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Eighty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Stevens at 11:10 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Bunde was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Green was absent.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, David Dierdorff of the Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

We have come into this room of deliberation
where hearts and minds are opened to the future
while burdened by the broken dreams and challenges of the
present.

We have come into this room of justice
where we set aside our fear to speak freely every good idea and
truly listen to all who speak.

We have come into this room of concern
where we know that no lives are insignificant.

We have come into this room of service
carrying our individual hopes and aspirations.

Let us come together in peace and free exchange
to reach the highest good for our state and country.

So be it.

Amen.

Senator Davis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

SB 256

Message dated April 3 was received, stating:

Dear President Green:

On this date I signed with line item vetoes the following bill passed by the second regular session of the Twenty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) am H
"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."

Chapter No. 11, SLA 2008
[Effective Date: See Chapter]

The budget goals for this administration have been very clear: to slow the growth of government, live within our means, and save for the future. The supplemental bill addresses unanticipated costs in the current fiscal year, provides funding for the senior benefits program enacted by the Legislature during the June 2007 special session, and makes significant deposits to savings. I appreciate the careful consideration and support from the Legislature of these requests.

This administration takes our fiscal responsibility seriously. Since we released our comprehensive budget plan in December, we have consistently advocated that the overall level of spending for FY2008 and FY2009 is a key element of a fiscal plan, in addition to savings, particularly in this time of surplus. Our budget plan identified an estimated supplemental budget and anticipated expenditures for both fiscal years.

Although I advocated to keep the vetoed projects out of the supplemental bill, our efforts were unsuccessful. I continue to believe that supplemental appropriations should be reserved for those items where extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances necessitate funding in the current year. My preference was to have the Legislature pursue a veto override if they felt the vetoed projects should continue as Fiscal Year 2008 capital items.

Given the inclusion of nearly \$70 million in vetoed projects, we focused our efforts on (1) ensuring we remain fiscally responsible with public dollars, and (2) commit to a reasonable approach that would consider the priorities of individual communities and neighborhoods as proposed by the Legislature. To meet these goals and reflect our effort to communicate, we attempted to meet with every legislator.

I can honestly say that I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to meet with legislators over the past weeks to discuss the individual projects, the importance of these projects to individual communities, and the timing issues associated with these projects. My staff and I have listened and learned a great deal about the many needs across the state. The needs are great and vary dramatically from one community to another.

Senate Bill 256 as passed by the Legislature contained supplemental operating and capital appropriations and special appropriations for FY2008, totaling \$4.4 billion. Section 13 of the bill contains 223 items totaling \$69,977,623 of previously vetoed projects. As a result of information provided by legislators, I have placed each project into one of three categories. Those categories include items to be funded, items I will request be moved to the capital budget and items I have vetoed.

I am allowing 52 of the projects totaling \$12,366,556 to remain in the supplemental bill due to time constraints for ordering and receiving materials, projects that would lose access to other funds without state support, and school projects with a short construction season that need to be completed prior to school starting. I am moving 155 projects totaling \$35,361,067 from this legislation and requesting the House Finance Committee consider these projects as an amendment to the capital budget with a FY2008 effective date of April 13, 2008. This action is based on the information received from meetings with legislators recognizing that while these projects may not be as time-sensitive as others, they represent important community priorities. I have vetoed 16 projects and reduced one project for a total of \$22,250,000. Some have already been completed, some that may be considered in a future budget, and some that will be coordinated within other state efforts.

I believe this approach represents a responsible plan based upon positive input from many legislators. Again, I appreciate the time legislators spent meeting and discussing their districts. I recognize the significant effort spent on this supplemental and I am now hopeful that we can focus our efforts in a cooperative manner to move Alaska forward.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor

Messages from the House

HB 338

Message dated April 3 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 338(FIN), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
338(FIN) "An Act relating to the bulk fuel bridge
loan fund and program, power project fund, and the
bulk fuel revolving loan fund; authorizing the Alaska

Energy Authority to borrow money from the power project fund for the bulk fuel revolving loan fund and to repay money borrowed; and providing for an effective date."

SB 216

Message dated April 3 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 216(TRA) "An Act designating the Alaska Highway and portion of the Richardson Highway as the Purple Heart Trail."

with a House Letter of Intent (House Journal Page 2582).

Senator Ellis moved that the Senate adopt the House Letter of Intent. Without objection, the Legislative Letter of Intent was adopted.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment with a Legislative Letter of Intent.

Message dated April 3 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 207**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 207(RLS) BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to questionnaires and surveys administered in the public schools."

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

Concur Messages**SB 101**

Message dated April 3 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 101(2d L&C) "An Act relating to private professional conservators, private and public guardians, and court hearings on the issue of incapacity; and establishing uniform adult guardianship and conservator jurisdiction and procedures" with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 101(JUD)

Senator Ellis moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 101(JUD)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House
Amendment to CSSB 101(2d L&C)?

