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Wednesday

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Twenty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:13 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Therriault was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Taylor was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Greg Clark of the Glacier Valley Baptist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

As we begin our time of prayer and meditation this morning, I would like for us to observe a few moments of silent prayer in memory of those 88 passengers and crew who lost their lives aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 261, one year ago today.

Dear Father, on the anniversary of this tragedy, many of our hearts are still tender as we think about friends, family, and acquaintances that are no longer with us today. The Apostle Paul called You the God of all comfort, and may we find comfort today in Your love and in the promises of Your Word, where You said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:1-3)

Now Lord, as we turn to the issues that face us today, help us to do so with wisdom, righteousness, and justice. As someone has said, "Grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to

change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the one from the other." And help us to remember that when we lack wisdom, all we have to do is ask You for it.

We thank You Lord for this nation that we call home and for those who have given themselves for the cause of our freedom. And Lord, help us to remember the words of Henry Ward Beecher who said, "A thoughtful mind . . . sees not the flag only, but the nation itself . . . the principles, the truths, the history." We praise You, Sovereign Lord, and give You thanks, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the twenty-third 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:

Notification of Availability: Alaska Energy Authority Annual Capital Project Status Reports
from Robert Poe, Jr., Executive Director
in accordance with AS 44.83.950(b)

Resolutions and Report: Alaska's Future Workforce; Strategic Policies and Investment Blueprint
from Alice Galvin, Chair, Alaska Human Resources Investment Council
in accordance with ch. 132, SLA 2000
available at: <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/lsgov/voced/main.htm>

Notification of Availability: Department of Community and Economic Development Annual State Loan Report
from Deborah Sedwick, Commissioner
in accordance with AS 37.05.035 and AS 16.10.350(b)

Status of Brown Bears and Other Natural Resources in the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary and Refuge
from Frank Rue, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
in accordance with AS 16.20.041(f) and AS 16.20.160(f)

2000 Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions
from Jim Duncan, Commissioner designee, Department of Administration
in accordance with AS 37.05.210

Standing Committee Reports

SJR 6

The Finance Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as a block grant to the state, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.
6(FIN)

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Finance Committee

Signing do pass: Senators Donley, Kelly, Cochairs, Senators Green, Austerman, Wilken, Ward, Leman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Olson.

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 3

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATORS
DAVIS, Ellis,

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the
Alaska State Legislature relating to the Education
Committee, a standing committee of the legislature.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Health,
Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

SJR 11

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATORS WARD,
Green,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the
State of Alaska to guarantee the permanent fund
dividend, to provide for inflation proofing, and to
require a vote of the people before changing the
statutory formula for distribution that existed on
January 1, 2001.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 62

SENATE BILL NO. 62 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to forward funding of state aid for
education programs; and providing for an effective
date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social
Services and Finance Committees.

SB 63

SENATE BILL NO. 63 BY SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation for support of kindergarten, primary, and secondary education programs and for the community schools program for fiscal year 2003; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

SB 64

SENATE BILL NO. 64 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II veterans."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 30:

Dear President Halford:

This bill I transmit today brings a long-overdue recognition to those World War II veterans who left Alaska's high schools before graduating in order to serve their country. These veterans would be awarded high school diplomas.

Alaska would join other states in the national "Operation Recognition" program designed as society's gesture of gratitude towards World War II veterans. Many of these veterans never received high school diplomas because they chose, rather, to serve in the military at a

crucial time to ward off a genuine threat to world stability. When they returned home in the post-war economic and baby boom, they went straight to work and pursued careers rather than go back to school.

Under this bill, the Department of Education and Early Development would award a diploma upon application by, or on behalf of, a person who served in the military between August 7, 1940 and July 5, 1947. Those veterans with a Graduation Equivalency Diploma could also apply.

Out of respect and recognition of Alaska's World War II veterans, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Knowles
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam – Walter D. Teeland

Senator(s) Halford, Green, Phillips, Ward, Wilken, Hoffman, Pearce, Kelly, Taylor, Austerman, Lincoln, Leman, Ellis, Donley, Elton, Davis
Representative(s) Masek, Ogan, Kohring

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

The presence of Senator Taylor was noted.

Unfinished Business**SR 1**

President Halford made the following appointments to the Senate World Trade and State/Federal Relations Committee:

Senator Cowdery, Chair
Senator Austerman
Senator Leman
Senator Therriault
Senator Lincoln
Senator Donley (Alternate)
Senator Olson (Alternate)

SJR 10

Senators Wilken, Kelly, Cowdery, Elton, Leman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 Urging the United States Congress to fully fund the operational readiness and recapitalization requirements of the United States Coast Guard. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from plane time, February 1 through plane time, February 4. Without objection, Senator Taylor was excused.

Senator Pearce, Rules Committee Chair, introduced a new member of the 2001 Chamber Staff as follows:

Senate Page
Nick Samaniego

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 1, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

January 2001

Announcements

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**FAHRENKAMP 203**

Jan 31	Wednesday	1:30 PM
	Local Boundary Commission Briefing	
+ SB 48	MUNICIPALITIES:INCORP/PROPERTY VALUATION	
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --	
Feb 02	Friday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

FINANCE**SENATE FINANCE 532**

Jan 31	Wednesday	9:00 AM
SJR 6	EDUCATION BLOCK GRANTS	
=SB 16	OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR	
	<Bill Postponed>	
Feb 01	Thursday	9:00 AM
	Overview: Annalee McConnell	
SB 27	APPROP: GOVERNOR'S OPERATING BUDGET	
SB 28	APPROP:MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
SB 29	APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET	
Feb 02	Friday	9:00 AM
+SB 9	EXTENDED BOARD OF ARCHITECTS ETC	
SB 21	FINES BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD	

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HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

BUTROVICH 205

Jan 31	Wednesday	1:30 PM
Overview: Dept of Education and Early Development		
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

BELTZ 211

Jan 31	Wednesday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 02	Friday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

BELTZ 211

Feb 01	Thursday	1:30 PM
+ SB 38	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER	
Presentation/Overview: AK State Hospital & Nursing Home Assoc		
AK Process Industry Careers Consortium		

RESOURCES

BUTROVICH 205

Jan 31	Wednesday	3:30 PM
+	Alaska Soil and Water Conservation	
District Briefing		
Department Overviews on Natural Gas Pipeline:		
Department of Revenue, Department of Natural Resources		

Feb 02	Friday	3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 05	Monday	3:30 PM
Natural Gas Pipeline Briefing: Foothills Pipelines Co.		

SENATE FINANCE 532

Feb 06	Tuesday	12:15 PM
-- Time and Location Change --		
Joint w/(H) Resources		
Mining Industry Briefing		

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Feb 07	Wednesday	3:30 PM
Natural Gas Pipeline Briefing: Gas Pipeline Consortium		
Feb 09	Friday	3:30 PM
Status Briefing on Donald H. Carlson et al vs State of AK Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission: Dept of Law, OMB, CFEC		
Feb 14	Wednesday	3:30 PM
TAPS Briefing: David Wight, CEO and President Alyeska Pipeline		

STATE AFFAIRS

BELTZ 211

Feb 01	Thursday	3:30 PM
+ SJR 8	VOTING SITES AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS	

TRANSPORTATION

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 01	Thursday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

CORRECTIONS

FAHRENKAMP 203

Feb 01	Thursday	8:00 AM
Overview: Dept of Corrections Missions and Measures FY02 Budget Request		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

FAHRENKAMP 203

Jan 31	Wednesday	8:00 AM
Overview: DOT/PF Missions and Measures FY02 Budget Request		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 01

Thursday

9:30 AM

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Review of Public Hearing on Shellfish Regulations