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Seventieth Day

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

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Scott Williamson of Glacier Valley Baptist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father, Creator of the heavens and the earth, You are the one who has given our state such abundance. You have endowed our state with beauty and vastness of size. We often are awe-struck by what we see both on the land and in the sea. Thank you for the resources that pour forth from the waters and the earth.

Thank you also for the provision of these men and women who are willing to give of themselves in the service of our state. These senators are part of the resources that you give to the people of Alaska. Please give these servants wisdom in protecting, sharing, and managing our state's abundance, so that both Alaskans and others beyond our borders may be blessed.

Remind all of us that we hold our abundance as a treasure to share. Help this body be good stewards of all that you have given us; as they make decisions on the use of Alaska's resources, may others give thanks to Alaska and give thanks to You for your abundant provision.

I pray this in the name Jesus Christ, through whom all things
are created. Amen.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated March 22 were read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Labor and Commerce Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner - Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Clark "Click" Bishop

Commissioner - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Emil Notti

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senators Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Hoffman.

Report dated March 22 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Labor and Commerce Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Bruce Gabrys - Eagle River

Rebecca Jensen - Pedro Bay

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Shirley A. Gifford - Soldotna

State Assessment Review Board

Don (Marty) M. McGee - Anchorage

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Ken Peltier - Palmer

Board of Marine Pilots

Joseph W. Miller - Fairbanks

Michael J. O'Hara - Anchorage

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

April Moore - Trapper Creek

Real Estate Commission

Brad Cole - Girdwood

F. Lee Sherman - Wasilla

David B. Somers - Fairbanks

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Kate Giard - Anchorage

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Martin Buser - Big Lake

Dr. David J. Hunt - Sitka

Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission

Stephen T. Hagedorn - Anchorage

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Mark A. Crutchfield - Anchorage

Gloria O'Neill - Anchorage

Janet L. Waldron - Chugiak

William (Bill) K. Williams - Ketchikan

This report does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against any of these appointments during any future sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Stevens, Vice Chair; Senators Davis, Hoffman, Bunde.

SB 105

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 105 "An Act relating to reimbursement to municipalities by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for debt incurred by those municipalities for certain capital projects; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Transportation Committee Substitute offered on page 634.

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Dyson, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 35

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 35 "An Act extending the termination date for the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Dyson, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, House Finance Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of House Bills****HB 102**

HOUSE BILL NO. 102 "An Act relating to vacating lanes or slowing down for certain vehicles stopped along the side of a road" was read the second time.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 102 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 102 "An Act relating to vacating lanes or slowing down for certain vehicles stopped along the side of a road" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 102

Third Reading - Final Passage

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, HOUSE BILL NO. 102 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 97**

SENATE BILL NO. 97 "An Act relating to identification seals for certain articles created or crafted in the state by Alaska Native persons; relating to the Alaska State Council on the Arts; and making certain identification seal violations unfair trade practices" was read the third time.

President Green stated the bill would be referred to the Judiciary Committee. Without objection, it was so ordered and SENATE BILL NO. 97 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Citations

Honoring – Loren Leman

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

Honoring – Cory Cogdell

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

Representative(s) Stoltze

Honoring – Donald and Alice McKee

Representative(s) Coghill

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

Honoring – Craig High School Academic Decathlon Team

Representative(s) Thomas

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

In Memoriam – Frances Longley

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

Representative(s) Foster

In Memoriam – Mahala Ashley Dickerson

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

In Memoriam – Thomas W. Findley

Representative(s) Kerttula

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

In Memoriam – Drafin Delkettie

Representative(s) Crawford, Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Olga S. Carson

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 – Stewart N. Rothman

Representative(s) Kawasaki

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

In Memoriam – Donald James Smith

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Richard Reed Rodekohr

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Margery Anne Smith

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Ellen ‘Arlene’ Clements

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Phillip Jack Stolz

Representative(s) Chenault, Olson

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Wilken moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 17 through evening plane time, April 18; and from morning plane time, April 22 through evening plane time, April 24. Without objection, Senator Wilken was excused.

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from April 4 through April 10. Without objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, April 2 through evening plane time, April 3. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

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., March 28, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:47 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

Mar 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + SB 128 ALCOHOL LOCAL OPTION PROVISIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + HB 35 EXTEND BOARD OF MIDWIVES
 + SB 89 ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF GANG PROBATIONER
 + SB 105 REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL DEBT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 85 EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 + HB 108 BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 5 FAILURE TO REPORT CRIMES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 30 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SJR 3 MEDICARE RATES IN ALASKA
 + SB 98 DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Mar 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HHS Presentation: OCS System Improvements & Challenges

Mar 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Note Day & Location Change --
 + Joint w/ (S) Labor & Commerce
 Presentation: Healthcare in the
 Workplace

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

JUDICIARY

Mar 26 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 84 TESTING & PACKAGING OF CIGARETTES
 + SB 112 STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 18 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS
 + SB 132 ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD APPEALS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 110 PUBLIC PENSION FORFEITURE FOR BRIBERY ETC
 + SB 92 LIMITED LICENSE IGNITION INTERLOCK
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 116 UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Joint w/ (S) HES
 + Overview:Health Insurance & the Workplace

RESOURCES

Mar 26	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Presentation		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 27	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:00 PM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Presentation		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 28	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 29	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 30	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 31	Saturday	Butrovich 205	10:00 AM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Apr 01	Sunday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
+= SB 104	NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 27	Tuesday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
+= SB 16	EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA		
+	SB 100	SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS	
+	SB 101	GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORS	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Mar 29 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Elizabeth Johnston Hickerson - Anchorage
 Alaska Public Offices Commission
 + SB 135 ACCOMMODATE 90-DAY SESSION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 130 RANCH, FARM, DAIRY VEHICLE REGISTRATION
 = SB 68 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 HB 126 FORMS/DOCUMENTS/RIGHTS RELATED TO DRIVING
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**CORRECTIONS**

Mar 27 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 2:30 PM
 + Close-out

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 26 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 3:30 PM
 + Closeout

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 Close-out

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 29 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 3:00 PM
 + Close-out

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**FISH & GAME**

Apr 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Close-out		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 28	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:30 PM
	-- Time Change --		
+	Close-out		

Apr 05	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Department Budget Close-out		

LAW

Apr 02	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:00 PM
	Close-out		

NATURAL RESOURCES

Apr 02	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
	Close-out		

PUBLIC SAFETY

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		

REVENUE

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

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

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 -- Note Agenda Change --
 Budget Close-out

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Mar 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 = SB 1 INCREASE AMT OF BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION
 SB 10 TRUANCY OFFICERS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 College Affordability
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Apr 03 Tuesday House Finance 519 7:30 AM
 Contracts & Other Committee Business

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

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

OTHER MEETINGS (continued)

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS (continued)

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