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 101(JUD) "An Act relating to private professional conservators, private and public guardians, and court hearings on the issue of incapacity; and establishing uniform adult guardianship and conservator jurisdiction and procedures."

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 113**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 113 "An Act relating to break times for employees who nurse a child" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 113(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The bill was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

SB 218

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 218 "An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 218(FIN)

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman; Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Huggins, Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 226

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 226 "An Act relating to litigation brought by a vexatious litigant; amending Rules 3, 4, 12, and 41, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 65

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(FIN) "An Act relating to breaches of security involving personal information, credit report and credit score security freezes, protection of social security numbers, care of records, disposal of records, identity theft, credit cards, and debit cards, and to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; amending Rules 60 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 65(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Therriault, McGuire.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 88

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 88(FIN) "An Act relating to televisions, monitors, portable computers, and similar devices in motor vehicles; relating to the definition of physical injury for the Alaska Uniform Vehicle Code; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 88(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, McGuire.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 295

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 295 "An Act relating to the filing or recording of documents and records with the Department of Natural Resources, to the inspection and copying of filed and recorded documents, and to the filing of secured transaction records under the Uniform Commercial Code; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senators Davis, Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 307

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 307(FIN) "An Act relating to penalizing certain misdemeanor domestic violence assaults as felonies" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
307(JUD) "An Act relating to penalizing certain
misdemeanor assaults as felonies."
(Title Change SCR 23)

Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, McGuire.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 6, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 7, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 8, Alaska Court System

Fiscal Note No. 9, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 319

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 319(L&C) "An Act relating to the practice of dentistry, to dental assistants, and to dental hygienists" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 319(HES)

Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Thomas, Cowdery, Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Commerce,
Community and Economic Development

President pro tempore Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 326

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 326(FIN) "An Act authorizing the governor to order the organized militia into active state service to fight wildland fire, authorizing the governor to delegate to the adjutant general the authority to order the organized militia into active state service to fight wildland fire, and authorizing the payment of Alaska National Guard called into active state service to fight wildland fire at rates of pay established for certain emergency fire-fighting personnel; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Thomas, Dyson, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senators Elton, Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Military and Veterans
Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Natural
Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 356

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 356(CRA) "An Act relating to an exemption from municipal property taxes for certain real property that is exempt from levy and collection of real property taxes when conveyed by the federal government to implement the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act or when conveyed under a land exchange authorized by that Act involving land or an interest in land that is made exempt from local property taxes by that Act; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Olson, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Thomas, Wagoner.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 379

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 379 "An Act relating to educational requirements for licensure as a certified public accountant." Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senators Davis, Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 23

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 BY THE
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning House Bill No. 307, relating to penalizing
certain misdemeanor domestic violence assaults as
felonies.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 193

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) "An Act relating to the
composition of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and providing for
an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator McGuire, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the
adoption of the State Affairs Senate Committee Substitute offered on
page 2608. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 193(STA) 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.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) was read
the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) "An Act relating to the composition of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 193(STA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) 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.

HB 233

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) "An Act relating to giving notice of unclaimed net margin distributions made by electric and telephone cooperatives" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2142. Senator Dyson objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) was adopted.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be held in second reading to the next legislative calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 285

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(CRA) "An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of widows and widowers of certain members of the armed forces of the United States" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(CRA) was read the third time.

Senators Elton, McGuire, Wilken, Huggins, Wielechowski, Ellis, Wagoner, French, Dyson, Thomas, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(CRA) "An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of widows and widowers of certain members of the armed forces of the United States" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 285(CRA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(CRA) passed the Senate.

Senator Olson gave notice of reconsideration.

HB 330

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(RES) "An Act relating to noxious weed, invasive plant and agricultural pest management and education; 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 Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2526. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(FIN) 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.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(FIN) "An Act relating to noxious weed, invasive plant and agricultural pest management and education; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 330(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(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.

HB 370

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 370(RES) "An Act relating to forested land management and protection from wildland fire and other destructive agents; changing the term 'forest fire' to 'wildland fire' where it appears in the Alaska Statutes; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 370(RES) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 370(RES) "An Act relating to forested land management and protection from wildland fire and other destructive agents; changing the term 'forest fire' to 'wildland fire' where it appears in the Alaska Statutes; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 370(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 370(RES) 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.

Third Reading of House Bills**HB 61**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(FIN) "An Act relating to tax credits for cash contributions by taxpayers that are accepted for certain educational purposes, including vocational education programs and courses at the secondary school level and to tax credits for cash contributions by tax payers that are accepted by a state-operated vocational technical education and training school; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senators Wilken, Huggins, McGuire, Stedman, Thomas, Dyson, Davis, Wagoner, Ellis, Elton Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(FIN) "An Act relating to tax credits for cash contributions by taxpayers that are accepted for certain educational purposes, including vocational education programs and courses at the secondary school level and to tax credits for cash contributions by tax payers that are accepted by a state-operated vocational technical education and training school; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 61(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(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.

