

Juneau, Alaska Wednesday February 20, 2008

Thirty-seventh Day

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the thirty-sixth legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 13 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 19 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 321**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 321(FSH) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, entitled:

"An Act relating to the salmon product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by amending an effective date in sec. 7, ch. 57, SLA 2003, as amended by sec. 4, ch. 3, SLA 2006; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

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

Annual Report to the Legislature
Regarding the Academic Progress of Each School and School District
from Barbara Thompson, Interim Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development
in accordance with AS 14.03.078

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 255**

SENATE BILL NO. 255 "An Act relating to refunding of certain outstanding bonds issued by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority concerning the Snettisham hydroelectric project and related assets; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis 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 BILL NO. 255 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 255 "An Act relating to refunding of certain outstanding bonds issued by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority concerning the Snettisham hydroelectric project and related assets; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 255

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Cowdery

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 255 passed the Senate.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Chad Carpenter, Alaska's Cartoon Laureate for 2008

Representative(s) Keller

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

Honoring – 35th Anniversary of UAF Kuskokwim Campus

Representative(s) Nelson

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

In Memoriam – Lloyd Raymond Cole

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Representative Bennie Leonard, Sr.

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Patrick C. Analoak, Sr.

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Mark A. Ertischek

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

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

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam – Vallie Mae Hawkins

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

In Memoriam – Bessie Youngblood

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

Senator Ellis 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

SCR 18

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be moved to the bottom of the calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 121

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(FIN) "An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records; and providing for an effective date" which had been engrossed (page 1892), was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 21 through evening plane time, February 21. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 25 through morning plane time, February 26. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

SCR 18

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military, which had been moved to the bottom of the calendar (page 1949), was before the Senate.

Senators Therriault, Wilken, Elton, McGuire, Ellis, Thomas, Dyson, Davis, Wagoner, Bunde, Kookesh, Stevens, Green, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18. Without objection, the resolution was returned to the Secretary's desk.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 255**

SENATE BILL NO. 255 "An Act relating to refunding of certain outstanding bonds issued by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority concerning the Snettisham hydroelectric project and related assets; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 21, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:37 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 21 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 20 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 170 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WELL-BABY EXAMS
+ SB 226 VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS
+ SB 247 MISSING PERSONS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 201 PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE
+ SB 122 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
+ SB 204 MUNI TAX EXEMPTION: COMBAT DEATHS
+ HB 67 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 230 FILM OFFICE/ FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT
+ SB 249 CAPSTONE AVIONICS FUND/LOANS
+ HB 61 TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOC ED
+ HB 226 REPEAL TERMINATION OF STEP PROGRAM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 = SB 245 HEALTH CARE: PLAN/COMMISSION/FACILITIES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM

-- Location Change --
 Joint with House HESS and Special
 Committee on Education
 Civic Education Taskforce Final Report

Feb 22 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 20 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

+ HB 25 RECREATIONAL LAND USE LIABILITY/ADV. POSS
 + HB 182 OFFERING PROMOTIONAL CHECKS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

+ SB 234 CRIMINAL LAW/PROCEDURE: OMNIBUS BILL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 21 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

+ HB 196 HANDLING MATTERS AFTER A PERSON'S DEATH
 + HJR 16 OPPOSING MILK TAX
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 23 Saturday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+= SB 246 SUSITNA HYDRO WORKING GROUP; REPORT
+ HB 315 EXTEND BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 25 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ Presentation: AGIA Applicant
Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 21 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
+ SB 232 NAT'L GUARD: COMMAND/ACTIVE SERVICE/PAY
+ HB 15 BOARD OF FISHERIES CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
+ HB 260 STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ SB 265 SEX OFFENDERS, KIDNAPPERS DRIVERS LICENSE
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 10 Monday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Budget Close-out

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

Mar 11 +	Tuesday Budget Close-out	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 29	Friday FY09 Budget Overview	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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Mar 07	Friday -- MEETING CANCELED -- FY09 Budget Overview	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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Mar 12	Wednesday FY09 Budget Overview	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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GOVERNOR

Mar 12	Wednesday Close-out Meeting	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 28 +	Thursday Department Budget - Questions & Answers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
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Mar 06 +	Thursday Department Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532	12:30 PM
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LAW**

Feb 26	Tuesday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 04	Tuesday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 11	Tuesday Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

LEGISLATURE

Mar 12	Wednesday Close-out Meeting	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
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MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Feb 29	Friday FY09 Budget Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	12:30 PM
Mar 05	Wednesday -- MEETING CANCELED -- FY09 DMVA Budget Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 26	Tuesday FY09 Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 04	Tuesday -- MEETING CANCELED -- FY09 Budget Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 11	Tuesday FY09 Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mar 04	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	Department Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

REVENUE

Feb 21	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Overview: Department of Revenue		

Feb 28	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 06	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 13	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 21	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
	Budget Overview: University of Alaska		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Feb 20	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Including But Not Limited to:		

+= SCR 16	EDUCATION FUNDING/COST FACTOR COMMISSION		
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Feb 22	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (continued)

Feb 23	Saturday	Butrovich 205	10:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 20	Wednesday	House Finance 519	8:30 AM
	Audit Request, Contracts		
	Preliminary Audit - FY07 Statewide Single Audit		
	Other Committee Business		

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 125

Feb 20	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
SB 125	PERS/TRS CONTRIBUT'NS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY		

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Mar 05	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Maximizing Access		
	Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators		

Mar 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators		

Apr 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	High Quality, Low Cost		

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JOINT SESSION

Mar 18	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	-- Date Change --		
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski		
	U.S. Senator		