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Ninth Day

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

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Bill Nelson of the United Pentecostal Church of Juneau. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

It is with the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans that I offer this prayer:

Our Heavenly Father,

It is with absolute faith that I call upon you today Lord, to be here to help in the decision making process and the idea shaping process because I am convinced that you care very deeply about what goes on here. You have told us to pray for our leaders and you have also told us to pray that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, we do so now because we also care very deeply about the issues that are decided here.

Please grant these dedicated men and women your wisdom, understanding and foresight as they seek to make Alaska a better place for all who live here. I

also pray for their health, safety and wellbeing and that of their families. Grant us all the peace of mind that comes from knowing how much you love and care for us.

Thank you Lord,

Amen.

Senator Egan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Communications

Letters dated January 19, were received from Walter L. Carpeneti, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating pursuant to AS 24.60.130(b)(3) he has nominated the following public members for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Dennis Cook
Herman Walker, Jr.

President Stevens referred the appointments to the Judiciary Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 13

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act providing for the waiver of certain fees and charges in state parks for disabled veterans" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 13(RES) "An Act providing for the waiver or reduction of certain fees and charges in state parks for disabled veterans."

Signing do pass: Senators Wagoner, Paskvan, Cochairst; Senators French, Wielechowski, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senators Stedman, Stevens.

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

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 174

SENATE BILL NO. 174 BY SENATORS FRENCH, Egan, Ellis, Wielechowski, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain employers in the oil or gas production industries to report certain job opportunities to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development as public information and requiring that information to be posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System; and adding to the duties of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 175

SENATE BILL NO. 175 BY SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Beatriz Abella, Award-Winning Performer at Carnegie Hall

Representative(s) Munoz, Kerttula

Senator(s) Egan, Stevens, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, 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 74**

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 74 "An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a covered treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the covered treatment for those disorders; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 135

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 135 "An Act relating to the rights of crime victims; relating to the duties of prosecuting attorneys; and amending Rule 45, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, February 3 through plane time, February 5 and from afternoon plane time, February 16 through plane time, February 21. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senators Davis, McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, January 26 through evening plane time, January 29. Without objection, Senators Davis, McGuire were excused.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 4; from afternoon plane time, March 6 through morning plane time, March 12; and from afternoon plane time, March 16 through evening plane time, March 18. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

Announcements

Senator Paskvan, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived for a Resources Committee meeting at 3:30 p.m., January 27 for the purpose of hearing a presentation by Bryan Butcher, Commissioner, Department of Revenue. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 27, 2012. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:35 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

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|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Jan 26 | Thursday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

EDUCATION

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| Jan 25 | Wednesday | Barnes 124 | 8:00 AM |
| + | Joint w/ House Education Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council Presentation | | |

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| Jan 27 | Friday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 8:00 AM |
| + | SB 139 | INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION | |
| | | <Above Item Removed from Agenda> | |
| + | SB 171 | INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION | |
| + | | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | |

FINANCE

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| Jan 25 | Wednesday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | SB 39 | U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION COMPACT | |
| + | HB 121 | LOAN FUNDS:CHARTERS/MARICULTURE/MICROLOAN | |
| + | | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | |

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FINANCE (continued)

Jan 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 167 SEPARATE OIL & GAS PROD. TAX/ DEDUCTIONS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 27 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 30 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 172 CARE DIRECTIVES/DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS
+ SB 144 STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 31 Tuesday Capitol 106 3:00 PM
-- Note Location and Time Change --
+ Joint w/ House HSS
Presentation: Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska,
Dulce Nobre, Executive Director,
Patrick Cunningham, Amber Smith

Feb 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Joint w/ House HSS
Presentations:
- Alaska Health Care Commission Report Update
Deborah Erickson, Executive Director and
Dr. Ward Hurlburt, Chair of the Health Care Commission
- Department of Health and Social Services
Overview, Commissioner Streur and Department
Representatives

Feb 03 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 + 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Crime Summit
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Nancy Haag, Executive Director, Standing Together
 Against Rape (STAR)
 Nancy Meade, General Counsel, Alaska Court System
 Diane Schenker, Project Coordinator, Fairbanks
 Electronic Bail Conditions Project
 Helen Sharratt, Integrated Justice Coordinator
 Quinlan Steiner, Director, Public Defender Agency
 Richard Allen, Director, Office of Public Advocacy
 Walt Monegan, President/CEO, Alaska Native
 Justice Center
 Jake Metcalfe, Executive Director, Public Safety
 Employee Association (PSEA)
 Commissioner Joe Schmidt, Dept. of Corrections
 Deputy Commissioner Carmen Gutierrez, Dept. of
 Corrections
 Deputy Commissioner Sam Edwards, Dept. of
 Corrections
 Andre Rosay, Director, University of Alaska
 Anchorage Justice Center
 Jeff Jesse, CEO, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 Janet McCabe, Chair, Partners for Progress
 Barbara Henjum, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice
 Dean Williams, Superintendent, McLaughlin Youth
 Center

Jan 27 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 135 CONTINUANCES IN CRIMINAL TRIALS; VICTIMS
 + SB 140 CATHINONE BATH SALTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 157 CANCEL INSUR. ON CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY
 + SB 158 REAL ESTATE SALES LICENSEES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Jan 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 13 WAIVE PARK FEE FOR DISABLED VETERANS
 += SB 24 SPORT FISHING GUIDING SERVICES
 Presentation by Commissioner Dan Sullivan,
 Department of Natural Resources

Jan 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Presentation by Bryan Butcher, Commissioner,
 Department of Revenue

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 121 TEACHERS & PUB EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS
 += SB 136 INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYING A VETERAN
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

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

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

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| Feb 23 | Thursday | House Chamber | 10:00 AM |
| | Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator | | |
| Feb 29 | Wednesday | House Chamber | 11:00 AM |
| | State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti | | |
| Mar 05 | Monday | House Chamber | 11:00 AM |
| | Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator | | |

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

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| Jan 25 | Wednesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 10:00 AM |
| | Alaska Land Mobile Radio Network 30 Minute Presentation on ALMR's Current Status Sponsored by the Dept. of Administration All Senators and staff are invited to attend. | | |
| Jan 30 | Monday | Capitol 106 | 5:00 PM |
| | Continued Discussion of Taku River Fisheries - Continuation of Question and Answer Period with Dept. of Environmental Conservation & Dept. of Fish and Game Sponsored by the Juneau legislative delegation: Sen. Egan and Reps. Kerttula and Munoz | | |
| Jan 31 | Tuesday | Capitol 106 | 5:00 PM |
| | Continued Discussion of Taku River Fisheries - Discussion of Final Report Sponsored by the Juneau legislative delegation: Sen. Egan and Reps. Kerttula and Munoz | | |
| Feb 13 | Monday | Senate Finance 532 | 1:00 PM |
| | School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System | | |