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Thursday

February 17, 2011

Thirty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Ellis at 11:00 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

State of Alaska 2011 Progress Report on Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action in Alaska State Government
from Nicki Neal, Director, Division of Personnel & Labor Relations,
Department of Administration
in accordance with AS 39.28.020(a)(12)

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:

Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Coastal Management Program Part 2; December 29, 2010

Standing Committee Reports**SB 58**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 58 "An Act increasing the number of superior court judges designated for the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator French, Chair; Senator Coghill. Signing do pass: Senators Wielechowski, Paskvan, McGuire.

The following fiscal information was published today:

- Fiscal Note No. 1, Alaska Court System
- Fiscal Note No. 2, Alaska Court System
- Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Administration
- Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Administration
- Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Public Safety
- Fiscal Note No. 6, Department of Corrections
- Fiscal Note No. 7, Department of Law
- Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Enrollment**SJR 6**

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(TRA) am H Urging the United States Army and United States Air Force to extend the public comment period for the scoping phase of the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex Modernization and Enhancement Environmental Impact Statement, which is set to end February 18, 2011, for a minimum of 30 days to allow for effective communication and full state and user involvement during the comment period, 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 5:01 p.m., February 16, 2011.

Legislative Resolve No. 2

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 21, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:03 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 17	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 22	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 24	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Feb 18	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
Feb 21	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+ SB 9	RAISE COMP. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE/TRUANCY		
+ SB 83	TEACHER BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVES		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 23	Wednesday	Barnes 124	8:00 AM
	-- Location Change --		
	Joint with House Education Committee		
+	Commissioner Hanley - Introduction to Joint Education Committee		
+	Board of Regents Annual Report/Presentation to the Legislature		

EDUCATION (continued)

Feb 25 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 += SB 8 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES AND SURVEYS
 + 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

Mar 18 Friday Barnes 124 8:00 AM
 + Joint House/Senate Education Committee Meeting
 Presentation: State Board of Education and Early Development

FINANCE

Feb 17 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SB 46 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + SB 47 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 + SB 48 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Introduction of the Governor's Budget Amendments
 by the Office of Management and Budget
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 18 Friday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 -- Time Change --
 + Goose Creek Correctional Center Presentation by
 Department of Corrections
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 46 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 += SB 47 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += SB 48 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Introduction of the Governor's Budget Amendments
 by the Office of Management and Budget
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 22	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
	-- Time Change --		
+ SB 1	BD OF ED./EARLY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT		
+ SB 3	FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS		
+ HB 16	EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 23	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview of Statewide Port and Harbor Projects:		
	Skagway, Port MacKenzie, Anchorage Port		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 24	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Financial Update of Public Employee Retirement		
	System and Teachers Retirement System by the		
	Department of Administration		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 24	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	2:30 PM
+	Presentation on the Goose Creek Correction Center		
	by the Department of Corrections		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 25	Friday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+	Capital Markets Outlook and Permanent Fund		
	Performance Review by Michael O'Leary from		
	Callan Associates		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 18	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 21	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 27	FLAME RETARDANTS AND TOXIC CHEMICALS		
+	Presentation:		
	AKEELA Organization, Rosale Nadeau, Exec Dir		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 23	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Presentations: AK Mental Health Trust/AK Health Workforce Plan (Alaska Health Workforce Coalition) Long Term Care Ombudsman (Diana Weber, LTC Ombudsman) Alaska Commission on Aging (Denise Daniello, Executive Director)		
Feb 24	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+	-- Time and Location Change -- Presentation: Key Coalition of Alaska - Key Campaign (A grassroots advocacy group for people with disabilities) (All legislators invited)		
Feb 25	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 18	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 21	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 86	PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS/MINORS		
+ SB 17	SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 23	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 39	U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION COMPACT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 25	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 11	HATE CRIMES		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 17 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 23 FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT
 + SB 64 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 90 BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY SECRETARY
 + SB 81 PUBLIC RETIREE MED. BENEFITS: DEPENDENTS
 <Bill Hearing Postponed>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 23 FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

Feb 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 68 COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK
 Senate Bill:
 + Dentists/Dental Hygienists/Assistants
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 18 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 19 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 -- Note Day and Time Change of Meeting --
 += SB 24 SPORT FISHING GUIDING SERVICES
 Public Comment
 += SB 44 SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST
 Public Comment

