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Seventy-fourth Day

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

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator Kookesh was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Therriault was absent. The seat from District B was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Mandy Schramm of the Congregation Sukkat Shalom. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Eternal Source of knowledge, you have endowed us with reason and understanding. We pray now for the light of your truth, for insight into your ways, and for the strength to banish from our hearts every desire and thought of evil.

Forgive our sins, pardon our failings, and help us to remove suffering and sorrow from our midst. May those who have lost their way come again to know your love and turn to you in newness of heart; and let those who love goodness and do justly rejoice in the knowledge of your favor.

Please bless our land with plenty and our nation with peace. May righteousness abide with us and virtue bring us happiness. Pour your spirit upon the leaders of our state and our nation; guide them that they may govern justly. Blessed is the sovereign Lord, who loves righteousness and justice.

Senator Wagoner led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

A letter dated April 1 was read stating the Governor requested withdrawal of the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment:

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Mark Crutchfield - Anchorage

The appointment had been referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee (page 145).

The letter was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Letters dated April 1 were read stating in accordance with Alaska Statutes 16.05.221(d), 14.40.150(b) and 39.05.080, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Ashton M. Compton – Fairbanks

Student Representative

Appointed: 6/1/2009

Term Expires: 5/31/2011

The appointment was referred to the Education Committee.

Board of Fisheries

Judge Karl S. Johnstone (Retired) – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/5/2008

Term Expires: 6/30/2012

Reappointed: 7/1/2009

Brent G. Johnson – Clam Gulch

Appointed: 7/1/2009

Term Expires: 6/30/2012

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

The following letter, dated April 2 was received in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate at 2:55 p.m., April 3, 2009:

Dear Senator Stevens:

On March 31, I nominated, under AS 15.40.320, Mr. Tim Grussendorf to fill the vacant senate seat for senate district B. On the following day, April 1, I received an unsigned memo from "Alaska Senate Democrats" to Senator Gary Stevens that the nomination of Tim Grussendorf, "did not achieve the needed support to be seated." The memo also stated that "Today the nine Senate Democrats met to discuss Governor Palin's nomination." Based on various news reports, it is our understanding that the meeting of Senate Democrats took place behind closed doors.

The Alaska Constitution provides that "Each [house of the legislature] is the judge of the...qualifications of its members..." Alaska Const. art. II, sec. 12. The Department of Law has opined that "confirmation by a political caucus is probably a legally deficient procedure. The confirmation procedure set out in existing law appears to conflict with the Alaska Constitution." 1987 Inf. Op. Att'y Gen. 2 (Sept. 21; 663-88-0107).

Accordingly, the closed-door action taken by a minority of the Alaska Senate is without legal effect. Until the Alaska Senate takes action consistent with the Alaska Constitution, my appointment of Mr. Grussendorf remains in effect.

I respectfully request that the entire Alaska Senate consider my nomination of Mr. Grussendorf in open session, in the same fashion as the legislature would consider any other appointment subject to confirmation. The people of Alaska and Juneau are entitled to a public confirmation process that is consistent with the Alaska Constitution.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor

(See page 757 for the April 1 Alaska State Democrats memo regarding the Senate District B vacancy.)

Messages from the House

Message dated April 1 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-Sixth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16 for consideration of the Governor's appointments.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Messages dated April 1 and 2 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 35

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(FIN)(ct rule fld)(efd fld) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to notice and consent for a minor's abortion; relating to penalties for performing an abortion; relating to a judicial bypass procedure for an abortion; relating to coercion of a minor to have an abortion; and relating to reporting of abortions performed on minors."

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

HB 78

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 134

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 134(RES) BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the terms and conditions of commercial passenger vessel permits for the discharge of graywater, treated sewage, and other wastewater; establishing a science advisory panel on wastewater treatment and effluent quality in the Department of Environmental Conservation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 156

HOUSE BILL NO. 156 BY REPRESENTATIVES LYNN, Ramras, Crawford, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and State Affairs Committees.

