BY SENATOR BUNDE, entitled:

"An Act relating to DNA samples from persons charged with felonies."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

SB 34

SENATE BILL NO. 34 BY SENATORS BUNDE, Wilken, entitled:

"An Act relating to a tax on residents of and individuals employed in regional educational attendance areas; relating to permanent fund dividend applications; relating to regional educational attendance area grants; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 35

SENATE BILL NO. 35 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation to the public education fund; making an appropriation to the earnings reserve account of the Alaska permanent fund; making an appropriation to the Alaska housing finance revolving fund; making an appropriation to the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 36

SENATE BILL NO. 36 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to sentencing for the commission of certain offenses influenced by alcohol and to the offense of consumption of alcohol in violation of sentence."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

SB 37

SENATE BILL NO. 37 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation for a bioscience facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 38

SENATE BILL NO. 38 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to scheduling Salvia divinorum and Salvinorin A as controlled substances."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 39

SENATE BILL NO. 39 BY SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, Wilken, entitled:

"An Act relating to the amount of the state's business license fee."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 40

SENATE BILL NO. 40 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to reapplications for the Alaska longevity bonus program; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 41

SENATE BILL NO. 41 BY SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, Wilken, entitled:

"An Act repealing the fee imposed on the sale of studded tires."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

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

SB 42

SENATE BILL NO. 42 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to civil liability for damage to or destruction of property by minors; relating to court revocation of a minor's privilege to drive; relating to restitution for certain acts of minors; and amending Rule 60, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary, State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 43

SENATE BILL NO. 43 BY SENATORS THERRIAULT, Wilken, entitled:

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to community foundations, to certain educational organizations, and to certain other charitable organizations that provide a positive youth

development program, workforce development, aid to the arts, or aid and services to the elderly, low-income individuals, individuals in emergency situations, disabled individuals, or individuals with mental illness; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 44

SENATE BILL NO. 44 BY SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation for a grant to the Alaska Railbelt Energy Authority Joint Action Agency to construct a wind farm on Fire Island and transmission lines to connect the wind farm to existing electrical infrastructure in Anchorage; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 5, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the Resources, Community and Regional Affairs, Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 45

SENATE BILL NO. 45 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to murder in the first degree."
(Prefile released January 12, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

SB 46

SENATE BILL NO. 46 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska coastal management program; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 45, ch. 24, SLA 2003, as

amended by sec. 21, ch. 31, SLA 2005; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 12, 2007)

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

SB 47

SENATE BILL NO. 47 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the review of the functions of state departments, certain instrumentalities of the state, and other persons and offices; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 12, 2007)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 48

SENATE BILL NO. 48 BY SENATOR HUGGINS, entitled:

"An Act amending Rule 62, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, to limit the amount of the bond required to stay execution of a judgment in a civil litigation during an appeal or review; and amending Rules 204 and 205, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, to limit the amount of the bond required to stay execution of a judgment in a civil litigation during an appeal."

(Prefile released January 12, 2007)

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

SB 49

SENATE BILL NO. 49 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Transportation and Finance Committees.

SENATE BILL NO. 50 through SENATE BILL NO. 54 were not introduced today.

SB 55

SENATE BILL NO. 55 BY SENATOR GREEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to executive clemency."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

Unfinished Business

President Green made the following appointments:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Senator Stevens

Senator Bunde

Senator French, alternate

Senator Wilken, alternate

Senator Stevens moved that Senator Stevens and Senator Bunde be confirmed as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Bunde be confirmed as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senators Stevens,
Bunde be confirmed as members
to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green,
Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens,
Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

and so, Senator Stevens and Senator Bunde were confirmed as
members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Senator Stevens moved that Senator French and Senator Wilken be
confirmed as alternate members to the Select Committee on
Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator French and Senator Wilken be
confirmed as alternate members to the Select Committee on
Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senators French, Wilken
be confirmed as alternate members to the
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green,
Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens,
Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

and so, Senator French and Senator Wilken were confirmed as
alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

President Green made the following appointments:

Legislative Council

Senator Cowdery, Chair
Senator Green
Senator Stevens
Senator Davis

Senator Elton
Senator Hoffman
Senator Wilken

Legislative Budget & Audit

Senator Hoffman, Vice Chair
Senator Green
Senator Stedman
Senator Ellis
Senator Therriault
Senator Huggins, alternate

Administrative Regulation Review

Senator McGuire, Chair
Senator French
Senator Wilken

Joint Armed Services Committee

Senator Wielechowski, Cochair
Senator Huggins
Senator Davis
Senator Kookesh
Senator Wilken

Senate Special Committee on Education

Senator Stevens, Chair
Senator Huggins, Vice Chair
Senator Davis
Senator Olson
Senator Wilken

Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations

Senator Cowdery, Chair
Senator Stedman
Senator Hoffman
Senator Olson
Senator Elton
Senator Wagoner

Citations

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Twenty-first Anniversary, Salute to Greatness

Senators Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

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

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 6:40 p.m., January 17, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 17	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 19	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 17	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 19	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 22	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 26	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	1:30 PM

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 16	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

RESOURCES

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 16	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	9:00 AM

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 16	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JOINT COMMITTEES**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

Jan 18	Thursday	Terry Miller Gym	9:00 AM
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Legislator Ethics Workshop
9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Lunch break at noon)
"Ethical Dimensions of Political
Leadership" by Michael Josephson,
Josephson Institute of Ethics

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Jan 17	Wednesday	House Chamber	7:00 PM
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Annual State of the State and State of
the Budget Address by the Honorable
Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska