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Sixty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 10:45 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Paul Beran. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious and loving Father, we who are children of time come to You, above and beyond time. We thank You for those leaders who have gone before and in whose footsteps we follow: Their vision for Alaska and her people which continues to be our north star today; Their wisdom to discern between mediocrity and the best for all; Their selfless sacrifice in putting the long term interests of all the people above their own desires.

Today as we follow in their footsteps of service help us to be leaders with vision, wisdom, and selfless sacrifice. This I pray in the Name of the One You sent, who came not to be served, but to serve, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Senator Dyson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor**HB 21**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on March 15 and transmitted 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 3, SLA 2007
Effective Date: 6/13/07

HB 120

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on March 15 and transmitted 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 4, SLA 2007
Effective Date: 3/16/07

Messages from the House

Message dated March 16 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 7**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 7(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to false caller identification."

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

HB 26

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(FSH) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, entitled:

"An Act relating to aquatic farm permitting involving geoducks and to geoduck seed transfers between certified hatcheries and aquatic farms."

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

HB 35

HOUSE BILL NO. 35 BY REPRESENTATIVES KAWASAKI, WILSON, Buch, Foster, Nelson, Dahlstrom, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date for the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; and providing for an effective date."

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 126**

SENATE BILL NO. 126 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act making special appropriations to fund the access-to-education trust; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 127

SENATE BILL NO. 127 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act creating the access-to-education trust as an endowment to fund the AlaskaAdvantage education grant program; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 128

SENATE BILL NO. 128 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale, distribution, and purchase of alcoholic beverages; relating to a state database for records of certain alcoholic purchases of alcoholic beverages; relating to procedures for local option elections for control of alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 129

SENATE BILL NO. 129 BY SENATORS WAGONER, Therriault, Dyson, Wilken, Bunde, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation for project evaluation for the Alaska gas market system; and providing for an effective date."

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

Recess

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:55 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Harris called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 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, United States 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. Without 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. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Green appointed Representative Joule and Senator Huggins to escort Senator Stevens to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Gary Stambaugh, announced U.S. Senator Stevens' entrance to the House Chamber.

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

Senator Stevens delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Ted Stevens received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Huggins and Representative Joule.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Green adjourned the Joint Session at 12:00 p.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 59**

SENATE BILL NO. 59 "An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote charitable raffles and lotteries" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 540. Senator Therriault objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 59(FIN) "An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote charitable raffles and lotteries and to establishing cabbage classics as a form of charitable gaming" was adopted.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Senator Therriault objected.

President Green stated the bill will be on the March 21 calendar.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 18**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(HES) "An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 566. Senator Therriault objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(FIN) was adopted.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(FIN) was read the third time.

Senators French, Thomas, Olson, Elton moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(FIN) "An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 18(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Bunde

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

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

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

In Memoriam – Janice Elizabeth Donnelly

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

In Memoriam – Vincent Edward Tubbs

Representative(s) Stoltze, Gatto, Harris, Kohring, Neuman

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

In Memoriam – Specialist Shane W. Woods

Representative(s) Stoltze, Gatto, Harris, Kohring, Neuman

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

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

HB 18

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(FIN) "An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 21, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 20	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 22	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 19	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 125	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 20	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 123	PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 21	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 97	ALASKA NATIVE ART IDENTIFICATION SEALS		
+ SB 125	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY		
+ SB 123	PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 22	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 125	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY		
+ SB 123	PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 23 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 125 PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY
 += SB 123 PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 19 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SCR 4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH COMPACT
 + SB 38 SALVIA DIVINORUM AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 + SB 100 SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Mar 21 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 85 EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 Presentation: Aging and Disability
 Resource Centers

Mar 23 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 19 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 48 BOND REQUIREMENT ON APPEAL
 <Above Bill Hearing Canceled>
 += SB 36 SENTENCING FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 21 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 84 TESTING & PACKAGING OF CIGARETTES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 48 BOND REQUIREMENT ON APPEAL
 <Above Bill Hearing Canceled>
 + SCR 3 POINT THOMSON UNIT APPEAL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 20 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SJR 4 NATURAL GAS FOR STATE RESIDENTS
 + SB 121 CRUISE SHIP DISCHARGE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 99 POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
 += SB 18 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS

Mar 22 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 120 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SJR 4 NATURAL GAS FOR STATE RESIDENTS
 += SB 121 CRUISE SHIP DISCHARGE

RESOURCES

Mar 19 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 Presentation: Gov. Palin Administration
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 21 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 Presentation: Industry Representatives
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 21 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM
 -- Location Change --
 Joint w/ (S) Resources and House Sp. Committee on Oil & Gas
 = SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 Public Testimony/Time Limit May Be Set
 Along with Companion Bill HB 177
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 23 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 Presentation: Industry Representatives
 and/or State of Alaska
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 --Time Limit May Be Set--

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 24 Saturday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

-- Location Change --
 + Joint w/ (S) Resources & House Sp. Cmte. on Oil & Gas
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -Public Testimony/Time Limit May Be Set-
 Along with Companion Bill HB 177

Mar 24 Saturday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM

+= SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 20 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM

+ Confirmation Hearing:
 Lieutenant Governor Designee -
 Talis Colberg
 += SB 92 LIMITED LICENSE IGNITION INTERLOCK
 + SB 115 GIFT CARDS
 + HCR 3 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Mar 22 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM

+ SB 16 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 + HB 117 PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL SESSION
 += SB 33 DNA FROM PERSONS CHARGED WITH FELONIES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 20 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM

-- Time Change --
 SB 105 REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL DEBT
 SB 68 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
 HB 102 PASSING STATIONARY VEHICLES

Mar 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Location Change --
 Joint w/ (H) Transportation
 Confirmation Hearing: Leo von Scheben, Commissioner for the
 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 19	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Department Budget Detail		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Dept of Education & Early Development		
	FY'08 Proposed Budget		

Mar 30	Friday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Closeout		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 20	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
	Overview		

LAW

Mar 20	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Budget Detail		

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mar 20	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
	Budget Close-out		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 20	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	FY'08 Proposed Budget		

Mar 22	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	FY'08 Proposed Budget Closeout		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 19	Monday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Department Budget Detail		

Mar 20	Tuesday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Department Budget Detail		

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Apr 02	Monday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Department Budget Close-Out		

Apr 03	Tuesday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Close-Out		

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REVENUE

Mar 22	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 29	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:45 PM
	-- Time Change -- Budget Detail		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 29	Thursday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	DOT/PF Budget		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 29	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Mar 21	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Mar 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Mar 20	Tuesday Executive Session - Confidential Audit	House Finance 519	7:30 AM
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OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

Mar 21	Wednesday "Filling the Need: Complementary Medicine Workforce"	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Apr 18	Wednesday "Filling the Need: Other Forms of Health Care"	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
May 02	Wednesday "Week of the Uninsured: Alaska's Workforce"	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM

JOINT SESSION

Mar 19	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator		