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Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:05 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Ellis, French, Olson, Wagoner, Wielechowski were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Stevens was absent.

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Stevens be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

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

Lord,

You are a great God, we are the works of your hand. And in this vast universe with its billions upon billions of galaxies, stars, and planets, you seem to have a very special interest in this little dot called earth, and not only that, you have a particular concern for each of us here today, and also in the great state of Alaska. Your blessings, though undeserved, are continually poured out without measure upon the residents of this state and these legislators. And in our busy schedules we just want to take this moment to thank you for these blessings.

Our prayer today, as it is every day, is for wisdom and guidance, discernment, compassion, and direction for these men and women who stand here today. And Lord, we pray that they may be wise and faithful stewards of this land and its resources and its greatest asset, the people of this Great Land.

We pray these things in thy name. Amen.

Senator Wilken led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Report of the 2007 Alaska Minerals Commission
from Irene Anderson, Chair
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
in accordance with AS 44.33.431
available at: www.dced.state.ak.us/oed/minerals/mining.htm

Oil and Hazardous Substance Release
Prevention and Response Fund
Biennial Report, Fiscal Year 2005-2006
from Mike Maher, Acting Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
in accordance with AS 46.08.060

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 69**

SENATE BILL NO. 69 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the creation of a civil legal services fund."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Bruce Wilson

Representative(s) Stoltze, Fairclough

Senator(s) Huggins, Dyson, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Honoring – Ed Knoebel, National Citation for Meritorious Service, and the 2005 Governor's Veterans Advocacy Award

Representative(s) Harris

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

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

President Green made the following appointments:

Victims' Advocate Selection Committee

Senator Huggins

Senator McGuire

Senator Therriault

Ombudsman Selection Committee

Senator Cowdery
Senator Stevens
Senator Dyson

SB 55

Senators McGuire, Stedman, Huggins, Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to executive clemency." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 31, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 30	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 01	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Joint w/ (H) Community & Regional Affairs		
	Overview: Department of Commerce Community and		
	Economic Development, Commissioner Emil Notti;		
	Division of Community Advocacy, Mike Black		

FINANCE

Jan 29	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 31	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview of Governor's FY 2008 Budget		
	Karen Rehfeld, Director, Office of Management & Budget		
	David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance		
Feb 02	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	PERS/TRS Overview & Update		
	Dept of Administration		

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 06 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Joint w/ (S) Health, Education & Social Services
 Medicaid Program Review Presentation-
 Pacific Health Policy Group
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Full Report will be available online by
 8:00 am, February 6th:
 <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/senate/25/senate.htm>

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 29 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Committee Orientation and Introduction

Feb 02 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 29 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 + Joint w/ (H) Judiciary
 Overviews: Department of Public Safety
 and Court System
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --

Jan 31 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearings:
 Legislative Ethics Committee
 Ann Rabinowitz, Juneau
 H. Conner Thomas, Nome
 Gary J. Turner, Soldotna
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 5 FAILURE TO REPORT CRIMES

Feb 02 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 30 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 24 BUSINESS LICENSE FEE
 += SB 39 BUSINESS LICENSE FEE
 += SB 41 REPEAL STUDDERED TIRE FEE
 Overview Hearing: Workforce Development

Feb 01 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Jan 29 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 46 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 -- Public Testimony --

Jan 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: by Division of Geological
 & Geophysical Surveys
 Cook Inlet Gas: Reality & Exploration Potential
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 30 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 += SB 36 SENTENCING FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES
 += SB 45 PEACE OFFICER CONVICTED OF MURDER
 + SB 19 EXEC. BRANCH ETHICS:INTERESTS & ACTIONS
 + SB 20 LEGISLATIVE DISCLOSURES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 01 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 30	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	2:00 PM
	-- Time Change --		
+ SB 15	BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS		
+ SB 49	COMMEMORATIVE PLATES: STATEHOOD ANIV.		
Feb 01	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	Joint w/ (H) Transportation		
	Overview of the Alaska Marine Highway System		
Feb 13	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	Joint w/(H) Transportation		
	Overview of the Department of		
	Transportation Highway System		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Jan 31	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Overview: Foundation Formula		
Feb 02	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Feb 14	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
	Presentation by Admiral Timothy J Keating		
	Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command;		
	Commander, United States Northern Command		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Jan 30	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
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Election of Chair & Vice Chair
 Late Per Diem Approvals
 Ratification or Sanctioning of Charitable Events
 Approval of 2007 Drafting Manual
 IT Subcommittee Appointments
 Lawsuit Update - Bachner Company Inc
 IT Password Training
 Contract & Amendment Approvals
 Briefing: Masonic Temple and Capitol Basement
 Other business

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Feb 06	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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+ Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education:
 Autism and Early Intervention

Feb 14	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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-- Note Day Change --
 + Alaska Children's Justice Act Task Force: Updates & Trends in
 Child Maltreatment Issues

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Feb 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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"Filling the Need: Mid-Level Health Providers"

Mar 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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"Filling the Need: Complimentary Medicine Workforce"

Apr 18	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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"Filling the Need: Other Forms of Health Care"

May 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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"Week of the Uninsured: Alaska's Workforce"

JOINT SESSION

Feb 22	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
Feb 28	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Chief Justice Dana Fabe's Annual State of the Judiciary Message		
Apr 26	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator		