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Twenty-first 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, Senator Dyson. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Oh Lord, we forget and we stray. Today we recommit ourselves to your command to do justice, love mercy and to walk humbly before you, one another, and the citizens who have trusted us.

We purpose to render to everyone their due - constituents, equals, our opponents, the poor, the angry, the wounded. We seek to be merciful, kind, compassionate, to return kindness for insult and love to our enemies. We choose to be humble of spirit and demeanor and to be wise in the handling of truth as we understand it. In the name of my savior. Amen.

Senator Kookesh led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 85**

SENATE BILL NO. 85 BY SENATORS WAGONER, Stevens, McGuire, Huggins, Dyson, Giessel, Menard, entitled:

"An Act providing for a tax credit applicable to the oil and gas production tax based on the cost of developing new oil and gas production; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 33**

SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the military if the member dies while in a duty status" was read the second time.

Senator Wielechowski, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 111. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(STA) "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the armed forces if the member dies while in a duty status" was adopted.

Senator Meyer 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. 33(STA) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(STA) "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the armed forces if the member dies while in a duty status" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 33(STA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(STA) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of House Resolutions

HJR 13

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Honoring President Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth, was read the second time.

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

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Honoring President Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 13

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

and so, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring - Dan Cuddy on the Occasion of His 90th Birthday

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

Honoring - House Energy Committee Stakeholders Group

Representative(s) Millett, Edgmon

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

Honoring - Fire Island Rustic Bakeshop

Representative(s) Gara

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

Honoring - CCS Early Learning Centers 40th Anniversary

Representative(s) Stolze, Fairclough, Gatto, Neuman, Saddler

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

In Memoriam - Arylis and Beulah Scates

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

Representative(s) Neuman

Senator Meyer 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 33**

Senators Giessel, French, Huggins, Davis, Ellis, Egan, Stevens, Wagoner, Kookesh, Thomas, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.

33(STA) "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the armed forces if the member dies while in a duty status." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 13

Senators Dyson, Meyer, McGuire, Menard, Stedman, Olson, Coghill, Wagoner, Giessel, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Honoring President Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 81

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 81 "An Act establishing as a standard for the procurement of group life and health insurance for retirement systems for certain public employees a requirement that dependent coverage medical benefits provided to the systems' retiree members may not be less than dependent coverage medical benefits provided to the systems' active members." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 15 through morning plane time, February 24. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, February 22 through evening plane time, February 27. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, February 11 through morning plane time, February 14. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Senator Menard moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 17 through morning plane time, February 21. Without objection, Senator Menard was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 11. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 33

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(STA) "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the armed forces if the member dies while in a duty status" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 9, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 08	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Alaska's Mayors Forum		

EDUCATION

Feb 07	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+= SB 43	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 09	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+= SB 43	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 11	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+= SB 43	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Barnes 124	8:00 AM
+	Joint House/Senate Education Committee Meeting		
	Presentation:		
	Best Beginnings/Early Childhood Program		
Mar 11	Friday	Barnes 124	8:00 AM
	Joint House/Senate Education Committee Meeting		
+	Presentation:		
	Higher Education and Career Readiness Task Force		

Feb 07 +	Monday Presentations: Department of Health & Social Services Overview Commissioner William Streur Alaska Health Care Commission Report/Update Deborah Erickson, Executive Director and Ward Hurlburt, MD, MPH, Chair	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 17 SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AS SCHEDULE IIA
 + Citizen Review Panel
 + Office of Children's Services
 Christy Lawton, Acting Director

Feb 11 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 07 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 62 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
 + SB 72 CRIMES INVOLVING MINORS/STALKING/INFO
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 09 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Reducing the Cost of Crime:
 Therapeutic Courts, Doug Wooliver, Court System
 Prisoner Reentry Programs
 Carmen Gutierrez, Department of Corrections
 Bridge Home Program
 Jeff Jessee, Mental Health Trust Authority
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 11 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 08 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 70 ALASKA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 10 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 38 POLICE & FIREFIGHTER DEATH BENEFITS
 + SB 67 LOAN FUNDS:CHARTERS/MARICULTURE/MICROLOAN
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 07 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 24 SPORT FISHING GUIDES: BOARD; LICENSES
 Presentation by Bill Sponsor
 (public comment at a later date)
 + SB 44 SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST
 Presentation and Public Comment

Feb 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 42 POWER PROJECT; ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY
 Presentation by AEA

Feb 11 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 42 POWER PROJECT; ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY
 Presentation by AEA (continued from previous
 meeting if necessary)
 Public Comment

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 There will be no State Affairs Committee Meeting
 Due to a Meeting of the Joint Armed Services
 Committee

