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Juneau, Alaska

Friday

June 6, 2008

Fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 10:29 a.m.

The roll showed 16 members present. Senator McGuire was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Cowdery be excused from a call of the Senate today for medical reasons. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused. Senators Bunde, Wilken were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Huggins. Senator Hoffman moved asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Our Most Precious Heavenly Father,

We thank thee for bringing us together here. We ask thy blessings on our deeds. We ask forgiveness for our transgressions. And I would ask a very special privilege – that as we look back on this date, 1944, that no matter what side you were on, that we bless those people that gave their life for their country.

Furthermore, as we go forward in important considerations and decisions we have to make, we ask thy blessings and that we may go as thy see fit.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen.

Senator Therriault led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the first through third legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

SB 57

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(RES) "An Act relating to fishing, hunting, and trapping in marine park units of the Alaska state park system, amending the area within designated marine park units of the Alaska state park system, and adding marine park units to the Alaska state park system."

Chapter 52, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 101

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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."

Chapter 53, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 158

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 158 "An Act designating the bridge on the George Parks Highway directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge."

Chapter 54, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 119

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(FIN) "An Act relating to grant programs to support libraries."

Chapter 55, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 164

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(JUD) "An Act relating to disclosures required for the sale of a used motor vehicle, including a trailer, by a motor vehicle dealer."

Chapter 56, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 170

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(FIN) "An Act requiring that health care insurers offer insurance coverage for well-baby exams."

Chapter 57, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 211

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 211(JUD)
"An Act relating to an aggravating factor at sentencing concerning the knowledge of the defendant regarding the vulnerability or incapability of resistance of the victim due to homelessness."

Chapter 58, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 8

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 8(FIN) "An Act relating to a mental health patient's right to choose the gender of hospital staff providing intimate care to the mental health patient and to the duties of hospital staff in caring for patients receiving mental health treatment."

Chapter 59, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 231

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 231(FIN) "An Act relating to powers of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation involving homelessness, housing retention, and transition from dependency on low-cost housing; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 60, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 7/1/08

HB 121

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records."

Chapter 61, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

HB 294

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 294(FIN) am S "An Act establishing the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board and setting out its powers and duties; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 62, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 6/5/08

SB 230

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 230(FIN)
"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."

Chapter 63, SLA 2008
Effective Date: See Chapter

SB 305

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 305 "An Act relating to recorking, sealing, or packaging of wine served with a meal and removal of recorked, sealed, or packaged wine from licensed premises."

Chapter 64, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 229

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 229 "An Act relating to the Tanana Valley State Forest and to assignment of certain forest land to the Minto Flats State Game Refuge; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 65, SLA 2008

Effective Date: 7/1/08

SB 263

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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."

Chapter 66, SLA 2008

Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 255

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 255 am H(reengrossed) "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; relating to a municipal tax exemption for certain assets and projects of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; providing for an effective date by amending an effective date in sec. 3, ch. 117, SLA 2000, as amended by sec. 2, ch. 74, SLA 2003; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 67, SLA 2008
Effective Date: See Chapter

HB 268

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 268 "An Act relating to damaging a vehicle on public land by starting a fire or causing an explosion."

Chapter 68, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 254

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 254(FIN)(efd am H) "An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; extending the termination date for the authority of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to maintain a vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for the weathervane scallop and Bering Sea hair crab fisheries; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date under sec. 28, ch. 137, SLA 2002; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 69, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 6/5/08

SB 285

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 285(HES) "An Act relating to the power and duties of the Department of Education and Early Development for improving instructional practices in school districts; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 70, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 6/5/08

SB 241

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(HES) "An Act relating to a report to the legislature on teacher preparation, retention, and recruitment by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 71, SLA 2008
Effective Date: See Chapter

SB 303

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 303(FIN) "An Act relating to certain grants awarded by the Department of Environmental Conservation."

Chapter 72, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 9/2/08

SB 289

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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."

Chapter 73, SLA 2008

Effective Date: 9/2/08

HB 331

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 4 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 331(L&C) "An Act relating to motor vehicle insurance, license suspensions, and notices relating to motor vehicles and notices relating to driver's licenses."

Chapter 74, SLA 2008

Effective Date: 9/2/08

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

Citation Calendar

In Memoriam – William G. Bacus

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

Representative(s) LeDoux

In Memoriam – Louis John Horn

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

Representative(s) LeDoux

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.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment and Enrollment

SR 301

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 301 Relating to establishing a Senate Special Committee on Energy, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:20 a.m., June 6, 2008.

Senate Resolve No. 8

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., June 10, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

RULES

Jun 09	Monday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
	Adopt a new Personnel Policy to comply with HB 417		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY**

Jun 06	Friday	Terry Miller Gym	10:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	Joint w/ (H) Rules		
	House Special Subcommittee on AGIA Administration/TransCanada Presentations		
Jun 07	Saturday	Terry Miller Gym	10:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	Joint w/ (H) Rules		
	House Special Subcommittee on AGIA Administration/TransCanada Presentations		
Jun 08	Sunday	Terry Miller Gym	10:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	Joint w/ (H) Rules		
	House Special Subcommittee on AGIA Administration/TransCanada Presentations		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)**SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY (continued)**

Jun 09	Monday	Terry Miller Gym	10:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	Joint w/ (H) Rules		
	House Special Subcommittee on AGIA Administration/TransCanada Presentations		
Jun 10	Tuesday	Terry Miller Gym	10:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	Joint w/ (H) Rules		
	House Special Subcommittee on AGIA Administration/TransCanada Presentations		
Jun 12	Thursday	Fbx Carlson Center	10:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	10am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> -		
	Joint w/(H) Rules		
	Review of AGIA Findings & Determination; Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to the State of Alaska		
Jun 13	Friday	Fbx Carlson Center	9:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	9am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> -		
	Joint w/(H) Rules		
	Review of AGIA Findings & Determination; Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to the State of Alaska		
Jun 14	Saturday	Fbx Carlson Center	9:00 AM
+ SB3001	APPROVING AGIA LICENSE		
	9am-5pm - Public Testimony -		
	Joint w/(H) Rules		
	Review of AGIA Findings & Determination; Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to the State of Alaska		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)**SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY (continued)**

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| Jun 16 | Monday | Anchorage | 9:00 AM |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 9am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> -
Joint w/(H) Rules
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by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and
Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to
the State of Alaska | | |
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| Jun 17 | Tuesday | Anchorage | 9:00 AM |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 9am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> -
Joint w/(H) Rules
Review of AGIA Findings & Determination;
Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed
by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and
Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to
the State of Alaska | | |
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| Jun 18 | Wednesday | Anchorage | 9:00 AM |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 9 am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> -
6:00 pm -- 8:00 pm - Public Testimony
Joint w/(H) Rules
Review of AGIA Findings & Determination;
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the State of Alaska | | |

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)

SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY (continued)

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| Jun 19 | Thursday | Anchorage | 9:00 AM |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 9am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> - | | |
| | 6:00 pm -- 8:00 pm - Public Testimony | | |
| | Joint w/(H) Rules | | |
| | Review of AGIA Findings & Determination; | | |
| | Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed | | |
| | by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and | | |
| | Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to | | |
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| Jun 20 | Friday | Anchorage | 9:00 AM |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 9am-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> - | | |
| | Joint w/(H) Rules | | |
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| | Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed | | |
| | by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and | | |
| | Foothills Pipelines Ltd (TC Alaska) to | | |
| | the State of Alaska | | |
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| Jun 24 | Tuesday | Palmer Train Depot | 1:00 PM |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 1pm-5pm - Testimony <Invitation Only> - | | |
| | 6:00 -- 8:00 pm - Public Testimony | | |
| | Joint w/(H) Rules | | |
| | Review of AGIA Findings & Determination; | | |
| | Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed | | |
| | by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and | | |
| | Foothills Pipelines Ltd(TC Alaska) to | | |
| | the State of Alaska | | |

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)

SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY (continued)

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| Jun 26 | Thursday | Soldotna Sports Ctr | 1:00 PM |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 1-5 pm -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| | 6:00 -- 8:00 pm - Public Testimony | | |
| | Joint w/(H) Rules | | |
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| | Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed | | |
| | by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and | | |
| | Foothills Pipelines Ltd(TC Alaska) to | | |
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| Jun 30 | Monday | Barrow | |
| | Community Celebration Day | | |
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| Jul 01 | Tuesday | Barrow | |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
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| Jul 08 | Tuesday | Ketchikan | 1:00 PM |
| | -- Location TBA -- | | |
| + SB3001 | APPROVING AGIA LICENSE | | |
| | 1-5pm -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| | 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Public Testimony | | |
| | Joint w/(H) Rules | | |
| | Review of AGIA Findings & Determination; | | |
| | Natural Gas Pipeline Project as proposed | | |
| | by TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and | | |
| | Foothills Pipelines Ltd(TC Alaska) to | | |
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JOINT COMMITTEES**JOINT COOK INLET SALMON TASK FORCE**

Jun 06	Friday	Location TBA	Time TBA
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Meeting in Juneau - Time TBA		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Jun 17	Tuesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	6:30 PM
	Longevity Policy Change		
	Other Committee Business		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Jun 17	Tuesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	6:00 PM
+	Capitol Annex Carpet Approval		
	Longevity Policy Change		
	Fire Alarm & Sprinkler System ITB		
	Chamber Lighting Architectural Approval		