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Monday

March 7, 2011

Forty-ninth Day

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

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senators Coghill, Huggins, Stedman were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators McGuire, Olson were absent.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. Paul Beran, Pastor Emeritus of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious Father, before you I bow. You are from everlasting to everlasting. Our times are like melting footprints in the springtime snow. Through ages long you have buried the valued resources of oil and gas deep in the earth. Help us to be faithful stewards of their use as senators of this great state. Give us wisdom, give us integrity, give us diligence as we seek to fulfill this weighty responsibility. This I pray in the matchless Name of the One Who came, not to be served, but to serve, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Senator Egan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

A letter dated March 2, 2011 was received correcting the following term expiration in the letter of appointment dated February 1, 2011 (page 148):

Board of Game

Nathan Turner – Nenana

Appointed: 5/10/2010 Term Expires: 6/30/2013

The appointment is in the Resources Committee.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 2**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 2 "An Act relating to National Rifle Association special request license plates" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2(STA) "An Act relating to National Rifle Association and breast cancer awareness special request license plates."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Giessel, Meyer, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 16

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act relating to special request choose life license plates; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(STA) "An Act relating to special request 'Choose Life' license plates and special request 'Pro-Family, Pro-Choice' license plates; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski, Chair; Senators Giessel, Paskvan. Signing do pass: Senator Meyer.

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 68

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 68 "An Act relating to the examinations, board, loans, records, and lobbying contracts of the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Egan, Chair; Senators Davis, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 92

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 92 "An Act relating to dental hygienists, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygiene, and dentistry" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 92(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Egan, Chair; Senators Davis, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 95**

SENATE BILL NO. 95 BY SENATOR EGAN, entitled:

"An Act naming the ferry terminal located at Auke Bay in Juneau the Frank Palmer Ferry Terminal."

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

The presence of Senator McGuire was noted.

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 1**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(EDC) "An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an annual report to the legislature" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(EDC) "An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an annual report to the legislature" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 1(EDC)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Coghill, Huggins, Olson, Stedman

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(EDC) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

In Memoriam - Patrick Karl Lynn

Representative(s) Feige

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

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business**SB 87**

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act establishing a program in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment of grants to health care providers for care of patients who are 65 years of age or older." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 1**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(EDC) "An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an annual report to the legislature" 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 10:45 a.m., March 9, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:19 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

Mar 08	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ HB 65	SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING DEV. FUND GRANTS		
+ SB 94	SECOND VERSE OF ALASKA'S STATE SONG		
Mar 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 07	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ SB 84	VOC ED FUNDING/BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION		
+ SB 73	EDUC. FUNDING: BASIC/SPEC NEEDS/TRANSPORT		
+	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

Mar 07	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 08	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 18	DURATION OF REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS		
+ SB 19	PASSENGER VEHICLE RENTAL TAX		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 10	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 34	SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING FUND		
+ SB 58	INCREASING NUMBER OF SUPERIOR CT JUDGES		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 11	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 07	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 14	PROTECT HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONSCIENCE		
+ SB 5	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Report on Homelessness: Suzi Pearson, Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (online)		
	Dan Fauske - Chair of the Alaska Council on the Homeless (state appointed council) and CEO of AHFC and Jim Gurke of AHFC (both online)		
	Mark Romick, AHFC, and Stacy Schubert, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (Voucher Program) - Juneau		
	Deb Mahoney and Michael Courtney, Neighbor Works Anchorage - Affordable Housing (Juneau)		
	Kate Burkhart, Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse - (Juneau)		
	Kenny Scollan, Rural Cap - (Juneau)		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 11	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Mar 07	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 61	2011 REVISOR'S BILL		
+	Confirmations:		
	Parole Board		
	Board of Governors/Bar Association		
	Police Standards Council		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 11	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 9	RAISE COMP. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE/TRUANCY		
+ SCR 2	UNIFORM RULES: PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEM		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 08	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	2:00 PM
	-- Note: Meeting Times Have Changed --		
+ SB 51	STATE VENDING LICENSES		
+= SB 81	PUBLIC RETIREE MED. BENEFITS: DEPENDENTS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 70	ALASKA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE		
Mar 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	2:00 PM
	-- Note: Meeting Times Have Changed --		
+ SB 65	AIDEA: PROCUREMENT; PROJECTS		
+ SB 66	AIDEA: NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 87	GRANTS FOR SENIORS' MEDICAL CARE		

RESOURCES

Mar 07	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 85	TAX CREDIT FOR NEW OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT		
	-- Invited and Public Testimony --		
+ HJR 11	OPPOSING ANWR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION		
	Presentation by Sponsor - Public Testimony		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Senate Resources Briefing:		
	SDMI - Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative		
	Commissioner Mark Luiken (DOT) and		
	Deputy Commissioner Fogels (DNR)		

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 85 TAX CREDIT FOR NEW OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT
 + SB 49 PRODUCTION TAX ON OIL AND GAS
 Presentation by Sponsor

Mar 11 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 49 PRODUCTION TAX ON OIL AND GAS
 Presentation by Sponsor

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 36 OPT-OUT CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM
 -- Public Testimony Closed --
 += SCR 1 LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH
 -- Public Testimony Closed --
 += SB 7 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE OR BE JURORS
 -- Public Testimony Closed --
 + HB 28 TEMP LICENSE/FEE WAIVER FOR PROFESSIONALS
 + HB 98 HANDLING OF STATE FLAG
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:30 AM
 -- Please Note Delayed Start Time --
 += SB 7 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE OR BE JURORS
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 3/8/11>
 Hearing on Homelessness Among Veterans
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed from March 1 --
 + SB 37 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Marc Luiken, Commissioner
 Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 07	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
+	Review of FY12 Increments and Decrements		
+	Review of Governor's Budget Amendments		
Mar 15	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
+	Closeout		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

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

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

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	FY12 Budget Request		
Mar 17	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	Closeout		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

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> --		

GOVERNOR

Mar 16	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Closeout		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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> --		

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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		

LAW

Mar 08	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 15	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Subcommittee Closeout		

LEGISLATURE

Mar 16	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:10 PM
	Closeout		

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

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

Mar 08	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	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> --		

REVENUE

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	-- Agenda Change to Include Alaska PFD Corp --		
	Budget Detail Including Perm Fund Dividend Corp		
Mar 17	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Subcommittee Closeout		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 08	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	-- Agenda Changed to Include AMHS --		
	Budget Detail Including Alaska Marine Hwy System		
Mar 15	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	Subcommittee Closeout		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 17	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:30 AM
	Closeout		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ALASKA NORTHERN WATERS TASK FORCE**

Mar 14 +	Monday Organizational	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
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HIGHER EDUC/CAREER READINESS TASK FORCE

Mar 10 +	Thursday Discuss Preliminary (Draft) Recommendations to the Legislature Detailed Agenda to be Announced	Terry Miller Gym	9:00 AM
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Mar 11 +	Friday Discuss Preliminary (Draft) Recommendations to the Legislature Detailed Agenda to be Announced	Terry Miller Gym	1:00 PM
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 29 +	Tuesday Audits: Executive Session Other Committee Business -- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --	House Finance 519	8:00 AM
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 17	Thursday Agenda Forthcoming	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
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Apr 07	Thursday Agenda Forthcoming	House Finance 519	11:00 AM
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OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Mar 08 +	Tuesday Marine Debris Cleanup - Dave Gaudet	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
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JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Mar 10 +	Thursday Highways to Health Transportation within Alaska	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM
Mar 24 +	Thursday Highways to Health Transportation from Alaska	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM

JOINT SESSION

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