HB 170

HOUSE BILL NO. 170 BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENAULT,
entitled:

"An Act repealing the authority for day fines."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Communications

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated March 29 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the Alaska Correctional Officers Association in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

The President referred the report to the Finance Committee.

The following Budget and Audit Report was received from Pat Davidson, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Short Digest of the State of Alaska, Single Audit for the
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008
available at: www.legaudit.state.ak.us/

The following message was received in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate at 1:00 p.m., April 3, 2009:

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Gary Stevens, President, Alaska State Senate

From: Alaska Senate Democrats

Date: April 1, 2009

Subject: Senate District B Vacancy

Today the nine Senate Democrats met to discuss Governor Palin's nomination of Tim Grussendorf to fill the vacant seat in Senate District B. We respectfully wish to inform you that Mr. Grussendorf did not achieve the needed support to be seated.

At this time we respectfully ask Governor Palin, in consultation with the Juneau Democratic Party, to put forward a new candidate for this vacant Senate seat.

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated April 1 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Paul E. Johnson – Elfin Cove
Dirk Nickisch – Coldfoot
Betty Jo “BJ” Schmitz – North Pole

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Judge Peter Froehlich – Juneau

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

John K. Norman – Anchorage

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the reports: Senators McGuire, Wielechowski, Cochairs; Senators Huggins, Stevens, Stedman, French, Wagoner.

Report dated April 3 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080 and AS 14.40.150, the Education Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Board of Education and Early Development

Janel Keplinger – Kodiak

Carol “Bunny” Schaeffer – Kotzebue

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Cindy Lou Aillaud – Delta Junction

Linda L. Black – Anchorage

Jill Exe – Barrow

Louis Pondolfino – Anchorage

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Mary K. Hughes - Anchorage

Kenneth J. Fisher - Juneau

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Davis, Vice Chair; Senators Huggins, Olson, Stevens.

SB 126

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 126 "An Act amending the State Personnel Act to place in the exempt service the chief economist and state comptroller in the Department of Revenue and certain professional positions concerning oil and gas within the Department of Natural Resources; relating to reemployment of and benefits for or on behalf of reemployed retired teachers and public employees by providing for an effective date by amending the

delayed effective date for secs. 3, 5, 9, and 12, ch. 57, SLA 2001 and sec. 19, ch. 50, SLA 2005; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 126(STA) "An Act amending the State Personnel Act to place in the exempt service the state comptroller in the Department of Revenue; relating to reemployment of and benefits for or on behalf of reemployed retired teachers and public employees; amending the effective date of secs. 3, 5, 9, and 12, ch. 57, SLA 2001, and sec. 3, ch. 50, SLA 2005; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, French, Meyer.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 157

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 157 "An Act directing the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation to transfer \$22,700,000 from the principal of the mental health trust fund to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; relating to the development of revenue-producing facilities on mental health trust land and to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Support Office Building; authorizing the issuance of certificates of participation for construction of the building; approving leases of all or part of the building by the Department of Administration; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators Meyer, Paskvan, Kookesh.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 159

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 159 "An Act increasing the maximum funeral expenses payable as a workers' compensation death benefit; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Paskvan, Chair; Senators Meyer, Thomas, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Bunde.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 163

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 163 "An Act increasing the allowances for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fisherman's fund; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Paskvan, Chair; Senators Meyer, Thomas, Bunde, Davis.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Special Committee Reports

SB 37

The Senate Special Committee on World Trade, Technology, and Innovations considered SENATE BILL NO. 37 "An Act relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in

companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Stevens, French.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 179

SENATE BILL NO. 179 BY SENATORS HUGGINS, Menard, Olson, entitled:

"An Act relating to notice of a minor's abortion; relating to judicial bypass of notice for a minor's abortion; relating to coercion of a minor to have an abortion; relating to reporting of abortions performed on minors; and amending Rule 220, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, and Rule 20, Alaska Probate Rules, relating to judicial bypass for an abortion."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

SB 180

SENATE BILL NO. 180 BY SENATORS FRENCH, Therriault, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving weapons in the third degree."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 13

SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children and pregnant women; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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 BILL NO. 13 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children and pregnant women; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 13

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Davis, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Wagoner

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 13 passed the Senate.

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

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

SB 13

Effective Date Clause

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Davis, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Wagoner

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, the effective date clause failed.

Senator Wagoner gave notice of reconsideration on SENATE BILL NO. 13(efd fld) "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children and pregnant women."

SB 25

SENATE BILL NO. 25 "An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard 'Dewey' Duvall Ferry Terminal" was read the second time.

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 BILL NO. 25 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 25 "An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard 'Dewey' Duvall Ferry Terminal" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 25

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 25 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 57

SENATE BILL NO. 57 "An Act relating to charter school funding" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 723. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) "An Act relating to charter and alternative school funding" 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. 57(FIN) was read the third time.

Senators Dyson, Wagoner, Ellis, Paskvan, Wielechowski, Huggins, Stedman, Menard moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huggins declared a conflict of interest.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) "An Act relating to charter and alternative school funding" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 57(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 165

SENATE BILL NO. 165 "An Act authorizing the transfer of two parcels of land from the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the Municipality of Anchorage; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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 BILL NO. 165 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 165 "An Act authorizing the transfer of two parcels of land from the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the Municipality of Anchorage; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 165

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 165 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.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 16

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Expressing support for environmentally sound and culturally sensitive development of the oil and gas resources in federal waters offshore of Alaska's coast as a means to ensure energy independence, security for the nation, and jobs for Alaskans; and urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing with all coastal energy-producing states, on an ongoing basis, revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf, to ensure that those states develop, support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and preserve environmental integrity, was read the second time.

Senator Wielechowski, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 697. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(RES) Expressing support for responsible development of the oil and gas resources in federal waters offshore of Alaska's coast as a means to ensure energy independence, security for the nation, and jobs for Alaskans; and urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing with all coastal energy-producing states, on an ongoing basis, revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf, to ensure that those states develop, support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and preserve environmental integrity, was adopted.

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

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(RES) was read the third time.

Senators Dyson, Wagoner, Thomas, Olson, Davis, Ellis, Paskvan, Menard, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(RES) Expressing support for responsible development of the oil and gas resources in federal waters offshore of Alaska's coast as a means to ensure energy independence, security for the nation, and jobs for Alaskans; and urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing with all coastal energy-producing states, on an ongoing basis, revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf, to ensure that those states develop, support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and preserve environmental integrity, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSJR 16(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(RES) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of House Resolutions

HCR 11

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Proclaiming the month of April 2009 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 11

Second Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh, McGuire

Absent: Therriault

and so, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring – Samuel Okitkin, Red Cross of Alaska Youth Good Samaritan Hero

Senator(s) Olson, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Nina Brady

Senator(s) Huggins, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Neuman

Honoring – Service High School Football Team, 2008 State Champions

Senator(s) Meyer, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Millett

Honoring – William Edward Griggs

Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Bunde, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Neal & Geraldine Charlie, Doyon Citizens of the Year

Representative(s) Salmon

Senator(s) Kookesh, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Nursing Program Students, University of Alaska Kuskokwim Campus

Representative(s) Herron

Senator(s) Hoffman, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – The Alaska Future Farmers of America

Representative(s) Stoltze, Ramras, Gatto, Harris, Neuman

Senator(s) Huggins, Menard, Paskvan, Therriault, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Annie Blue

Representative(s) Edgmon

Senator(s) Hoffman, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Commemorating – 125th Anniversary of the Bristol Bay Salmon Fishery

Representative(s) Edgmon

Senator(s) Hoffman, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Alaska Native Heritage Center, 2008 National Coming Up Taller Award Recipient

Representative(s) Tuck

Senator(s) Meyer, McGuire, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Menard, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – 2009 Spirit of Youth Award Recipients

Representative(s) Tuck

Senator(s) Meyer, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Congregation Beth Sholom's Fiftieth Anniversary

Representative(s) Gruenberg

Senator(s) Wielechowski, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner

Honoring – Cook Inlet Housing Authority

Representative(s) Gruenberg

Senator(s) Wielechowski, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner

Honoring – Fairbanks Symphony Association 50th Anniversary

Representative(s) Kawasaki

Senator(s) Thomas, Paskvan, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – The Pioneers of Alaska

Representative(s) Kawasaki

Senator(s) Thomas, Paskvan, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Akiachak Girls Basketball Team, 2009 1A State Basketball Runners-Up

Representative(s) Herron

Senator(s) Hoffman, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Bethel Girl Scouts

Representative(s) Herron

Senator(s) Hoffman, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – Operation Arctic Care 2009

Representative(s) Herron

Senator(s) Hoffman, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Bryan Joseph Levy

Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Austerman

In Memoriam – Rosalee Walker

Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Bunde, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Benny Albert

Representative(s) Salmon

Senator(s) Kookesh, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Evelyn Alexander

Representative(s) Salmon

Senator(s) Kookesh, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – William "Bill" Wiltrout

Representative(s) Stoltze, Doogan, Gatto, Keller, Harris

Senator(s) Huggins, Menard, Therriault, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – George Malekos

Representative(s) Stoltze, Dahlstrom, Fairclough, Hawker

Senator(s) Dyson, Huggins, Bunde, Stevens, Davis, Ellis, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Dr. Nicholas Hughes

Representative(s) Kawasaki

Senator(s) Thomas, Paskvan, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

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 163

Senators Wagoner, Dyson, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 163 "An Act increasing the allowances for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fisherman's fund; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 10

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(FIN) "An Act authorizing a borough to charge a city for costs of collecting certain taxes; relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of certain widows or widowers, and to optional exemptions from municipal property taxes for property of certain fraternal organizations, for certain college property, and for certain residential property; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 81

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 81(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" which had been engrossed and signed by the President and Secretary (page 741), was returned to the House for consideration.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 25**

SENATE BILL NO. 25 "An Act naming the South Mitkof Island ferry terminal the Richard 'Dewey' Duvall Ferry Terminal" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 57

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) "An Act relating to charter and alternative school funding" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 165

SENATE BILL NO. 165 "An Act authorizing the transfer of two parcels of land from the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the Municipality of Anchorage; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SJR 16

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(RES) Expressing support for responsible development of the oil and gas resources in federal waters offshore of Alaska's coast as a means to ensure energy

independence, security for the nation, and jobs for Alaskans; and urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing with all coastal energy-producing states, on an ongoing basis, revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf, to ensure that those states develop, support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and preserve environmental integrity, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Enrollment

SB 111

SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the duration of a certificate of compliance for an intrastate air service provider; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 9:35 a.m., April 3, 2009.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 6, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Apr 07 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + HB 10 MUNICIPAL TAXES: COSTS/EXEMPTIONS

Apr 09 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Apr 03 Friday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including:
 += SB 105 FOSTER CARE/CINA/EDUCATION OF HOMELESS

Apr 06 Monday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including:
 += SB 105 FOSTER CARE/CINA/EDUCATION OF HOMELESS

Apr 08 Wednesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 + SB 174 PROF STUDENT EXCHANGE LOAN FORGIVENESS

Apr 10 Friday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

- Apr 03 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 -- Meeting Postponed until 1:00 p.m. --
 += SB 88 POWER COST EQUALIZATION
 += SB 161 APPROPS: NON-TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 06 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 161 APPROPS: NON-TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS
 + Statewide Public Testimony
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 07 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 1 ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE
 + SB 170 UNEMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS: FED STIMULUS
 + SB 133 ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFO EXCHANGE SYSTEM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += HB 172 STATE INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION FUND
 + SB 10 MEDICAID/INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 09 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 96 CHILD SUPPORT/ CASH MEDICAL SUPPORT
 + Senate Bill:
 Relating to grants for air emissions &
 air quality control programs.
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 10 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 35 EXTEND SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL
 + SB 80 EXTENDING VETERINARY BOARD
 + SB 114 EXT BD OF ARCHITECTS, ENGRS, & SURVEYORS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 11 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 38 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS; MANAGED CARE
 + SB 156 COMPACT FOR JUVENILES; INTERSTATE COUNCIL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 06 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HB 2 BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR STILLBIRTH
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 139 INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL PROVIDERS
 += SB 27 FOSTER CARE AGE LIMIT/TUITION WAIVER

