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Tuesday

March 27, 2001

Seventy-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:21 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Ward was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend C. Ronald Covey of the Douglas Community United Methodist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of wonders, creator of the world of beauty about us, of soaring eagles and snowcapped mountains, of great waters and green forests, we thank You for these blessings that lift us mentally and spiritually and challenge us physically. Grant that, in our own way, we may be part of Your creative process. From our work in these sessions, may there come forth programs and agencies to nurture minds and spirits and to minister to the physical needs of our people. May we, with You, Lord, look upon the world and declare, "It is good." Amen.

Senator Kelly led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House**HB 100**

Message dated March 26 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 100, thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 100(STA)
"An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day."

Messages from the House

Message dated March 26 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 72**

HOUSE BILL NO. 72 am BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to an assistant adjutant general for space and missile defense in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs."

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

HB 137

HOUSE BILL NO. 137 BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS, entitled:

"An Act relating to records of veterans of the armed forces; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports**SB 88**

The Finance 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 Donley, Cochair, Senators Green, Leman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kelly, Cochair, Senator Wilken. Signing do not pass: Senators Hoffman, Olson.

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.

SB 133

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 133 "An Act relating to a two-year transition for implementation of the public high school competency examination and to establishing an essential skills examination as a high school graduation requirement; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Kelly, Donley, Cochairs, Senators Hoffman, Leman, Green, Olson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wilken.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 34

The Judiciary Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 34 "An Act relating to the statutory rule against perpetuities, to nonvested property interests and trusts, and to the suspension of the power of alienation of property; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Taylor, Chair, Senators Cowdery, Therriault.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Alaska Court System

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – Carl C. Behnert

Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson

Senator(s) Elton, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Green, Davis,
Kelly, Lincoln, Taylor, Austerman, Olson, Halford

Honoring – Niall Bo Johnson

Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson

Senator(s) Elton, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Green, Davis,
Kelly, Lincoln, Taylor, Austerman, Olson, Halford

Honoring – John R. Magalotti

Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson

Senator(s) Elton, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Green, Davis,
Kelly, Lincoln, Taylor, Austerman, Olson, Halford

Honoring – Dr. Jo Ann McDowell

Representative(s) Harris

Senator(s) Lincoln, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Green,
Davis, Kelly, Taylor, Austerman, Olson, Halford

In Memoriam – Steve Primis

Senator(s) Halford, Phillips, Pearce, Hoffman, Donley, Wilken,
Leman, Elton, Green, Davis, Kelly, Lincoln, Taylor, Austerman,
Olson

Representative(s) Dyson, Berkowitz

In Memoriam – Walter J. Coty

Representative(s) Coghill

Senator(s) Kelly, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Green,
Davis, Lincoln, Taylor, Austerman, Olson, Halford

In Memoriam – Paul E. Drake
Representative(s) Coghill
Senator(s) Kelly, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Green,
Davis, Lincoln, Taylor, Austerman, Olson, 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

Senator Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 30. Without objection, Senator Kelly was excused.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Ward be excused from a call of the Senate on March 27. Without objection, Senator Ward was excused.

Announcements

HB 103

Senator Donley, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 103(FIN)(brf sup maj fld) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" for the Finance Committee meeting on March 31. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 104

Senator Donley, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date" for the Finance Committee meeting on March 31. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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., March 28, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

March 2001

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 28 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 + HB 118 SR. CIT./VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
 + HB 156 MUNICIPAL DEBT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Mar 30 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 6:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 + SB 136 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: BD./GRANTS/FUND
 + SB 59 FEDERAL FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR ROADS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 37 PHYSICIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH INSURE
 + SB 143 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT:APPLICATION COST
 + SB 123 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:RAILROAD FACILITIES
 + SB 104 AID TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 6:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 University of Alaska Budget Closeout-
 Committee of the Whole
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 30 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = HB 103 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET
 = HB 104 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Budget Subcommittee Reports
 -- no public testimony --
 -- no testimony by invitation --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 31 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM
 += HB 103 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived
 += HB 104 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + AK Association School Administrators
 + SJR 21 EXTEND FEDERAL TANF GRANTS
 + SB 154 REPEAL SUNSET OF MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE
 + SB 1 FOUNDATION FORMULA INCREASE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 28 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 24 BOROUGH REVENUES FOR TOURISM MARKETING

Mar 30 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 60 FARM OPERATIONS:DISCLOSURE /NUISANCES

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+ HB 150 INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RENTAL VEHICLES

Mar 29 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+= SB 66 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RESOURCES

Mar 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 156 BEST INTEREST FINDING UNDER AK LAND ACT
+ SB 158 REPORT:STATE PARTICIPATE IN NAT GAS PIPE.
+ SB 164 NO GAS PIPELINE OVER BEAUFORT SEA

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+= SB 121 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT
+ SB 148 REMOTE WATER STORAGE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS
+ SB 153 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LOAN FUND

RULES

Mar 27 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM
SJR 15 CHILEAN FARMED SALMON

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 29 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
SB 147 STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

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

Mar 29 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 29 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **7:00 AM**
 Budget Closeout

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:30 PM**
 -- Rescheduled from 3/22/01 --
 Budget Closeout

CORRECTIONS

Mar 29 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **8:00 AM**
 Budget Closeout

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **Terry Miller 104** **12:00 PM**
 + Budget Closeout

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 28 **Wednesday** **Terry Miller 104** **5:00 PM**
 Budget Closeout

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **5:00 PM**
 -- Rescheduled from 3/20/01 --
 Budget Closeout

LAW

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **Terry Miller 104** **8:00 AM**
 Budget Closeout

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mar 28 **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
Budget Closeout

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **Beltz 211** **5:00 PM**
-- Time and Location Change --
+ Budget Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 29 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
Budget Closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 29 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **7:30 AM**
Budget Closeout

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **House Finance 519** **8:30 AM**
Joint w/House Economic Development Trade
and Tourism
Northwest Territories Delegation:
Partnership Opportunities for Economic
Development

JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

Mar 27 **Tuesday** **Capitol 102** **2:45 PM**
+ Review of proposed/approved regulations
+ Proposed Pioneers' Homes rate increases

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW (continued)

Apr 03	Tuesday	Capitol 102	2:45 PM
+	To Be Announced		
Apr 10	Tuesday	Capitol 102	2:45 PM
+	To Be Announced		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 29	Thursday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
	Executive Session: Final Audit Reports Audit Reports, Audit Requests		
Apr 02	Monday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
	Presentation by Gail Phillips: Regional Learning Center Study		

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Mar 27	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Victims for Justice: Grief Recovery for Children and Adults		
Apr 03	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Child Abuse Prevention Network		

FISH CAUCUS

Mar 30	Friday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Overview of Salmon Hatcheries		

JOINT SESSION

Apr 11	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	US Senator Ted Stevens' Annual Message		