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Eighty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11: 26 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Kelly was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Cowdery 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.

Eternal God, what a precious gift is the time You give to us: the years of our life, the days of these sessions, the hours and minutes spent with our families. Teach us to value our time together, to discern what is worthy and what is wasteful, and to act accordingly. Thus may we greet each new day with a clear conscience and the sense of satisfaction that comes from time well spent. Amen.

Senator Elton led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor**HB 79**

Message dated and received March 29 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(TRA) "An Act designating a portion of the Eagle River Loop Road as the Eagle River Veterans' Memorial Highway."

Chapter 6, SLA 2001
Effective Date: 06/27/01

SB 53

Message dated and received March 29 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers."

with a Senate Letter of Intent

Chapter 7, SLA 2001
Effective Date: 06/27/01

Communications

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

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank Report of Examination
from Deborah B. Sedwick, Commissioner, Department of Community and Economic Development
in accordance with AS 44.81.270(c)

Standing Committee Reports**SB 146**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 146 "An Act relating to the primary election; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 146(STA)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 147

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 147 "An Act relating to nongovernmental activities of state departments; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Halford, Phillips. Signing no recommendation: Senators Davis, Pearce.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 82

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 82 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date." Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Ellis, Therriault. Signing no recommendation: Senator Phillips.

The bill is on today's calendar.

HB 24

The Rules Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT) "An Act relating to use of borough revenues from a sales tax levied upon room rentals for a tourism marketing campaign." Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Therriault, Ellis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Phillips.

The bill is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 149**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149 BY SENATORS LEMAN, Davis, entitled:

"An Act relating to employment incentives for teachers and health care providers, to reemployment of retired teachers, to loans to and loan forgiveness for teachers and health care providers, to awards to teachers, to eligibility for major medical insurance coverage for beneficiaries of the teachers' retirement system, and to teacher certificates; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 172

SENATE BILL NO. 172 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to an annual report by the court system to the public and the legislature."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 82**

SENATE BILL NO. 82 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Therriault, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 583. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 82(STA) was adopted and read the second time.

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

SB 82

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 82(STA) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 82(STA) "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 82(STA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Pearce, Taylor, Therriault, Torgerson, Ward, Wilken

Nays: Green, Halford, Phillips

Excused: Cowdery, Kelly

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 82(STA) passed the Senate.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 24

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT) "An Act relating to use of borough revenues from a sales tax levied upon room rentals for a tourism marketing campaign" was read the second time.

Senator Wilken offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 2, after "campaign"

Insert: **"; and providing for an effective date"**

Page 1, line 7:

Insert: **"* Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

Senator Wilken moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Without objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT)(efd add S) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT)(efd add S) "An Act relating to use of borough revenues from a sales tax levied upon room rentals for a tourism marketing campaign; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 24(EDT)(efd add S)
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Green, Hoffman,
Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Pearce, Phillips, Taylor, Therriault,
Torgerson, Ward, Wilken

Nays: Halford

Excused: Cowdery, Kelly

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT)(efd add S) passed the
Senate.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on
the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date
clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred
to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Tyler Don Davis, Eagle Scout
Representative(s) Williams
Senator(s) Taylor, Pearce, Kelly, Green, Austerman, Lincoln, Elton,
Davis, Phillips, Halford, Wilken, Leman, Olson, Hoffman

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.

Unfinished Business

Senators Wilken, Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to
be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
24(EDT)(efd add S) "An Act relating to use of borough revenues from
a sales tax levied upon room rentals for a tourism marketing
campaign; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it
was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 82**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 82(STA) "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

HB 24

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(EDT)(efd add S) "An Act relating to use of borough revenues from a sales tax levied upon room rentals for a tourism marketing campaign; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Enrollment**SB 79**

SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Fred Zharoff Memorial Bridge" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 12:35 p.m., March 30, 2001.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 2, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:04 p.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 30	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Apr 02	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Apr 04	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+ HB 16	HOME RULE COMMUNITIES		
Apr 06	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

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		

FINANCE (continued)

