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Second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:32 a.m.

Roll call showed 35 members present. Representative Neuman had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative P. Wilson had been excused from a call of the House today and her presence was noted later. Representatives Cissna and Petersen were absent and their presence was noted later.

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Holmes be excused from a call of the House from today to 10:00 a.m., January 23. There being no objection, it was so ordered. The presence of Representative Holmes was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, The Most Reverend Edward J. Burns, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Juneau. Representative T. Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Good and gracious God, we come before you confident in your love for us. We ask that you bless the members of this House of Representatives. In their work, may they reflect your justice. In their decisions, may they reflect your wisdom. In their actions, may they reflect your love. And may all of us reflect that you have created us in your image.

Heavenly Father, we pray and support our legislators as they represent us in bringing forth the laws of this land. May they always strive for the common good in this state of Alaska. Guide them, protect their families, and may they always know your peace and presence in their lives.

We ask your blessing upon the neediest in our world and in our state. In particular, we are mindful of our brothers and sisters who face the challenges of a harsh winter. We ask for your providential care for them. Through our charitable works and acts of kindness, may they know your presence and consolation.

We offer this prayer in your name and to your glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Dick.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first legislative day be approved as certified by the Assistant Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 17, 2012, was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 7:00 p.m., January 18 to hear the Governor's State of the State and State of the Budget Address.

A message dated January 17, 2012, was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., March 5 to hear an address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator.

HB 19

A message dated January 17, 2012, was read stating the President granted limited powers of free conference to the Senate members of the Conference Committee considering:

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

"An Act relating to special request registration plates; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(STA)
(same title)

The Speaker granted the limited powers of free conference as requested (page 1082).

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
Annual Review of Assets
January 10, 2012
(as required by AS 44.88.205)

Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority
2011 Annual Report
(as required by AS 44.85.100)

Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority
Certification of Reserves
January 15, 2012
(as required by AS 44.85.270)

Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority
2011 Annual Report
January 5, 2012
(as required by AS 19.75.111)

Dept. of Revenue
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
Investment Earnings Report
(as required by AS 19.65.070)

Dept. of Revenue
Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund
Investment Earnings Report
(as required by AS 37.05.550)

State of Alaska
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011
(as required by AS 37.05.210)

The following audit reports were received from the Division of Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required by AS 24.20.311:

2011 Annual Report, Unabridged
2011 Annual Report, Condensed

HB 24

Pursuant to:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24
"An Act extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 2, FSSLA 11

The following was received:

Regulatory Commission of Alaska
Proposal to Reduce the Statutory Timeline for Tariff Filings that Change a Utility's Revenue Requirement or Rate Design
January 16, 2012

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Tina Kobayashi
By Representatives Kerttula, Munoz; Senator Egan

Honoring - Alaska Power Association, Inc.
By Representative Millett

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

In Memoriam - Jack Powers
By Representative Stoltze

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 30

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral and added a State Affairs Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Requesting the United States Congress to call a Constitutional Convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring approval of a majority of state legislatures to increase the federal debt limit.

HJR 30 was removed from the Finance Committee and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 290

HOUSE BILL NO. 290 by Representatives Austerman, Joule, Thompson, Foster, Edgmon, Gara, Herron, and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act creating the endow Alaska grant program in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to encourage community development."

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Gara – from:

noon, January 27 to 10:30 a.m., January 30;
noon, February 3 to 10:30 a.m., February 6;
6:00 p.m., February 17 to 10:30 a.m., February 21;
6:00 p.m., February 24 to 10:30 a.m., February 27;
6:00 p.m., March 2 to 10:30 a.m., March 5;
6:00 p.m., March 9 to 10:30 a.m., March 12; and
6:00 p.m., March 30 to 10:30 a.m., April 2

**The presence of Representative Petersen was noted.

HJR 30

Representative Keller moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Requesting the United States Congress to call a Constitutional Convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring approval of a majority of state legislatures to increase the federal debt limit.

There being no objection, HJR 30 was withdrawn.

**The presence of Representative Cissna was noted.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Jack Powers, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Jack Powers

By Representatives Stoltze, Chenault, Cissna, Costello, Dick, Edgmon, Fairclough, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kerttula, Lynn, Miller, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Thomas, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House recess until 6:45 p.m., for the Governor's State of the State and State of the Budget Address; and so, the House recessed at 10:53 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 6:58 p.m.

**The presence of Representative Holmes, who was excused (page 1357), was noted.

**The presence of Representative P. Wilson, who was excused (page 1351), was noted.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Chenault turned the gavel over to President Stevens who called the joint session to order at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear the State of the State and State of the Budget Address by the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative Thomas and Senator Menard to escort the Governor to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Governor's entrance into the House Chamber.

Governor Parnell was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Governor Parnell delivered his address, and it is published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9.

Governor Parnell received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Thomas and Senator Menard.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 7:33 p.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 7:33 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HCR 19

Representative Guttenberg added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Acknowledging the lessons learned from the 2011 Norway Policy Tour and encouraging investment in the state's oil and gas industry.

HB 122

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

"An Act relating to naturopaths and to the practice of naturopathy; establishing an Alaska Naturopathic Medical Board; authorizing medical assistance program coverage of naturopathic services; amending the definition of 'practice of medicine'; and providing for an effective date."

HB 244

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

"An Act providing that for-profit corporations and limited liability companies organized in this state are not persons for purposes of influencing the outcomes of public office elections, initiatives, referendums, or recalls."

HB 250

Representatives Herron and Miller added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 250

"An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 252

Representative Gara added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 252

"An Act exempting certain small businesses from the corporate income tax; and providing for an effective date."

HB 281

Representatives Kerttula and Saddler added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

"An Act establishing March 30 of each year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

HB 282

Representative Saddler added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

"An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 20, 2012. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Stephanie Hall
Assistant Chief Clerk