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Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Vicar Michael J. Steckel of Faith Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord, your servant David said in Psalm 133, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

Gracious God we praise and thank you for this vast, beautiful and diverse place called Alaska. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve in this state. Be with each member of this legislative session as they work to see how this state's resources can be used responsibly and its beauty can be preserved. Also, grant to them vision and wisdom as they work to provide leadership, tools and resources so all Alaskans can live good and pleasant lives together in unity. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Introduction of Guests

Senator McGuire introduced the following members of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Delegation: Michael Chisholm, MLA Saskatchewan and PNWER Vice President; Richard Marz, MLA Alberta; Representative Mike Schaufler of Oregon, PNWER Vice President; Jennifer Loten, Consul - Consulate General of Canada; Michael Padua, Alberta Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations; Matt Morrison, PNWER Executive Director.

Messages from the Governor

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency to cover fire suppression costs for FY 2009, dated June 3, 2009, with an accompanying letter was received. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency to cover fire suppression costs for FY 2009, dated October 16, 2009, with an accompanying letter was received. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency to cover severe storm damage in the Kodiak Island Borough, dated November 5, 2009, with an accompanying letter was received. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency to cover fire suppression costs for FY 2010, dated December 11, 2009, with an accompanying letter was received. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency to cover fire suppression costs for FY 2010, dated January 8, 2010, with an accompanying letter was received. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Communications

Local Boundary Commission Statement of Decision and Dissenting Opinion from Lynn Chrystal, Chair, in accordance with Article X, section 12 of the Alaska Constitution will be published today in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 10.

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Notification of Availability of the Alaska Health Care Commission Report
in accordance with Administrative Order 246
available at: <http://hss.state.ak.us/healthcomission/default.htm>

Notification of Availability of Report of Approved Charitable Organizations and Contributions Received
from Deborah M. Bitney, Director, Permanent Fund Division,
Department of Revenue
in accordance with AS 43.23.062(j)

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 239

SENATE BILL NO. 239 BY SENATOR MEYER, entitled:

"An Act relating to ignition interlock devices, to refusal to submit to a chemical test, and to driving while under the influence."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - National Correctional Officers' Week, May 2-8, 2010

Representative(s) Harris

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

Honoring - Life Achievements of Sheldon B. "Shell" Simmons

Representative(s) Hawker

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

In Memoriam - Marvin Fuhs

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

Representative(s) Gara

In Memoriam - Clifford Pitts

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

In Memoriam - Allan Tesche

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

Representative(s) Gara

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**SR 9**

The following resolution was reprinted today due to a cosponsor correction:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9 Dedicating a committee room in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building to former Senator William Beltz.

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from February 4 through evening plane time, February 7; from February 12 through evening plane time, February 14; and from March 19 through evening plane time, March 23. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 27, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 26 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 28 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
+ SB 43 SECOND VERSE OF ALASKA'S STATE SONG
+ SB 212 MUNICIPAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

EDUCATION

Jan 27 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
+ SB 221 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON HIGHER ED

Jan 29 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
+= SB 109 REPEAL SECONDARY SCHOOL EXIT EXAM

FINANCE

Jan 25 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 26 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ Dept of Revenue, Commissioner Pat Galvin
Oil Production & Revenue Forecast
State Revenue Forecast - FY2011

FINANCE (continued)

Jan 27	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	FY2011 Budget Overview & Fiscal Summary		
	Office of Management & Budget, Director Karen Rehfeld		
	Legislative Finance Division, Director David Teal		
Jan 28	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	FY2011 Budget Overview & Fiscal Summary		
	Office of Management & Budget, Director Karen Rehfeld		
	Legislative Finance Division, Director David Teal		
Jan 29	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 25	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 199	MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DENTURES	
Jan 27	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 29	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Jan 25	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	SB 222	SEX OFFENSES; OFFENDER REGIS.; SENTENCING	
+	HB 98	ALCOHOL: MINOR CONSUMING/LOCAL OPTION	
Jan 27	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Overview: Juvenile Justice Programs		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Jan 29	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 26 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 += SB 97 CRANE OPERATOR LICENSES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 28 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 + Gasline Training Overview:
 By Commissioner Bishop, Labor and Workforce Development
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Jan 25 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 220 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
 Energy-Related Budget Recommendations
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Joint w/(S) Special Committee on Energy
 Presentation: Denali Biodiesel

