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Twelfth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Porter at 10:07 a.m.

Roll call showed 25 members present. Representatives Chenault, Fate, Kohring, Masek, Mulder, Rokeberg, Scalzi, and Whitaker had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Foster and Hayes were excused from a call of the House due to illness. Representatives Berkowitz and Cissna were absent and their presence was noted later. Representative Ogan was absent.

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Williams - from today to 9:45 p.m., January 29, 2002

Representative Harris - from today to 9:30 p.m., January 27, 2002

The invocation was offered by Ms. Sherry Patterson, Women's Ministry Leader/Black History Coordinator, of Restoration Grace Outreach Center. Representative Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it appears below:

Father, we thank You for this day which You've given to us. Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your grace in our lives. Thank You Lord for our country, America. Thank You for our great state, Alaska. Thank You for this twenty-second legislative session.

Father, we ask for Your blessings upon this session. Many decisions are to be made during these next days. We need Your wisdom and Your guidance. We ask that You bless each legislator, bless their families, and bless their areas of jurisdiction.

Father, we ask for unity in the state as a whole and in this session. You've given us a land rich in culture and diversity. Help us to live not only in tolerance of each other, but in true peace and harmony, that Your will shall be accomplished in this land. Forgive us for disharmony and disunity. We ask that the walls of division and separation would no longer stand. Father, may the words of Dr. Martin Luther King ring in our hearts today that we would, no matter what color, creed, or tribe, walk together hand in hand as overcomers of racism and hatred; that the past would stay in the past and that we would all move into the future and bright destiny You've designed for us.

We speak peace, unity, and prosperity to our city, state, and country in the mighty and majestic name of Jesus. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Joule.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 10th and 11th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 23, 2002, was received stating the Senate has accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 19, 2002, to hear an address by the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received January 23, 2002:

Dept. of Community & Economic Development
Local Boundary Commission

Annual Report

Available at www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/LBC/Mrad_lbc.htm

Annex Recommendation

City of Homer

(as required by AS 44.33.812 and art. X, sec. 12,
Alaska Constitution)

The recommendation of the Local Boundary Commission will be published in the Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 10.

The Speaker referred the Commission's recommendation to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

**The presence of Representatives Berkowitz and Cissna was noted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HCR 12**

The Labor & Commerce Committee has considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Relating to the preservation of employment opportunities for United States longshoremen with respect to unloading and loading of foreign vessels.

The report was signed by Representative Murkowski, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Rokeberg, Meyer, Crawford, Kott, Halcro, Murkowski

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Labor & Commerce Committee

HCR 12 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 245

The Labor & Commerce Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

"An Act relating to marital and family therapists."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 245(L&C)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Murkowski, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Crawford, Kott, Halcro, Murkowski

No recommendation (2): Rokeberg, Meyer

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 245(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Community & Economic Development

HB 245 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Tony and Debbie Cortes
By Representative Stevens; Senator Austerman

Honoring - Ernest E. Hall
By Representative Halcro

Honoring - The 2001 State Football Champions The Dimond High
Lynx
By Representative McGuire

Honoring - Jesse Frankson
By Representative Joule

Commemorating - Black History Month
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Peter Mark
By Representative Morgan; Senator Lincoln

In Memoriam - Omega "Micky" Bennett
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Charles Hord
By Senator Davis

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 356

HOUSE BILL NO. 356 by Representative Stevens, entitled:

"An Act relating to a report on public schools; and providing for
an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on
Education and the Health, Education & Social Services Committee.

HB 357

HOUSE BILL NO. 357 by the House Rules Committee by request of
the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental and other appropriations; and
providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22, 2002, appears below:

"Dear Speaker Porter:

I am transmitting to you a supplemental appropriation bill that I urge the Legislature to put on a 'fast track' for action because the items contained in the bill are vital to Alaska's primary industries - fishing, tourism and oil. All of these industries are integral to the economic health of our entire state, and all of them face challenges in the coming year for various reasons -- the public's reaction to terrorism, national stock market conditions, national energy policy, and increased competition in the global marketplace.

The bill includes \$10 million appropriations to boost marketing efforts in the salmon and tourism industries. The salmon marketing efforts include \$5 million for regional salmon marketing grants and international niche marketing program to promote salmon in developing markets. The other \$5 million is earmarked for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute for domestic and international marketing and quality assurance.

Tourism assistance includes a \$9.8 million grant to the Alaska Travel Industry Association to mitigate the drastic decline in recreational travel after September 11th. The Alaska Marine Highway System would receive \$200,000 to specifically promote travel to Alaska by ferry and communities on the system.

The remaining \$1 million proposed in the bill is for a grant to Arctic Power to continue its national efforts in gaining support for oil and gas exploration and development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The fishing, tourism, and oil and gas industries provide the highest number of jobs in Alaska and drive our economy statewide. Slumps in these industries ripple down to the local level in diminished revenue from fish, sales, and bed taxes. It is the responsibility of state

government to use the tools we have to ensure Alaska's economy is vibrant and able to sustain quality of life. I urge you to consider and pass these appropriations as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
/s/
Tony Knowles
Governor"

HB 358

HOUSE BILL NO. 358 by Representative Chenault, entitled:

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for certain land from which timber is harvested and for certain improvements used in or necessary to the harvest of timber."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

HB 359

HOUSE BILL NO. 359 by the House Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act making a supplemental appropriation for tourism marketing efforts; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 360

HOUSE BILL NO. 360 by Representative Stevens, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations to the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute for generic salmon marketing; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Alaska's 2002 Olympic Torchbearers

By Senator Elton; Representatives Mulder, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Green, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kookesh, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Murkowski, Ogan, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 175**

The Speaker returned the following to the Finance Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

"An Act making an appropriation to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for power projects; and providing for an effective date."

HB 175 was removed from the Rules Committee and returned to the Finance Committee.

HB 310

The Speaker removed the House Special Committee on Education referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

"An Act relating to renewal of an occupational license after defaulting on a federal student loan."

HB 310 was removed from the House Special Committee on Education and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Dyson - from 2:05 p.m., February 15 to 10:04 a.m., February 18, 2002

Representative Halcro - from 7:00 a.m., February 15 to 10:00 a.m., February 18, 2002

Representative Kapsner - from 5:20 a.m., January 28 to 9:35 p.m., January 31, 2002

Representative Kookesh - from 7:54 a.m., January 28 to 9:30 a.m., January 30, 2002

Representative Stevens - from 7:00 a.m. to 9:36 p.m., February 28, 2002

Representative Chenault - from 7:00 a.m., today to 9:36 p.m., January 28, 2002 (amended from page 1959)

Representative Halcro - from noon, February 1 to 9:35 p.m., February 4, 2002 (amended from page 1983)

Representative Harris - withdrawal of previously excused absence from 7:30 a.m., February 24 to 9:30 p.m., February 27, 2002 (page 2013)

HB 306

Representative Davies added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

"An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to issue permits to certain agencies to purchase, possess, and use certain drugs for euthanizing domestic animals."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

Majority Caucus Speaker's Chamber upon adj., 1/25

ADJOURNMENT

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., January 28, 2002. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk