

SENATE JOURNAL
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Tuesday

March 25, 2008

Seventy-first Day

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator McGuire was absent.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to amend Senator McGuire's prior excusal (page 2248) in order that she be excused from a call of the Senate through morning plane time, March 27. Without objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Sue Bahleda of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Faithful One,

We give you thanks and ask your help.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, we thank you. For the just and proper use of your creation, we ask your help.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, we thank you. For those who know hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, we ask your help.

For all valiant seekers of truth, liberty, and justice, we thank you. For all who work for justice, freedom and peace, we ask your help.

Thank you. Help us.

Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Standing Committee Reports

SB 28

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 28 "An Act relating to limitations on mandatory overtime for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in health care facilities; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 28(FIN)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 9, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 10, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Fiscal Note No. 11, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 303

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 303 "An Act relating to certain grants awarded by the Department of Environmental Conservation." Signing do pass: Senator Huggins, Chair; Senators Green, Stevens, Wagoner. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 125

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(FIN) "An Act relating to budget planning and a fiscal plan for the State of Alaska" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
125(FIN)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 4, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 120**

SENATE BILL NO. 120 "An Act relating to the calculation and payment of unemployment compensation benefits; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 2222. Senator Therriault objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 120(FIN) "An Act relating to disclosure of certain information from the records of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and limiting the use of the disclosed information, and to the calculation and payment of unemployment compensation benefits; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Green stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 120(FIN) will advance to third reading on the March 26 calendar.

SB 214

SENATE BILL NO. 214 "An Act relating to big game hunting by nonresident members of the military service and their dependents; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 2310. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) "An Act relating to hunting licenses and tags for nonresident members of the military service or the United States Coast Guard and their dependents; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

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.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) "An Act relating to hunting licenses and tags for nonresident members of the military service or the United States Coast Guard and their dependents; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 214(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

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

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

Excused: McGuire

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) 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.

SB 263

SENATE BILL NO. 263 "An Act relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and relating to an exemption for persons certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies who are engaged in the design of fire detection and suppression systems from registration as architects, engineers, land surveyors, or landscape architects" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 2287. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 263(L&C) "An Act relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and relating to an exemption for persons authorized by the Department of Public Safety who are engaged in the design of fire detection and suppression systems from registration as architects, engineers, land surveyors, or landscape architects" was adopted.

President Green stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 263(L&C) will advance to third reading on the March 26 calendar.

Citations

Honoring – Prince William Sound Community College 30th Anniversary

Representative(s) Harris

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

Honoring – A.G. "Augie" Hiebert

Representative(s) Johnson

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

In Memoriam – Kevin David Bell

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

Representative(s) Seaton

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**SB 202**

The reconsideration on SENATE BILL NO. 202 "An Act relating to expenditures in aid of or to implement the provisions of the federal Real ID Act" 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 202**

SENATE BILL NO. 202 "An Act relating to expenditures in aid of or to implement the provisions of the federal Real ID Act" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 214

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) "An Act relating to hunting licenses and tags for nonresident members of the military service or the United States Coast Guard and their dependents; 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., March 26, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 25 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 27 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 25 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 152 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING
+= HB 125 BUDGET PLANNING & LONG-RANGE FISCAL PLAN
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+= SB 221 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPs
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
-- Subcommittee Meeting on HB 260 --
+= HB 260 STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

FINANCE (continued)**Mar 26 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

- + SB 303 SANITATION AND WATER GRANTS
- + SB 185 SEX OFFENDER/CHILD KIDNAPPER REGISTRATION
- + HB 152 ESTABLISH RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND/ACCOUNT
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + HB 13 RETIREMENT SYSTEM LIABILITY/BONDS/CORP.
- + HB 315 EXTEND BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
- + HB 233 UNCLAIMED PHONE/ELEC COOP DISTRIBUTIONS
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

- += SB 221 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM

- += SB 221 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
- + Statewide Public Testimony
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- += SB 221 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM

- + HB 19 LTD. DRIVER'S LICENSES/IGNITION INTERLOCK
- + HB 75 DRIVERS LICENSE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS/MINOR
- + HB 373 SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT
- + HB 338 POWER PROJECT FUND/BULK FUEL LOAN FUND
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**Mar 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- += SB 280 MEDICAID/ INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
- += HB 284 PFD ALLOWABLE ABSENCE: FELLOWSHIPS
- += HJR 29 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 28 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 = SB 245 HEALTH CARE: PLAN/COMMISSION/FACILITIES

JUDICIARY

Mar 25 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 += HJR 34 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DNA TESTING
 += HB 163 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 26 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Alaska Public Offices Commission
 += SB 235 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 + SB 183 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 149 POLLUTANT DISCHARGE PERMITS
 + HB 286 IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Saturday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + HB 65 PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 25 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + Governor's Appointments
 + SB 77 USING UNION DUES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES
 + SB 305 RECORKING WINE SERVED WITH A MEAL
 + SJR 18 CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY
 + HB 289 EMPLOYMENT TAX EXEMPTION: SPILL RESPONSE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including But Not Limited to:
 += SB 179 DEPENDENT HEALTH INSURANCE; AGE LIMIT
 += HB 320 SEARCH & RESCUE: CERTIFICATION/WORK.COMP

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 27 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 286 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS
 + HB 357 CLAIMS AGAINST REAL ESTATE LICENSEES
 <Pending Referral>
 + HB 413 EXTENDING THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 113 NURSING MOTHERS IN WORKPLACE
 += SB 118 PLASTIC BAG FEE; ESTABLISH LITTER FUND

Mar 29 Saturday Beltz 211 10:00 AM
 -- NOTE: Time Change --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Board of Fisheries
 + HB 137 FISHING/HUNTING/TRAPPING LICENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Mar 28 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearings:
 + Big Game Commercial Services Board
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Mar 29 Saturday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 25 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 27 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 25 Tuesday Butrovich 205 2:00 PM
SB 268 KNIK ARM BRIDGE & TOLL AUTHORITY

Mar 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
Alaska Railroad Corporation
Financial and Organizational Overview

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Mar 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

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
Update on AHFC's Computer System
Implementation

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

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