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Fiftieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:15 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Nila Fankhauser of The Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, I bring to You the Senators of the great state of Alaska. I pray that You will bless their efforts this day. I pray that You will keep them safe and healthy. Bless and take care of their families.

Their task is enormous as they attempt to care for our Greatland and meet the diverse needs of the people. Even within this body is great diversity, may this be a source of strength, for You have created us uniquely different yet needing each other. Help each one to listen and consider the needs of the other.

I pray that You will give them guidance, wisdom and strength for the task at hand. Help them to stay focused on what is most important. I pray that each Senator will realize You as the source of all that is good, holy and profitable for our state. I also pray that each Senator will find joy in their service.

In all that transpires in this chamber today, may Your will be done. Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated and received March 1 was read, stating in accordance with AS 39.05.080, I submit the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted:

Board of Social Work Examiners

Sammye Pokryfki - Wasilla

Appointed: 03/01/02 Expires: 03/01/06

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

The resume for this appointment has been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 1 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 56

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 56(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to minimum wages; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports

SCR 28

Forthcoming fiscal information (page 2341) for CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28(RES) Establishing the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force, published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Legislative Affairs Agency

SB 266

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 266 "An Act authorizing the commissioner of community and economic development to refinance and extend the term of a fishery enhancement loan." Signing to calendar: Senator Phillips, Chair, Senators Cowdery, Halford, Therriault, Ellis.

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 337

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 337 "An Act relating to eligibility for an exemption from municipal property taxes for certain seniors and disabled veterans." Signing to calendar: Senator Phillips, Chair, Senators Cowdery, Therriault, Halford, Ellis.

The bill is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 345

SENATE BILL NO. 345 BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical assistance for rehabilitative services for certain children with disabilities; relating to agreements to pay medical

assistance for covered services paid for or furnished to eligible children with disabilities by a school district; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 266

SENATE BILL NO. 266 "An Act authorizing the commissioner of community and economic development to refinance and extend the term of a fishery enhancement loan" was read the second time.

Senator Torgerson, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 2315. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266(RES) was adopted and read the second time.

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. 266(RES) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266(RES) "An Act authorizing the commissioner of community and economic development to refinance and extend the term of a fishery enhancement loan" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 266(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Cowdery, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Green, Halford, Hoffman, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Phillips, Stevens, Taylor, Therriault, Torgerson, Ward, Wilken

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266(RES) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 337

SENATE BILL NO. 337 "An Act relating to eligibility for an exemption from municipal property taxes for certain seniors and disabled veterans" was read the second time.

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.

SENATE BILL NO. 337 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 337 "An Act relating to eligibility for an exemption from municipal property taxes for certain seniors and disabled veterans" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 337

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Cowdery, Davis, Donley, Green, Halford, Hoffman, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Olson, Phillips, Stevens, Therriault, Torgerson, Ward, Wilken

Nays: Ellis, Elton, Taylor

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 337 passed the Senate.

Senator Elton gave notice of reconsideration.

Citations

Honoring – Skyview High School Wrestling Team

Senator(s) Ward, Therriault, Hoffman, Halford, Green, Kelly, Taylor, Austerman, Lincoln, Davis, Elton, Leman, Wilken, Stevens

Honoring – Corey Rennell, Amy Finn, Hans Borchardt, Christopher Wintrode

Representative(s) Stevens

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

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.

Senator Wilken moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring – The People of Yukon Territory, Canada

Senator(s) Wilken, Phillips, Ward, Halford, Hoffman, Ellis, Stevens, Leman, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green

Senator Wilken 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**SB 321**

President Halford added a Judiciary Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 321 "An Act relating to the Board of Veterinary Examiners and the practice of veterinary medicine."

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce, then Judiciary and Finance Committees.

HB 171

Senators Lincoln, Ellis, Hoffman, Davis, Elton moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 171(FIN) am "An Act relating to a curriculum for Alaska history; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 33

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33(MLV) am Expressing gratitude to President George W. Bush, to the President's cabinet, to the men and women of the United States armed forces, and to the United States Congress and declaring support for the war on terrorism and for the President's effort to support democracies and promote peace worldwide. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 35

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 am Relating to urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to permanently repeal the estate tax. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 5 through morning plane time, March 7. Without objection, Senator Austerman was excused.