Feb 21 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 24 SPORT FISHING GUIDING SERVICES
 += SB 44 SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST
 += SB 42 POWER PROJECT; ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

Feb 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled (if necessary)
 + Presentation:
 Focus on New Oil & Gas Development Opportunities
 Bob Swenson, State Geologist & Director
 Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 25 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled (if necessary)
 + SB 85 TAX CREDIT FOR NEW OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT
 Presentation by Sponsor
 + SB 91 SPORT FISHING GUIDING SERVICES
 Presentation by Sponsor

Feb 26 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 -- Note Day and Time Change of Meeting --
 + Presentation by Great Bear Petroleum:
 Introduction to Unconventional Resources in AK

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 17 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 = SB 61 2011 REVISOR'S BILL
 = SB 26 FEE/TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES
 = SB 30 RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY

Feb 22 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 Senate Bill:
 + License Plates: General
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>
 + SB 2 LICENSE PLATES: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN.
 + SB 16 SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES
 Choose Life/Pro-Family Pro-Choice
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 24 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 Department Efficiency and Effectiveness Review:
 Department of Administration
 Department of Public Safety
 Department of Corrections
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 17 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 + SB 19 PASSENGER VEHICLE RENTAL TAX
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Feb 22	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
+ SB 77	APPROP.: PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECTS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Feb 24	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
+ SB 37	TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 22	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:30 PM
+	Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission		
+	Alaska Public Offices Commission		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 22	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Overview		

Mar 08	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Divisions TBA		

Mar 15	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Closeout		

CORRECTIONS

Mar 08	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 3/3/11 --		
	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 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	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	Overview & FY12 Request		

Mar 01	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	FY12 Budget Request		

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	FY12 Budget Request		

Mar 17	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	Closeout		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 17	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:30 AM
+	Joint with House Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request		

Feb 18	Friday	House Finance 519	11:30 AM
+	Joint with House Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request		

Mar 07	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request		

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	2:30 PM
+	Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request		

Mar 14	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request		

FISH & GAME

Feb 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Department Budget Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 24	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Status of FY 2011 Budget		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Other topics of interest to the committee not covered previously, Budget Amendments, Q&A		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Budget Close Out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 21	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Behavioral Health - System wide including implications in other areas, not just the Behavioral Health budget component, focus on API.		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 23	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	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> --		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Other topics of interest to the committee not covered previously, Q&A, Governor's Budget Amendments		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 16	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Budget Close Out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 09	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	Budget Overview Continued (if necessary)		
Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM
	Budget: Department Addresses Additional Questions and Overview of House Budget Actions		
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 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**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		
 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 28	Monday	House Finance 519	8:00 AM
+	Audits: Executive Session		
	Other Committee Business		
	-- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --		
 Mar 29	 Tuesday	 House Finance 519	 8:00 AM
+	Audits: Executive Session		
	Other Committee Business		
	-- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --		

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 17	Thursday	Tba	11:00 AM
	-- Meeting Postponed to 2/24/11 -- Agenda Forthcoming		
Feb 21	Monday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
	Meeting - Executive Session		
Feb 24	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- -- Rescheduled from 2/17/11 -- Agenda Forthcoming		
Feb 24	Thursday	House Finance 519	5:00 PM
	Sanctioning of Charitable Events Sham James, Kenai River Classic Events, Legislative Skits FY12 Legislative Council Proposed Budget Moving and Travel Policy Update Annual Office Allowance		
Mar 17	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
	Agenda Forthcoming		
Apr 07	Thursday	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
	Agenda Forthcoming		

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 28	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	9:30 AM
+	Senate Subcommittee: Executive Session		
+	Public Comment		
	Executive Session		
+	Public Session		
Feb 28	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:00 PM
+	Full Committee: Open Session		
+	Public Comment		
+	Chair/Staff Report		
+	Advisory Opinion 11-02 Requested by Rep Gara		
+	Recognize and Thank For-Profit Businesses		
+	Advisory Opinion 11-01		
	Executive Session		
+	Legislation Update		

OTHER MEETINGS**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		