

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**                      **Monday**                      **November 12, 2007**  
**Twenty-sixth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 2:40 p.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senator Bunde was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Cowdery was excused from a call of the Senate due to illness (Page 1448). Senators McGuire, Wilken were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Jessica Smith. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Through the fog of personal interest and political affiliation there lies a clear-cut compromise that caters to everyone's benefit. The process of meeting this compromise is trying and requires sacrifice from both sides of the issue. May the elected officials of our great state see their way to this compromise with selflessness and righteousness without having to abandon the values they hold dear. In these historic and pivotal times, it is essential to tread cautiously while maintaining a progressive pace. May we all find the wisdom it takes to meet the high demands of these sort of fragile balances and compromises.                      Thank You.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Messages from the House**

Message dated November 12 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills****HB 2001**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2001(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the production tax on oil and gas and to conservation surcharges on oil; providing a limit on the amount of tax that may be levied on the production of certain gas that is produced outside of the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin; relating to the sharing between agencies of certain information relating to the production tax and to oil and gas or gas only leases; expanding the period in which the Department of Revenue may assess the amount of oil and gas production tax and conservation surcharges; prohibiting a producer or explorer from receiving tax credits if certain judgments are not satisfied and requiring, as a condition of receiving the tax credits, the deposit of the amount of certain unpaid judgments and certain interest on those judgments in the court during an appeal and relating to that interest; relating to state oil and gas audit masters; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

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

The presence of Senator McGuire was noted.

**Unfinished Business****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**

In Memoriam – Representative Thelma Garcia Buchholdt

Representative(s) Holmes

Senator(s) French, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, 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.

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from November 17 through 19. Without objection, Senator Therriault 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 4:00 p.m., November 14, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**FINANCE**

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|---------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Nov 12</b> | <b>Monday</b>  | <b>Senate Finance 532</b>          | <b>4:00 PM</b>  |
|               |                | - Note Time Change/Agenda Change - |                 |
| + =           | SB2001         | OIL & GAS TAX AMENDMENTS           |                 |
| +             | HB2001         | OIL & GAS TAX AMENDMENTS           |                 |
|               |                | Walk-through of Bill               |                 |
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| <b>Nov 13</b> | <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>Senate Finance 532</b>          | <b>10:00 AM</b> |
|               |                | -- Note Time Change --             |                 |
| + =           | HB2001         | OIL & GAS TAX AMENDMENTS           |                 |

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

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| <b>Nov 14</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>                                  | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               |                  | -- Teleconference --                                   |                 |
|               |                  | "Tools to Stay Healthy: Health Education and Literacy" |                 |