Apr 08 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 168 TRAUMA CARE CENTERS/FUND
 + SB 169 APPROP: TRAUMA CARE FUND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 10 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HJR 10 VETERANS' HEALTH CARE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 03 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SB 54 PRICE GOUGING INVOLVING ENERGY RESOURCES
 + HB 49 EMINENT DOMAIN: RECREATIONAL STRUCTURES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 06 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 85 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 += SB 110 PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE
 + SB 176 COMPACT: EDUCATION OF MILITARY CHILDREN
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation: Attorney General
 Wayne Anthony Ross
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 10 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 54 PRICE GOUGING INVOLVING ENERGY RESOURCES
 + SB 68 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 07 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 178 UNEMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS:TRIBES/NPO
 + SB 12 LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES
 + SB 61 MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE
 + SB 126 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES; EXEMPT SERVICE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 09 Thursday Beltz 211 1:00 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + SB 175 INTERNET ACCESS AUTHORITY/TASK FORCE
 + SB 153 MOBILE HOMES AS REAL PROPERTY
 += SB 149 MORTGAGE LENDING
 + HB 129 POWER TO REVOKE REAL ESTATE LICENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HJR 18 OPPOSING ANWR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION
 + HJR 7 ENDORSING ANWR LEASING
 + SCR 3 OPPOSE FED. CONTROL OF STATE LAND & WATER
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 06 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HB 134 CRUISE SHIP WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS
 + SB 177 NO REPEAL OF SPORT FISH GUIDE LICENSING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 07 Tuesday Capitol 106 1:00 PM
 Overview: Pipeline Update
 Presenters:
 Tony Palmer w/TransCanada
 Bud Fackrell w/ Denali

RESOURCES (continued)

- Apr 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 Joint w/(H) Resources
 Overview: Shale Gas Development in the U.S.
 Presenters:
 Porter Bennett w/ Bentek Energy LLC
 Dr. Mark Myers
- Apr 10 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 Overview: Alaska Fischer-Tropsch
 + Synthetic Fuels Pilot Program
 Mark K. Iden, Deputy Director, Operations
 Defense Energy Support Center
 += SB 108 STAMPEDE STATE RECREATION AREA
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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STATE AFFAIRS

- Apr 07 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**
 + SB 2 PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE
 + SB 171 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND FOR DECEASED
 + SJR 17 DESIGNATING 2009 AS THE YEAR OF ARMY NCO
 + SJR 18 SUPPORT SOLDIERS' BURIAL DESIGNATIONS
 + HJR 10 VETERANS' HEALTH CARE
 <Pending Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 09 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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TRANSPORTATION

- Apr 07 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**
 + SB 14 EXTEND MOTOR FUEL TAX SUSPENSION
 + HJR 9 CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT CELEBRATION
 + SB 34 COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FOR STATE VEHICLES
- Apr 09 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**ENERGY**

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 04 Saturday House Finance 519 10:00 AM
 -- Senate <Meeting Canceled> --
 + Joint w/(H) Energy
 + Roundtable on Energy Governance in Alaska

Apr 06 Monday Butrovich 205 5:00 PM
 += SB 143 RAILBELT ENERGY & TRANSMISSION CORP.
 + SJR 7 OPPOSE UN DESIGNATION OF ARCTIC OCEAN
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

Apr 03 Friday Capitol 106 1:00 PM
 Galena School Energy Conference: Rural
 Student and Community Leaders on the
 Connection between Health and Energy

May 13 Wednesday Anch Lio Conf Rm 12:30 PM
 Week of the Uninsured

JOINT SESSION

Apr 07 Tuesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Mark Begich, U.S. Senator

Apr 16 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Confirmation of Governor's Appointees