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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 4, 2002**

**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**

Sammie 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**

Yea: 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**

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

Nay: 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

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**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

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

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**FINANCE**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ 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		
<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
= 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--

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**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)**

<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Key Campaign		

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+= SB 263	REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCES		
+ SB 331	DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	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		
<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	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		
<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
No Meeting Scheduled			
<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ 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			

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 343	BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY:DISCHARGE PLAN		
+ SB 308	COASTAL ZONE MGMT PROGRAM		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ 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		
<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
No Meeting Scheduled			

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**RULES**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
SB 266	FISHERY ENHANCEMENT LOANS		
SB 337	ELIGIBILITY FOR MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION		
<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
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 07**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 211**      **3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

## TRANSPORTATION

**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