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Second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Kookesh was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend George Silides of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

With utmost respect for the religious traditions of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer:

Almighty God, from whom all Truth proceeds: Direct, we pray, those who speak here where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound; and its will righteous. Bless them with true companions, and faithful counselors. Give them open minds and open hearts; that wheresoever the best idea, the best solution, comes; they may be quick to grant it hearing, and seize the opportunity for all.

Gracious God, whose loving hand has made us stewards of a bounteous earth and teeming sea: Bless those who work upon the land and those upon the waters. Bless also those who suffer want and anxiety for lack of work. Strengthen those who work; relieve their suffering by law, by charity, by personal service.

Upon these men and women here gathered this morning
give thy heavenly benediction, thy strength and thy
peace; for their joy's sake, and work they do.

Amen.

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

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

A Resolution Supporting the Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
dated August 22, 2011
from Denise Michels, Mayor, City of Nome

Status Report on Health Information Exchange in Alaska
dated December 2011
from the Department of Health and Social Services
in accordance with AS 18.23.315

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Alaska International Airports System (AIAS) Construction Fund Annual Report and Spending Plan Fiscal Year 2012
from Keith Day, AIAS Controller
in accordance with AS 37.15.420(c)

Alaska Sustainable Energy Act 2011
Progress Report for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Department of Administration
from Marc Luiken, Commissioner
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
in accordance with AS 44.42.067(d)

Transforming Health Care in Alaska
2011 Annual Report of the Alaska Health Care Commission
2010 – 2014 Strategic Plan Update
from Ward B. Hurlburt, Chair and Deborah Erickson, Executive
Director, Alaska Health Care Commission
in accordance with AS 18.09.070

A Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
from MaryEllen Duffy, Special Assistant
Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency
in accordance with AS 24.20.065(b)

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Pat
Davidson, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and
are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
State Medical Board, dated June 16, 2011

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Big Game Commercial Services Board, dated September 13, 2011

Office of the Governor, Alaska State Commission for Human Rights
Selected Operational Issues, September 23, 2011

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 18

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 BY SENATOR
DYSON,

Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg
Remembrance Day.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19 BY SENATOR DYSON,

Proclaiming September 24, 2012, to be United States Marshals Day.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 167**

SENATE BILL NO. 167 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act providing that the tax rate applicable to the production of oil as the average production tax value of oil, gas produced in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin, and gas produced outside of the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin and used in the state increases above \$30 shall be 0.4 percent multiplied by the number that represents the difference between that average monthly production tax value and \$30, or the sum of 25 percent and the product of 0.1 percent multiplied by the number that represents the difference between that average monthly production tax value and \$92.50, except that the total rate determined in the calculation may not exceed 50 percent; providing for an increase in the rate of tax on the production of gas as the average production tax value on a BTU equivalent barrel basis of gas produced outside of the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin and not used in the state increases above \$30; relating to payments of the oil and gas production tax; relating to the lease expenditures that may be deducted when determining production tax value; relating to availability of a portion of the money received from the tax on oil and gas production for appropriation to the community revenue sharing fund; relating to the allocation of lease expenditures and adjustments to lease expenditures; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 168

SENATE BILL NO. 168 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to geographic cost-of-living salary adjustments for justices of the supreme court and judges of the superior and district courts; and providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business**Citations**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam - Jack Powers

Representative(s) Stoltze

Senator(s) Huggins, Stevens, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Giessel, Hoffman, 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.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:23 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 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 an address by the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell.

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

President Stevens appointed Representative Thomas and Senator Menard to escort Governor Sean Parnell to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Zachary Mannix, announced Governor Parnell's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Sean Parnell was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Governor Parnell delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 7:33 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 20, 2012. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE**Jan 18 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

- + = HB 104 ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- + SB 86 PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS/MINORS
- + SB 2 LICENSE PLATES: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN.
Bill Hearing Postponed
- + SB 16 SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES
Bill Hearing Postponed
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 19 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 51 STATE VENDING LICENSES
- + SB 53 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
- + SB 103 WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS
- + SB 68 COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK
- + SB 30 RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY**Jan 18 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

- + = SB 89 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ACT
- + = SB 104 MANUFACTURED HOMES AS REAL PROPERTY
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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JUDICIARY (continued)

Jan 20	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 24	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	10:30 AM
+	10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		
	Crime Summit		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Jan 25	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		
	Crime Summit		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 19	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 116	WORKERS' COMP.: COLL BARGAINING/MEDIATION		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Jan 18	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Presentation by Heavy Oil Solutions		
	Power Point Presentation by Stephen Yarbro of		
	Los Alamos, New Mexico		
	-- Testimony by Invitation Only --		
Jan 20	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 24	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	SJR 10	CONT. AM.: BUDGET RESERVE FUND	
+	SB 130	ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGE COUNCIL	
+	SB 136	INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYING A VETERAN	
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Jan 26 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
+= SB 121 TEACHERS & PUB EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 19 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:00 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Jan 18 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ -- MEETING CANCELED --
Overview: U.S. Coast Guard mission in Alaska
and the role of the Department of Military and
Veterans Affairs
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Jan 23 **Monday** **House Finance 519** **8:00 AM**
Audit Requests
Other Committee Business

Feb 27 **Monday** **House Finance 519** **8:00 AM**
Audits - Executive Session
Other Committee Business

Mar 28 **Wednesday** **House Finance 519** **8:00 AM**
Audits - Executive Session
Other Committee Business

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 20	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	FULL COMMITTEE: Open Session Public Comment Chair/Staff Report Budget Advisory Opinion 11-04 Define Participation in a Sanctioned Charity Event, AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B) Advisory Opinion 12-01 requested by Sen. Stedman Travel to Event in a City in New Legis. District 2012 Legislation Update Advisory Opinion 11-05 (Executive Session) Public Session Other Business 1 - 2:30 SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE (Executive Session) Public Comment Executive Session		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Jan 18	Wednesday	House Chamber	7:00 PM
	State of the State and Budget Address by the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska		
Mar 05	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		