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Juneau, Alaska

Monday

February 12, 2001

Thirty-sixth Day

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

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Cowdery, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Larry Rorem of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray.

Just and merciful God, we gather in prayer for these senators who seek to create a climate of well being for all the people of our great state.

In a world filled with so much division, help these leaders be unified in seeking what is best for the weak and the strong who call Alaska home. May creativity flow in this place as senators listen to needs and respond to them in ways that dignify all people.

May the fragile realities of power be used as an equalizing force for the good of all. Legitimate differences do exist. Help these differences to challenge this Senate to find creative, dignifying and visionary ways to deal with complex issues. May all Alaskans be empowered by the realities of power.

Bless each member of this Senate as they seek to represent the people of Alaska to the best of their ability. May our state be blessed by their leadership. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

Senator Lincoln led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 9 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 100

HOUSE BILL NO. 100 BY REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Hayes, Halcro, Murkowski, Meyer, Dyson, James, Cissna; Senator Davis, entitled:

"An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day."

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

Communications

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

National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska, Impact Mitigation Program,
Fiscal Year 2000-2001
from Deborah Sedwick, Commissioner, Department of Community
and Economic Development
in accordance with AS 37.05.530

Alaska Human Resource Investment Council Resolutions and 1999
Training Program Performance Report: "An Evaluation of Alaska's
Workforce Training System"
from Alice Galvin, Ed.D., Chair
in accordance with AS 23.15.580(b)(9)

Standing Committee Reports

SB 52

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 52 "An Act
extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and
Occupational Therapy Board" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(FIN)

Signing do pass: Senators Donley, Kelly, Cochairs, Senators Green,
Austerman, Hoffman, Leman, Wilken.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Community and Economic
Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 54

Forthcoming fiscal note (page 325) for SENATE BILL NO. 54 "An
Act establishing the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council; and providing
for an effective date" published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

HJR 6

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) Relating to opposition to the inclusion of national forests in Alaska within former President Clinton's Roadless Area Conservation rule and supporting the overturning of this inclusion by litigation, by congressional action, or by action of President Bush, and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Torgerson, Chair, Senators Halford, Kelly.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Elton.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Transportation Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 4

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 BY SENATOR
PHILLIPS,

Relating to declaring April 6, 2001, as Alaska Tartan
Day.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 83

SENATE BILL NO. 83 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act relating to construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

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

SB 84

SENATE BILL NO. 84 BY SENATORS TAYLOR, Austerman, entitled:

"An Act exempting joint action agencies from regulation by the state or municipalities; relating to the relationship between a joint action agency and the public utilities that form the joint action agency; relating to powers and immunities of a joint action agency; requiring filing of the joint action agency agreement; relating to the financial affairs of a joint action agency; declaring certain joint action agencies to be political subdivisions for certain purposes; relating to liability and indemnification of officers, employees, and agents of joint action agencies; and defining 'agency agreement' as used with reference to joint action agencies."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – Steve Frank & Linda Anderson
Senator(s) Wilken, Pearce, Phillips, Hoffman, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Donley, Halford, Leman, Therriault

Honoring – Governor William J. Sheffield
Representative(s) Berkowitz
Senator(s) Leman, Hoffman, Halford, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Pearce, Donley, Wilken, Ellis, Phillips, Therriault

Honoring – General Patrick Gamble
Representative(s) Masek
Senator(s) Green, Hoffman, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor,
Kelly, Pearce, Donley, Wilken, Halford, Leman, Therriault

In Memoriam – Sally Jane (Riley) Echola
Representative(s) Masek
Senator(s) Green, Hoffman, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor,
Kelly, Pearce, Donley, Wilken, Halford

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

Unfinished Business

SB 3

Senators Ward, Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 3 "An Act making a special appropriation for studies for the northern access into Denali National Park and Preserve; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 80

Senator Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 80 "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for a grant to 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 13, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

February 2001

Announcements

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

FAHRENKAMP 203

Feb 12	Monday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	
Feb 14	Wednesday	1:30 PM
+ SB 75	SERVICE AREAS:VOTER APPROVAL/TAX ZONES	
Feb 16	Friday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

FINANCE

SENATE FINANCE 532

Feb 12	Monday	9:00 AM
= SB 16	OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR	
= SB 21	FINES BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD	
SB 2	MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOND REIMBURSEMENT	
SB 52	TERMINATION OF STATE PHYS THERAPY BOARD	
SB 53	EXTENDING THE BD. OF BARBERS/HAIRDRESSERS	
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 13	Tuesday	9:00 AM
SB 53	EXTENDING THE BD. OF BARBERS/HAIRDRESSERS	
SB 21	FINES BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD	
SB 16	OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 14	Wednesday	9:00 AM
SB 19	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/SOC SEC. #	
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 15 Thursday 9:00 AM
 SB 80 APPROP: SPECIAL OLYMPICS
 SB 73 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/AMEND APPROP.
 SB 74 FAST TRACK SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
 Overview: Governor's Supplemental Budget
 Annalee McConnell, Director, OMB
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 12 Monday 1:30 PM
 + Overview: Dept of Education and Early Development
 (continued from 1/31/01)
 + High School Graduation Qualifying Exam: Dept of Education
 and Early Development
 Attorney General's Office
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 14 Wednesday 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

BELTZ 211

Feb 12 Monday 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 14 Wednesday 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 16 Friday 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

BELTZ 211

Feb 13 Tuesday 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 15 Thursday 1:30 PM
 = SB 38 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER

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RESOURCES

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 12 Monday 3:30 PM
+ SB 72 TAKE A CHILD HUNTING SEASON
+ SJR 7 REINSTATE WILDERNESS STUDY PROHIBITION

Feb 14 Wednesday 3:30 PM
+ TAPS Briefing:
David Wight, CEO and President, Alyeska Pipeline

SENATE FINANCE 532

Feb 15 Thursday 12:00 PM
+ -- Time and Location Change --
Joint w/(H) Resources and (H) Special Committee
on Oil & Gas
Presentation on LNG Market in Japan and Asia:
Shigeru Muraki, General Manager, Gas Resources Dept,
Tokyo Gas Co. Ltd.

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 16 Friday 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 19 Monday 3:30 PM
Comparison of Northern vs Southern Gas
Pipeline Route: Foothills Pipelines Ltd

STATE AFFAIRS

BELTZ 211

Feb 13 Tuesday 3:30 PM
+ SB 24 LEGIS APPROVAL OF SEAFOOD/FOOD SAFETY LAB
SB 65 PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
SJR 10 US COAST GUARD FUNDING
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 15 Thursday 3:30 PM
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

BUTROVICH 205

Feb 13 Tuesday 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

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TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Feb 15	Thursday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	
ANCHORAGE LIO CONFERENCE ROOM		
Feb 23	Friday	1:30 PM
	-- Time and Location Change --	
	Presentation: Alaska's Future Transportation Needs	

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SENATE FINANCE 532

Feb 15	Thursday	3:30 PM
	Department Overview	

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

TERRY MILLER 104

Feb 15	Thursday	8:00 AM
	Child Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Child Care Grants, Head Start	

FISH & GAME

SENATE FINANCE 532

Feb 15	Thursday	2:00 PM
	Division of Habitat and Restoration Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Division of Commercial Fisheries	

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BELTZ 211

Feb 15	Thursday	3:45 PM
	-- Agenda to be Announced --	

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

FAHRENKAMP 203

Feb 20	Tuesday	2:45 PM
+	Review of Past and Proposed Regulations	

SELECT CMTE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

BELTZ 211

Feb 14	Wednesday	8:00 AM
	Open Meeting Guidelines	

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

FAHRENKAMP 203

Feb 13	Tuesday	12:00 PM
+	Public Health	

JOINT SESSION

HOUSE CHAMBER

Feb 21	Wednesday	11:00 AM
	U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski's Annual Message	

Feb 23	Friday	11:00 AM
	Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message	