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Fifty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:06 a.m.

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

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.

Days lengthen fast as spring rushes upon us, O God.
The sights and sounds around us
Declare the changing seasons,
And remind us that we are pilgrims all.

As the light grows
Give us the open minds of students,
Eager to learn
From the new light of each new day,
Ready to be transformed
By what we experience in the days, hours,
And moments ahead.

And finally,
Give us the vision of prophets,
Of those who find hope in dark and doubtful times.

Make us women and men
Who see the hungry, and know how to fill them;
Who see the lost, and know how to find them;
Who see our common hope,
And know how to make it blossom. Amen.

Senator Bunde led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Communications

Disclosure letters received in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 5 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 14.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 300

SENATE BILL NO. 300 BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Health Care Commission and the Alaska health care information office; relating to health care planning and information; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 216**

SENATE BILL NO. 216 "An Act designating the Alaska Highway and portion of the Richardson Highway as the Purple Heart Trail" was read the second time.

Senator Kookesh, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Transportation Committee Substitute offered on page 1805. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 216(TRA) was adopted.

President Green stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 216(TRA) will advance to third reading on the March 10 calendar.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 176**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 176(RES) "An Act creating the Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historical Park" was read the second time.

President Green stated CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 176(RES) will advance to third reading on the March 10 calendar.

Third Reading of House Bills**HB 259**

HOUSE BILL NO. 259(efd add) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall 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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 259(efd add)
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Dyson, Huggins, McGuire, Stedman, Wagoner

Absent: Therriault

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 259(efd add) 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 signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring – Anchorage Christian School 2007 1-2-3A State Wrestling Champions

Representative(s) Meyer

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

Honoring – Anchorage Christian School 2007 Girls State Track and Field 1-2-3A Team Award

Representative(s) Meyer

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

Commemorating Law Enforcement Memorial Day May 9, 2008

Representative(s) Harris

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

In Memoriam – Shirley LeDoux

Representative(s) LeDoux

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

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

Honoring – James L. Grant, Sr.

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

Representative(s) Salmon

In Memoriam – Chief David Salmon

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

Representative(s) Salmon

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

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Therriault be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

Senators French, Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 10 to morning plane time. Without objection, Senators French, Ellis were excused.

SB 216

Senators Wielechowski, Stevens, Kookesh, Davis, French, Bunde, Hoffman, Elton, Green moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 216 "An Act designating the Alaska Highway and portion of the Richardson Highway as the Purple Heart Trail." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 297

President Green added a Labor and Commerce Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 297 "An Act relating to the compensation for certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; relating to pay increments for longevity in state service; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce, then Finance Committees.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 10, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:26 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 No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Mar 11	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Mar 13	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM

FINANCE

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
+	HB 310 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+	HB 312 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
+	SB 221 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Transportation & Public Facilities		
	Environmental Conservation		
	Natural Resources		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
SB 289	HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION		
	<Pending Referral>		
SB 285	STATE INTERVENTION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
HB 260	STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+ SB 120	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS		
+ SB 246	SUSITNA HYDRO WORKING GROUP; REPORT		
+	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		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 14	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS		
+	Department Presentations:		
	Departments to be Announced		
+ SB 209	EXTEND ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING		
+ SB 243	COMMISSION ON AGING		
+ SB 254	AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 14 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 15 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 07 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ HESS Confirmation Hearing
+ Best Beginnings Report & Presentation by Abbe Hensley
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 149 REDISTRIBUTION OF USED EYEGLASSES
+ SCR 19 GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON EARLY LEARNING
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+= SB 107 NATUROPATHS

Mar 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 300 HEALTH CARE: PLAN/COMMISSION/FACILITIES
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+= SB 245 HEALTH CARE: PLAN/COMMISSION/FACILITIES

Mar 14 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 280 MEDICAID/ INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
+ SB 288 PESTICIDES/BROADCAST CHEMICALS IN SCHOOLS
+ SJR 18 CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 07 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+= HB 165 BIG GAME GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS
+= SB 273 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 12 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 264 PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION
 + HB 268 MOTOR VEHICLE ARSON ON PUBLIC LAND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Alaska Public Offices Commission
 += SB 235 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 06 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed to 2:30 p.m.--
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += HB 233 UNCLAIMED PHONE/ELEC COOP DISTRIBUTIONS
 += HJR 16 OPPOSING MILK TAX

Mar 08 Saturday Beltz 211 10:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 -- Time Change --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 294 RCA POSITIONS AND SALARIES
 + SB 297 NONUNION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY & BENEFIT
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including But Not Limited to:
 += SB 160 MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
 += SB 289 HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION
 += HJR 25 SUPPORTING RIGHT TO FORM LABOR UNIONS

Mar 13 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including But Not Limited to:
 += HB 65 PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT

Mar 15 Saturday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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RESOURCES

Mar 07	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 10	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 214	HUNTING BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY		
+ HB 267	WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
Mar 11	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM
	-- Note Meeting Date & Time --		
+ SB 284	BOARD OF FISHERIES: MEMBERSHIP		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
Mar 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Cook Inlet Gas: Contracts & Storage; Bullet Line Discussion Enstar		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 14	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: AGIA/Gasline Update		
	Steve Porter, LB&A Consultant		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+= SJR 17	OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 15	Saturday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
= SJR 17	OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 06	Thursday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 11	Tuesday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
+= HB 15	BOARD OF FISHERIES CONFLICTS OF INTEREST		
+= SB 296	CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND		
+ SB 278	VETERAN INFO ON PFD APPLICATIONS		
+ HB 284	PFD ALLOWABLE ABSENCE: FELLOWSHIPS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

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		

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 06	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 11	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 13	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Budget Close-out		
Mar 11	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
+	Budget Close-out		

CORRECTIONS

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

COURT SYSTEM

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

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

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> --		

LAW

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATURE**

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

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		

Mar 13	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
	Budget Close-out		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Mar 07	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (continued)**

Mar 08	Saturday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Meeting Postponed to 3/15/08 --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+	Overview & Workshop on Charter Schools		
Mar 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+	Presentation by the Yukon-Koyukuk School District: "School Success Project - A Success Plan for Alaska Schools"		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 14	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+	SB 290	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 15	Saturday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Location and Time Change --		
	-- Rescheduled from 03/08/08 --		
+	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
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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 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
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-- MEETING CANCELED --
 Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators

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

JOINT SESSION

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

SENATE BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP

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

Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM
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Open Caucus on Affordable Housing