Feb 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 18 DURATION OF REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
 + SCR 2 UNIFORM RULES: PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 08 Tuesday Barnes 124 1:00 PM
 +
 Joint with House & Senate Transportation Cmte
 Overview: Alaska Marine Highway System and the
 Marine Transportation Advisory Board

Feb 08 Tuesday Barnes 124 2:30 PM
 + SJR 6 MILITARY OPERATIONS AREAS EXPANSION
 +
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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TRANSPORTATION (continued)

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 08	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
+	FY2012 Budget Overview		

CORRECTIONS

Feb 09	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Goose Creek Correctional Center		
	Subcommittee Members will be Guests of the		
	Senate Finance Committee		

Mar 03	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
	Rehabilitation and Parole Initiatives		

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
	Inmate Health Care, Medical Information System		
	Community Residential Centers, Community Jails		

Mar 17	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
	Closeout		

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 10	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	4:00 PM
+	Overview and FY12 Budget Request		

Feb 22	Tuesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	4:00 PM
+	FY12 Budget Request		

Mar 15	Tuesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	3:00 PM
+	Closeout		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 24 +	Thursday Overview & FY12 Request	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 01 +	Tuesday FY12 Budget Request	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 10 +	Thursday FY12 Budget Request	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 17 +	Thursday Closeout	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM

FISH & GAME

Feb 10 +	Thursday Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
Feb 17 +	Thursday Department Budget Overview Continuation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
Feb 24 +	Thursday **To be determined** -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
Mar 10 +	Thursday Other topics of interest to the committee not covered previously, Budget Amendments, Q&A -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
Mar 17 +	Thursday Budget Close Out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 14 +	Monday Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 16 +	Wednesday Public Health -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 21 +	Monday Behavioral Health - System wide including implications in other areas, not just the Behavioral Health budget component, focus on API. -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 23 +	Wednesday Medicaid, possible Affordable Care Act and impact on Medicaid and the Division of Public Assistance, Home and Community Based Rates, Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center Rates, CMS moratorium, Division of Senior and Disability Services Corrective Action Plan -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 09 +	Wednesday Other topics of interest to the committee not covered previously, Q&A, Governor's Budget Amendments -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 16 +	Wednesday Budget Close Out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 14	Monday Budget Overview by Commissioner Clark Bishop Department Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
Mar 09	Wednesday Budget Overview Continued (if necessary)	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 10	Thursday Budget: Department Addresses Additional Questions and Overview of House Budget Actions	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Mar 14 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
 Budget Closeout

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 22 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Overview of the Department & FY12 Budget Request

Mar 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Overview of the Department & FY12 Budget Request

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Overview of the Department & FY 12 Budget Request

Mar 15 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Overview of the Department & FY12 Budget Request

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 17 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Budget Overview by Commissioner Dan Sullivan
 Department Overview

Mar 08 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 Budget & Department Overview Continued
 (if necessary)

Mar 11 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 Budget - Department Addresses Committee Questions
 Overview of House Budget Actions

Mar 17 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 Budget Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 08 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 + Department Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Feb 15	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Status of VPSO Program		
+	Status of AST Recruitment and Retention		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 22	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Programs		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 08	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Pre-Close-Out and Question/Answer Session		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 15	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Budget Close-Out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Feb 15	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+	Overview: Regulation Process		

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 08	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Update on Alaska's Military, by Lt. General Dana Atkins, Commander: Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Joint Task Force Alaska, and Eleventh Air Force Maj. General Thomas Katkus, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard; Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HIGHER EDUC/CAREER READINESS TASK FORCE

Mar 10	Thursday	Terry Miller Gym	9:00 AM
+	Discuss Preliminary (Draft) Recommendations to the Legislature		
	Detailed Agenda to be Announced		

HIGHER EDUC/CAREER READINESS TASK FORCE (continued)

Mar 11	Friday	Terry Miller Gym	1:00 PM
+	Discuss Preliminary (Draft) Recommendations to the Legislature Detailed Agenda to be Announced		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 10	Thursday	House Finance 519	10:30 AM
+	Audits: Executive Session Other Committee Business <Teleconference Invitation Only>		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 17	Thursday	Tba	11:00 AM
	-- Meeting Postponed to 2/24/11 -- Agenda Forthcoming		

Feb 24	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- -- Rescheduled from 2/17/11 -- Agenda Forthcoming This Meeting Will Run from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Only Time Sensitive Issues Will Be on the Agenda		

Mar 17	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
	Agenda Forthcoming		

Apr 07	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
	Agenda Forthcoming		

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Feb 15	Tuesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
+	Totem Ocean Trailer Seafood Product Transportation		

JOINT SESSION

Feb 24	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
Mar 09	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti		
Mar 22	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		