Citations

Honoring – University of Alaska Anchorage Men's and Women's Basketball Teams

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

Representative(s) Meyer

Honoring – Erica Harris & Shelby Surdyk Skagway High School Drama, Debate and Forensics Team

Representative(s) Thomas

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

Honoring – John Edward Wilkins Jr.

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

Honoring – Caitlin Chalmers

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

Honoring – Natalia Katarzyna Spengler

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

Honoring – Ariel Lyon

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

Honoring – Raymond Voley 2008 Alaska Teacher of the Year

Representative(s) Salmon

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

In Memoriam – Theodore Roosevelt Burns

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

In Memoriam – Lorenzo Jordan

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

In Memoriam – Judy Lavonda Harris

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

In Memoriam – Cary Parker Jr.

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

In Memoriam – Beverly Taylor

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

In Memoriam – Ina Lee Foye

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

In Memoriam – Evelyn Ada Sanford

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

In Memoriam – Kenneth A. Brewer

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

In Memoriam – Claudia Kelsey

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

In Memoriam – Melvin "Sonny" Leveque

Representative(s) Edgmon

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

In Memoriam – Alan B. Christopherson

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 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 21**

Senator Huggins, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Resources Committee referral be waived on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 Establishing the Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force as a joint legislative task force. Senator Wagoner objected. Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 236

Senator McGuire, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the State Affairs Committee referral be waived on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 236(MLV) "An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without charge; relating to a program to honor the memory of a deceased veteran; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, the bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 193

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) "An Act relating to the composition of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 19

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(STA) Encouraging repeal of the Real ID Act of 2005. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Engrossment**HB 61**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(FIN) "An Act relating to tax credits for cash contributions by taxpayers that are accepted for certain educational purposes, including vocational education programs and courses at the secondary school level and to tax credits for cash contributions by tax payers that are accepted by a state-operated vocational technical education and training school; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

HB 193

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) "An Act relating to the composition of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

HB 330

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(FIN) "An Act relating to noxious weed, invasive plant and agricultural pest management and education; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 2:00 p.m., April 6, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Apr 04 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 218 CHILD SAFETY SEATS & SEAT BELTS

+ SB 226 VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS

+ HB 326 MILITIA & NAT'L GUARD FIGHT WILDLAND FIRE

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 07 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 231 LOW-INCOME HOUSING; HOMELESSNESS

+ HB 419 STATE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

+ HB 319 DENTISTS & DENTAL ASSISTANTS

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 04 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- MEETING CANCELED --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 07 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ HB 207 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES AND SURVEYS

<Pending Referral>

+ HB 332 PRE-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 04 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HJR 28 CONST. AM:BUDGET RES.FUND/OIL& GAS TAX
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 05 Saturday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + HB 305 CAMPAIGN FUND RAISING DURING SESSIONS
 + HB 50 CHILD PLACEMENT COMPACT
 + HB 400 MITIGATING FACTOR: CARE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE
 + HJR 37 CONST AM: SEC. OF STATE REFERENCES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 06 Sunday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 05 Saturday Beltz 211 11:00 AM
 -- NOTE: Time Change --
 += HB 297 PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
 += HJR 24 OPPOSING FEDERAL INSURANCE REGULATION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += HB 331 MOTOR VEHICLES:LICENSES/INSURANCE/NOTICES
 += SB 280 MEDICAID/ INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS

Apr 08 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + HB 297 PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
 + HJR 24 OPPOSING FEDERAL INSURANCE REGULATION

RESOURCES

Apr 04 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SCR 21 JOINT TASK FORCE ON COOK INLET SALMON
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 --Canceled-- Alberta's Oil Sands Overview

RESOURCES (continued)

Apr 05	Saturday	Location TBA	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
Apr 06	Sunday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
Apr 07	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
Apr 09	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		

RULES

Apr 07	Monday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
+	HB 165	BIG GAME GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS	

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 08	Tuesday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
	Confirmation Hearing:		
	State Commission for Human Rights		
+	HB 305	CAMPAIGN FUND RAISING DURING SESSIONS	
	<Pending Referral>		
+	HB 414	CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND	
+	HJR 40	ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ATTACK DEFENSE	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Apr 04 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 05 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Apr 05 Saturday Fahrenkamp 203 10:30 AM
Report on HB 33 (CH 91 SLA 05)
Regulations Regarding Driver's License
Requirement: Social Security Card
Regulation's and Statutes: Regarding
Wild-Stock Geoduck
Implementation of SB 145 (CH 64 SLA 07)
Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP)
Regulations

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Apr 08 Tuesday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
Audit Requests
Other Committee Business

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Apr 10	Thursday	Capitol 106	5:00 PM
	Agenda TBA		

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 310 & HB 312**

Apr 04	Friday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
	HB 310	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
	HB 312	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	

Apr 07	Monday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
=	HB 310	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
=	HB 312	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	

Apr 09	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
=	HB 310	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
=	HB 312	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	

Apr 10	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
=	HB 310	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
=	HB 312	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	