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Twenty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:10 a.m.

The roll showed thirteen members present. Senators Bunde, French, Hoffman, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Kookesh was absent.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Joe Huttenlocker of The Salvation Army. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God, thou art the creator of this great nation and this State of Alaska in which we live, we give thee thanks. We give thanks for this new week and for those gathered in this chamber, in whom the people of Alaska have placed great trust. May their hearts and minds be in their service. May they debate well, with honorable intent, always keeping in mind those within our state who are less fortunate and need their compassion. Grant them friendship with one another. Give them wisdom that they may discern well. We ask this, Oh God, in thy name. May it be so. Amen.

Senator Davis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eighteenth through twentieth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 1 was read, stating pursuant to AS 24.55.020, the Speaker made the following appointments:

Ombudsman Selection Committee

Representative Dahlstrom
Representative Roses
Representative Kerttula

Senate members were appointed January 29 (page 120).

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Five-Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program
With reports on Exploration Licensing and
Exploration Incentive and Tax Credit Programs
from Marty K. Rutherford, Acting Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
in accordance with AS 38.05.180(b) and (c)

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 74**

SENATE BILL NO. 74 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation to fund the longevity bonus program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – Soldotna High School Football Team, 2006 Small-School State Champions

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

Representative(s) Olson

Honoring – The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ruth and John E. Anderson

Representative(s) Meyer

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

In Memoriam – William D. Devine

Representative(s) Roses

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

Senator Stevens 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

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 6 through March 11. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

HB 37

Senator McGuire, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the State Affairs Committee referral be waived on HOUSE BILL NO. 37(efd add) "An Act establishing the first Saturday of every March as Susan Butcher Day; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Green added a Resources Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 7, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:26 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

Feb 06	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 08	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 05	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
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://www.legis.state.ak.us/teldocs.asp		
Feb 07	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 19	EXEC. BRANCH ETHICS: INTERESTS & ACTIONS		
+ SB 20	LEGISLATIVE DISCLOSURES		
Feb 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 09 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Education Foundation Formula Overview
 Dept of Education
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 05 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education:
 Promising Practices in Autism and Early Intervention Services

Feb 06 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + -- Note Day, Time & Location --
 Joint w/ (S) Finance
 Medicaid Program Review Presentation:
 Pacific Health Policy Group
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Full Report will be available online by
 8:00 am, February 6th
 <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/teldocs.asp>

Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 40 LONGEVITY BONUS REAPPLICATIONS

Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 05 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 + HB 69 NOTIFY CRIME VICTIM OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
 + SB 45 PEACE OFFICER CONVICTED OF MURDER
 + SB 69 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 5 FAILURE TO REPORT CRIMES

JUDICIARY (continued)

Feb 07 Wednesday Capitol 120 1:00 PM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 -- Note Time and Location --
 + Joint w/ (H) Judiciary
 Overviews:
 Department of Law
 Department of Corrections

Feb 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Note Time and Location --
 + SB 64 DISCLOSURES & ETHICS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += HB 69 NOTIFY CRIME VICTIM OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
 += SB 45 PEACE OFFICER CONVICTED OF MURDER
 += SB 69 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
 += SB 5 FAILURE TO REPORT CRIMES

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 06 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 59 BROADCASTING PROMOTING CHARITABLE GAMING

Feb 08 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 68 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 59 BROADCASTING PROMOTING CHARITABLE GAMING

RESOURCES

Feb 05 Monday Butrovich 205 4:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 + Presentation:
 RCA: Natural Gas Contracts: Approval
 Process, Pricing Terms & Consumer Impact
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority:
 Alaska Gas Market System; MOU Between
 ANGDA & AK Gasline Port Authority
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 09	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Upstream Stakeholders: Producers & Shippers: Sighting the Horizon -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 06	Tuesday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 08	Thursday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled -----		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 06	Tuesday	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 -----		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**CORRECTIONS**

Feb 07	Wednesday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	Overview -----		

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 07	Wednesday	Beltz 211	4:00 PM
	Overview		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

Feb 09	Friday	Beltz 211	12:00 PM
	Overview		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 08	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Overview		

Feb 22	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Detail		

Mar 08	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Detail		

Mar 22	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Detail		

Apr 05	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Close-Out		

LAW

Feb 27	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Overview		

Mar 06	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 13	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 20	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 05	Monday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
	Department Budget Overview		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)
PUBLIC SAFETY(continued)

Feb 19	Monday Department Budget Overview	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 05	Monday Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 19	Monday Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Apr 02	Monday Department Budget Close-Out	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

REVENUE

Mar 01	Thursday Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 08	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 01	Thursday Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 08	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 Confirmation Hearing for the University of Alaska Board of
 Regents: Timothy C Brady, Fuller Cowell, Patricia A Jacobson,
 Kirk Wickersham

Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 SB 1 INCREASE AMT OF BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION

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 BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 08 Thursday House Finance 519 8:30 AM
 Committee Organization
 Status of Contracts
 Committee Procedures
 Request for Audit

VICTIM'S ADVOCATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Feb 07 Wednesday Beltz 211 12:00 PM
 Organizational Meeting
 -- No Public Testimony --

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

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

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS (continued)

Feb 14	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- 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
	"Filling the Need: Mid-Level Health Providers"		
Mar 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Complimentary Medicine Workforce"		
Apr 18	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Other Forms of Health Care"		
May 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"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		
Mar 19	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator		