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Forty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 10:50 a.m.

The roll showed thirteen members present. Senator Olson was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Cowdery, Donley, Green, Kelly, Taylor, Ward were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Kathleen Wakefield of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Blessed are You, God of the universe. You have created us, and given us life. Blessed are You, God of the planet earth. You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens, and filled it with action, beauty, suffering, struggle and hope.

Blessed are You, God of this land, in all the people who live here, in all the lessons we have learned, in all that remains for us to do. Blessed are You because You need us; because You make us worthwhile, because You give us people to love and work to do for Your universe, for Your world and for ourselves. Amen. (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Senator Lincoln led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 20 was read, stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Legislature at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2001 to hear Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message. This is a change of date from the original scheduled Joint Session of February 23, 2001.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to change the date of the Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Taxable 2000, Municipal Taxation - Rates and Policies Full Value Determination Population and G.O. Bonded Debt
from Steve Van Sant, State Assessor, Department of Community and Economic Development

Standing Committee Reports**SB 79**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge." Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair, Senators Wilken, Ward, Elton, Taylor.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 88

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 88 "An Act relating to metropolitan planning organizations and to establishment of a metropolitan planning organization for the Anchorage metropolitan area; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair, Senators Ward, Wilken. Signing do not pass: Senator Elton. Signing amend to let Legislators outside of Anchorage to sit on AMATS: Senator Taylor.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

The presence of Senator Green was noted.

SB 93

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 93 "An Act relating to the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska trust; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Pearce, Davis. Signing do pass: Senator Phillips. Signing do pass and amend: Senator Halford.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 79

The Transportation Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 79 "An Act designating a portion of the Eagle River Loop Road as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA)

Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair, Senators Wilken, Ward, Elton, Taylor.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SCR 4

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Relating to declaring April 6, 2001, as Alaska Tartan Day, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 4(STA)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Therriault, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Halford, Phillips, Davis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

HCR 5

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5(title am) Proposing amendments to Uniform Rules 20(a), 37, and 49(a)(4) of the Alaska State Legislature, and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 5(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senator Phillips. Signing no recommendation: Senators Pearce, Davis.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 14

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 BY SENATOR TAYLOR,

Urging President Bush, the United States Department of State, and the United States Congress to intervene and negotiate with the government of Canada to reconsider the imposition of a fee to transport firearms through Canada.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 108

SENATE BILL NO. 108 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act allowing a physician assistant or advanced nurse practitioner to certify the need for emergency treatment as a result of intoxication."

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

SB 109

SENATE BILL NO. 109 BY SENATOR TORGERSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the unincorporated community capital project matching grant program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 110

SENATE BILL NO. 110 BY SENATOR TAYLOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to charitable gaming and to gaming on state ferries; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 111

SENATE BILL NO. 111 BY SENATOR TAYLOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to financing facilities for municipal ports and harbors; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

In Memoriam – Genie Chance
Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson
Senator(s) Elton, Phillips, Pearce, Kelly, Austerman, Green, Taylor,
Lincoln, Wilken, Hoffman, Ellis, Davis, Ward, Donley

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

Recess

Senator Lemman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:58 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Porter called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Halford, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:05 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Frank Murkowski, United States Senator.

Senator Leman 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 James 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.

Representative Lisa Murkowski introduced the following members of Senator Murkowski's staff: Donna Pagano Murray, David Garman, Greg Renkes, Chuck Kleeschulte, Mark Reye, Brian Malnak and Kristin Freng.

Representative Murkowski also introduced her mother, the Honorable Senator's wife, Nancy Murkowski.

President Halford appointed Representative Kohring and Senator Elton to escort the Honorable Frank Murkowski to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Christian Blalock, announced Senator Murkowski's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Frank Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and introduced by President Halford.

United States Senator Murkowski delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 4.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Elton and Representative Kohring.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Halford adjourned the Joint Session at 12:15 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Senator Pearce moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 1, and March 7 through 9. Without objection, Senator Pearce was excused.

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 22, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

February 2001

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 21	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 23	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 21	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 29	APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 22	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 29	APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 23	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 72	TAKE A CHILD HUNTING SEASON		
SB 65	PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES		
SB 84	PUBLIC UTILITY JOINT ACTION AGENCIES		
	<Pending Referral>		
SB 64	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN WWII VETS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 21 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + HS Graduation Qualifying Exam Hearing:
 Dept of EED: HSGQE Scores
 + Discussion on Senate Bill:
 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM
 <Pending Introduction and Referral>
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 24 **Saturday** **Butrovich 205** **10:30 AM**
 + -- Time Change --
 HS Graduation Qualifying Exam Hearing:
 Testimony from School Administrators,
 Teachers and Special Education Directors
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 21 **Wednesday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 84 PUBLIC UTILITY JOINT ACTION AGENCIES
 + SB 81 NONADEMPTION OF TRANSFERS IN TRUSTS
 += SB 37 PHYSICIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH INSURE

Feb 23 **Friday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 22 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 + Dept of Labor and Workforce Development
 Worker's Compensation Audit Report Review

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 Joint w/(H) Confirmation Hearings:
 Kathleen B. Schreiber, Eagle River
 Linda C. Thomas, Juneau
 Daphne E. Brown, Anchorage
 Patrick H. Kalen, Fairbanks
 Dr. Robert E. Miller, Anchorage
 Darae Crews, Anchorage

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM (continued)
 Sheryl L. Sutton, Juneau
 Larry Allen Ungerecht, Anchorage
 Richard D. Brickley, Fairbanks
 Aaron T. Isaacs, Klawock
 Anthony (Tony) J. Joslyn, Anchor Point
 Jeffrey L. Thompson, Anchorage
 The Honorable Cliff Davidson, Kodiak
 Carla L. Meek, Juneau
 James A. Hage, Fairbanks
 Stephen F. Turner, Anchorage
 Clarence Bolden, Anchorage
 Gail Dossman, Anchorage
 Lottie M. Michael, Anchorage
 James S. Strandberg, Anchorage
 Col William (Bill) McDonald, Fairbanks
 John A. Abshire, Wasilla
 Valerie K. Baffone, Anchorage
 Richard H. Behrends, Juneau
 John Giuchici, Fairbanks
 Stephen T. Hagedorn, Anchorage
 Andrew (Bear) J. Piekarski, Eagle River
 Marc D. Stemp, Bethel
 Robin E. Ward, Anchorage

Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Vince Coan, Wasilla
 Ronald L. Otte, Anchorage

RESOURCES

Feb 21 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 77 NET PROFIT SHARE UNDER/OVERPAYMENTS
 + HJR 7 ENDORSING ANWR LEASING

Feb 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RULES

Feb 22 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM
 SB 16 OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR
 = SB 19 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/SOC SEC. #

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 22 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 SB 92 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE PF BOARD
 + SB 103 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 23 Friday Anchorage LIO Conf Rm 1:30 PM
 + -- Time and Location Change --
 Presentation: Alaska's Future Transportation Needs

Feb 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 100 REGULATION OF AERONAUTICS
 = SB 59 FEDERAL FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR ROADS
 SB 83 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Feb 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 Follow-up on Dept Overview

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 22 Thursday Terry Miller 104 8:00 AM
 Continuation of Child Care Issues

Feb 27 Tuesday House Finance 519 3:30 PM
 Joint w/(H) Pupil Transportation Review

FISH & GAME

Feb 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Div of Sport Fish, Div of Subsistence,
 Div of Wildlife Conservation

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:45 PM
 -- Location Change --
 Employment Security Division

REVENUE

Feb 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
 + Missions and Measures
 Revenue Supplemental Requests

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Capitol 102** **2:45 PM**
 + "Best Value" Procurement by UAF

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 22 **Thursday** **House Finance 519** **3:30 PM**
 Alaska's Space Mission and Military
 Force Projection:
 Adjutant General Phil Oates,
 Military & Veterans Affairs Commissioner

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 28 **Wednesday** **House Finance 519** **12:00 PM**

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 26 **Monday** **House Finance 519** **5:00 PM**
 FY02 Legislative Affairs Agency Budget Request
 FY02 Office of the Ombudsman Budget Request

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Feb 23 **Friday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **12:00 PM**
 + Children's Advocacy Center

FISH CAUCUS

Feb 22 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
 + Ecosystem Changes, Fisheries Implications

JOINT SESSION

Feb 28 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
-- Rescheduled from 02/23/01 --
Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message