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Fifty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:07 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Dyson, Huggins, McGuire, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Jesse Perry of Northern Light United Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

As the work of this day begins,
Help us to gather our scattered thoughts,
And face our work with clear minds,
Dedicated to the pursuit of justice for all.

Each of us is here, because you have heaped
Blessings upon us without number.
We are here,
Because to this place we have been called to serve.

In our debates, and speeches,
Keep before us the goal of the common good.
When it seems that the common good is beyond reach,
Inspire us to make uncommon sacrifices,
And to keep our hope alive.
And now to you, O God,

The source of all our hope and joy,
May we offer ourselves.
And to one another,
May we offer our gifts of leadership and love
For all the people of Alaska. Amen.

Senator Wilken led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the fiftieth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 4 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 147

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 147(RLS) BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to matching funds and state money for state tourism marketing contracts with trade associations; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 310

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making

appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 312

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 320

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 320(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to search and rescue training and search and rescue parties; requiring certain search and rescue volunteers to be considered state employees for purposes of workers' compensation coverage; and allowing political subdivisions to elect to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for search and rescue personnel."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 249**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 249 "An Act establishing the Alaska capstone avionics revolving loan fund and relating to the fund; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Hoffman, Cochair; Senators Elton, Olson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Thomas.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Special Committee Reports

SCR 16

The Senate Special Committee on Education considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Establishing and relating to the Education Funding District Cost Factor Commission, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 16(SED)

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senators Wilken, Davis.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Legislative Agency
Fiscal Note No. 2, Legislative Agency

President Green added a Finance Committee referral to the resolution.

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 299

SENATE BILL NO. 299 BY THE SENATE HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain assaults committed against
certain health care workers."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of House Bills****HB 259**

HOUSE BILL NO. 259(efd add) "An Act establishing the first week of every March as Alaska History Week; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Green stated HOUSE BILL NO. 259(efd add) will advance to third reading on the March 6 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 256**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) am was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) am "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making an appropriation to the senior benefits payment program; amending certain appropriations; ratifying certain expenditures; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 256(FIN) am

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Wilken

Excused: Dyson, Huggins, McGuire, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) am passed the Senate.

Senator Ellis moved for the adoption of the effective date clauses.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clauses be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 256(FIN) am
Effective Date Clauses

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Wilken

Excused: Dyson, Huggins, McGuire, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner

and so, the effective date clauses failed and CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) am(efd fld) "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making an appropriation to the senior benefits payment program; amending certain appropriations; ratifying certain expenditures; and making appropriations to capitalize funds" was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Petersburg Emergency Medical Technicians

Representative(s) Wilson

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

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

Unfinished Business

Senators Wilken, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 6 through evening plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senators Wilken, Stevens were excused.

SB 289

Senators Stevens, Elton, Ellis, Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 289 "An Act relating to home energy conservation and weatherization for purposes of certain programs of the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 230

The reconsideration on CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 230(FIN) am "An Act establishing the film office in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; creating a transferable tax credit applicable to certain film production expenditures incurred in the state; and providing for an effective date" was not taken up this legislative day and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 230**

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 230(FIN) am "An Act establishing the film office in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; creating a transferable tax credit applicable to certain film production expenditures incurred in the state; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 256

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) am(efd fld) "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making an appropriation to the senior benefits payment program; amending certain appropriations; ratifying certain expenditures; and making appropriations to capitalize funds" 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., March 6, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:53 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 06	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 05	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 249	CAPSTONE AVIONICS FUND/LOANS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Mar 06	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Mar 07	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Mar 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Departments to be Announced		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 11	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Departments to be Announced		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Departments to be Announced		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Departments to be Announced		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
+= SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
	Statewide Public Testimony		
Mar 14	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Departments to be Announced		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 05	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Medicaid Behavior Health Presentation by		
	Mary Thorton, BSRN, MBA		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 07	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	HESS Confirmation Hearing		
+	Best Beginnings Report & Presentation by		
	Abbe Hensley		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Mar 05 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

+ SB 273 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

+ HB 163 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 07 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 06 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

+ HB 233 UNCLAIMED PHONE/ELEC COOP DISTRIBUTIONS

+ HJR 16 OPPOSING MILK TAX

Mar 08 Saturday Beltz 211 10:00 AM

-- Time Change --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 05 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM

-- Location & Time Change --

Joint with House Resources Committee

+ Presentation: Alaska Mining Industry

Briefing

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 07 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 06 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 13	Thursday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
+	SB 153	PEACE OFFICERS/FIRE FIGHTER RETIREMENT	
+	HB 296	EXTENDING BOARD OF PAROLE	
+	HB 286	IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT	
+	HB 88	TVS AND MONITORS IN MOTOR VEHICLES	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

Mar 06	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Mar 11	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
+	Budget Close-out		

Mar 11	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	FY09 Budget Close-out		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**COURT SYSTEM**

Mar 11	Tuesday	Beltz 211	5:00 PM
+	FY09 Budget Close-out		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 07	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	FY09 Budget Overview		

Mar 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Close-out		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 10	Monday	Beltz 211	4:30 PM
+	FY09 Budget Close-out		

FISH & GAME

Mar 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Close-out		

GOVERNOR

Mar 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Close-out Meeting		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 06	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
+	-- Time Change --		
	Department Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LAW**

Mar 11	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Close-out		

LEGISLATURE

Mar 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
	Close-out Meeting		

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mar 05	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	FY09 DMVA Budget Close-out		

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 11	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	Close-out		

REVENUE

Mar 06	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Budget Detail		

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

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 11	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Close-out		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Mar 05 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Including But Not Limited to:

+ SCR 16 EDUCATION FUNDING/COST FACTOR COMMISSION

Mar 07 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM

-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 08 Saturday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- Meeting Postponed to 3/15/08 --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+ Overview & Workshop on Charter Schools

Mar 15 Saturday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+ Overview & Workshop on Charter Schools

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Mar 11 Tuesday House Finance 519 8:30 AM
Contracts

Mar 25 Tuesday House Finance 519 8:30 AM

Final Audits -
FY08 Statewide Single Audit
Dept. of Admin., AK Data Enterprise
Reporting System
Preliminary Audits -
Dept. of Natural Resources,
Matanuska Maid
Dept. Environmental Conservation,
Div. of Spill Prevention & Response

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Mar 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
	FY07 Legislature Audit		
	Cutting Edge Development, Inc. Contract Amendment		
	Coldfoot Environmental Services, Inc. Contract Approval		
	Goldstein Improvement Co. Lease Renewal Approval		
	90 Day Session Subcommittee		
	Charitable Event Approval - Alaska Youth Choir Touring Dinner/Fundraiser		

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		

JOINT SESSION

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

OTHER MEETINGS (continued)**SENATE BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP**

Mar 06	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM
	-- Rescheduled to 03/13/08 -- Open Caucus on Affordable Housing		
Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM
	Open Caucus on Affordable Housing		