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	
Apr 02	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ =	HB 103	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET	
+ =	HB 104	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
Apr 02	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+		Continuation of 9 a.m. meeting, if needed	
Apr 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
=	HB 103	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET	
=	HB 104	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Apr 04	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
=	HB 103	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET	
=	HB 104	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Apr 05	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
=	HB 103	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET	
=	HB 104	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
	SB 154	REPEAL SUNSET OF MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE	
=	SB 136	RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: BD./GRANTS/FUND	
=	SB 123	LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:RAILROAD FACILITIES	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Apr 06	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
=	HB 103	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET	
=	HB 104	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
	SB 172	COURT SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT	
	HB 118	SR. CIT./VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	
	SB 158	REPORT:STATE PARTICIPATE IN NAT GAS PIPE.	
	SB 3	APPROP:ENV.ASSESS. NORTHERN DENALI ACCESS	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 02 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 149 TEACHER/HEALTH CARE PROVIDER INCENTIVES
 + SB 155 STUDENT LOANS/ COMN. ON POSTSECONDARY ED.
 += SB 91 ABORTION: INFORMED CONSENT; INFORMATION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Discussion of Medicaid Directions
 + SB 135 MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND RECORDS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

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

Apr 02 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 13 SERVICE AREAS:VOTER APPROVAL/TAX ZONES
 + SJR 22 CONST. AM: JUDICIAL OFFICERS' TERMS

Apr 04 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 161 NO PAY FOR JUDGES UNTIL DECISION
 + SB 166 APPOINTMENT OF US SENATORS

Apr 06 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 150 INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR RENTAL VEHICLES

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 03 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 66 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
 + SB 50 EXTENDING BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

Apr 05 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 138 INSURANCE CODE AMENDMENTS
 + SB 30 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

RESOURCES

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

-- Meeting Canceled --

- + SB 121 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT
- + SB 148 REMOTE WATER STORAGE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS
- + SB 153 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LOAN FUND

Apr 02 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 76 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT: TERM & RENEWAL
- + SB 141 AQUATIC FARMS FOR SHELLFISH

Apr 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 35 ELECTRONIC FISH & GAME LICENSURE
- + SB 139 STATE WATER USE
- + SB 167 AGRICULTURAL LAND
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 06 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + Governor's Confirmations:
Bruce C. Twomley, AK CFEC
William H. Dennerlein, Board of Game
Ben Grussendorf, Board of Game
Dr. Julie Maier, Board of Game
Julie M. Heusser, AK Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- + SB 140 SMALL WATER-POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- + SB 115 EXTEND BD. OF STORAGE TANK ASSISTANCE
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RULES

Mar 30 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM

- HB 24 BOROUGH REVENUES FOR TOURISM MARKETING
- HCR 5 UNIFORM RULES 20(A), 37, AND 49(A)(4)
- SB 82 2001 REVISOR'S BILL
- SB 143 RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASING ACT:APPLICATION COST
- SB 156 BEST INTEREST FINDING UNDER AK LAND ACT
- SB 164 NO GAS PIPELINE OVER BEAUFORT SEA

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 03 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 05 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 HJR 22 DIVERSE COMMUNITY/CONDEMN HATE CRIMES
 SB 34 COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 03 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Rights of Way & Transportation Corridors:
 Richard Odsather
 = SB 44 ALASKA TOLL BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY AUTHORITY
 = SB 45 APPROP: DESIGN OF KNIK ARM CROSSING

Apr 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HB 8 LEGIS.PIONEER ROAD DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
 + SB 130 ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

Apr 03 Tuesday Capitol 102 2:45 PM
 + Review Proposed and Approved Regulations

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

Apr 17 Tuesday Capitol 102 2:45 PM
 + To Be Announced

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Apr 02 Monday House Finance 519 12:00 PM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 + Presentation by Gail Phillips:
 Regional Learning Center Study

OTHER MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

Apr 03 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 + Child Abuse Prevention Network

Apr 10 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 + Alaskans for Tobacco-Free Kids

Apr 17 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 + ASSETS: Building a framework for
 development of youth

Apr 24 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
 + Alaska Humanities Forum:
 Intrastate Urban/Rural Student Exchange

FISCAL POLICY CAUCUS

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Teleconferenced

Apr 04 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM

Apr 06 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM

FISH CAUCUS

Mar 30 Friday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed to 4/2/01 --
 Overview of Salmon Hatcheries

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FISH CAUCUS (continued)

Apr 02 Monday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
-- Rescheduled from 3/30/01 --
+ Overview of Salmon Hatcheries

Apr 06 Friday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
Local Area Management Plans

JOINT SESSION

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