Jan 27 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 220 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
 Energy-Related Budget Recommendations
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 28 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Overview of the "Open Season" Process for
 Building Fuel Transportation Pipelines
 Scott Hobbs - Administration Consultant
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 29 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 26 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM
 + HB 6 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Jan 28 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM
 + SB 62 COMMUNITY PROPERTY OF MARRIED PERSONS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 + SB 184 INTERNET ACCESS TO LEG COMMITTEE MTGS
 + SB 194 CIVIL DAMAGES FOR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 28 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 + SB 218 SUSPENDING MOTOR FUEL TAX

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Jan 27 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Joint w/(H) Administration Subcommittee
 Commissioner Departmental Overview
 Office of Administrative Hearings
 Division of Retirement & Benefits
 Office of Risk Management

Feb 03 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Division of General Services
 Division of Motor Vehicles
 Public Communications Services
 Public Defender Agency

Feb 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Division of Finance
 Division of Personnel & Labor Relations
 Office of Public Advocacy
 Violent Crimes Compensation Board

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

Feb 17	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Public Offices Commission		
Feb 24	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Enterprise Technology Services		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 02	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM
	DCCED Budget Overview by Commissioner Emil Notti Department Overview Introduction of Division Directors, Commissioner's Office, Administrative Services		
Feb 11	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM
	DCCED Overview Continued - Other Items of Interest or Concerns (if necessary)		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 02 +	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 04 +	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Department Budget Overview Continuation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 09 +	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Mental Health Trust Programs -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 11 +	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Medicaid, FMAP, Provider Rates, Denali KidCare Update -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Feb 16 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **8:00 AM**
 + Public Assistance (PA) programs: LEAN Approach, Adult PA
 Senior Benefit Payments, Child Care Assistance, and
 Heating Assistance
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 04 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **10:00 AM**
 Department Overview

Feb 09 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:00 PM**
 Division of Oil and Gas

Feb 11 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:00 AM**
 Gas Pipeline Implementation

Feb 16 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:00 PM**
 Division of Mining, Land, and Water
 Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys

Feb 23 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **2:00 PM**
 Division of Agriculture
 Office of Project Management & Permitting
 Support Services Division

Mar 09 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:00 PM**
 Close Out

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 04 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:30 PM**
 + Department Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)**

Feb 11	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+	Status of VPSO Program and Recruitment Efforts for Them and the State Troopers		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 25	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Programs		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**ENERGY**

Jan 26	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Joint w/(S) Resources		
	Presentation: Denali Biodiesel		

WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS

Jan 26	Tuesday	House Finance 519	10:00 AM
+	Joint w/(H) EDT		
	PNWER Regional Collaboration on Economic Revitalization		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Feb 02	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	11:30 AM
+	Briefings from Alaska Marines; Updates on VA Health Care, Education Benefits, Alaska Territorial Guard, Fisher House, Veterans Summit, and PTA Report Summaries.		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (continued)**

Feb 04 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 9:00 AM
 -- Time and Location Change --
 + Briefings from Alaskan Command and Alaska
 Army National Guard
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 29 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 Update - Campaign Year Restrictions and Prohibitions

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Jan 29 Friday Capitol 106 12:00 PM
 + Brown Bag Lunch

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Feb 03 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 Health Care Commission Report and
 Recommendations

JOINT SESSION

Feb 18 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 08	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		
Mar 29	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		