Senator Lincoln moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 13 and 15. Without objection, Senator Lincoln was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 15, 18 and 20. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senator Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from afternoon plane time, March 7 through afternoon plane time, March 13. Without objection, Senator Taylor was excused.

Engrossment

SB 266

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266(RES) "An Act authorizing the commissioner of community and economic development to refinance and extend the term of a fishery enhancement loan" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 6, 2002. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

March 2002

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 04	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 06	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 08	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE

Mar 04	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 341	APPROP:STUDY WELFARE /MEDICAID RECIPIENTS	
+	SCR 28	JOINT LEGIS SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE	
+	SB 282	ALASKA SEAFOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE/TAX	
+	SB 340	HOLD HARMLESS PROVISIONS OF PFD PROGRAM	
+	SB 215	COMMON CARRIER LIQUOR LICENSE	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 04	Monday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
=	SB 247	REAPPROPRIATIONS & CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	
		Capital Budget Overview	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		--Teleconference upon request--	

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 05 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = SB 215 COMMON CARRIER LIQUOR LICENSE
 Presentation by the Alaska Railroad
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 --Teleconference upon request--

Mar 05 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 += SB 247 REAPPROPRIATIONS & CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS
 + Capital Budget Overview
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 --Teleconference upon request--

Mar 06 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = SB 292 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 --Teleconference upon request--

Mar 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:30 AM
 = SB 291 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 --Teleconference upon request--

Mar 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 SB 339 INCREASE CRIMINAL FINES
 = SB 185 PCE BASED ON HIGHEST COST
 (Subcommittee to take testimony)
 HB 4 MOTOR VEHICLES & DRUNK DRIVING
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 --Teleconference upon request--

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 04 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 302 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
 + SB 295 LICENSING:DISCLOSURE OF MINORS RECORDS
 + SB 342 LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN
 + SB 230 PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS FOR CHILDREN
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 06 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 07 Thursday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
-- Time and Location Change --
Key Campaign

JUDICIARY

Mar 04 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+= SB 263 REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCES
+ SB 331 DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 06 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+ Confirmation Hearings:
Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar-
William A. Granger, Anchorage
Commission on Judicial Conduct-
Jeffrey M. Feldman, Anchorage
Violent Crimes Compensation Board-
Leslie D. Bogda Wheeler, Wasilla
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 08 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 05 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+ SB 309 ADVERSE POSSESSION
+ SB 324 PUBLIC UTILITIES EXEMPT FROM REGULATION
+ SB 328 BIG GAME HUNTERS ACCOMPANIED BY GUIDE
+ SB 320 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE & REPAIRS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 07 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 12 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 14 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 220 SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF HAIRDRESSING
 + SB 283 REGULATION OF NURSING
 + SB 265 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS/NURSE PRACTITIONERS
 + HB 274 WORKERS' COMP: HEARING/MEDICAL EXAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 04 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 343 BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY:DISCHARGE PLAN
 + SB 308 COASTAL ZONE MGMT PROGRAM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 06 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 329 ALLOW CDQ GROUPS TO HOLD ENTRY PERMITS
 + SB 279 SPORT FISH LICENSES FOR 9/11 RESPONDERS
 + HB 263 REGULATION OF HOT SPRINGS WATER

Mar 08 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RULES

Mar 04 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 10:30 AM
 SB 266 FISHERY ENHANCEMENT LOANS
 SB 337 ELIGIBILITY FOR MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION

Mar 05 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 10:00 AM
 SB 11 COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE
 SB 297 MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND UNIT EMPLOYEES
 HB 291 LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS

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STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 05 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
+ SB 336 LEASE-PURCHASE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Mar 07 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 05 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
SJR 41 PAVING ALASKA HIGHWAY
HJR 37 ALASKA AIRLINES 70TH ANNIVERSARY
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 07 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mar 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM

OTHER MEETINGS

FISH CAUCUS

Mar 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM