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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Kott at 10:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 27 members present. Representative Dahlstrom had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Berkowitz, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Gara, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kookesh, and Moses were absent and their presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Jimmie Woods of Glacier Valley Baptist Church. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

I realize, recognize, and respect the fact that we come from different religious backgrounds. I invite you to join me in a time of prayer and reflection of the beliefs and values each of us has. Let us pray:

My Heavenly Father, my prayer for this legislative body today is that their love will grow more and more; that they will have knowledge and understanding with Your love; that each will see the difference between good and bad, and each will choose the good; that each will be pure and without wrong; that they will do many good things with the help of Christ to bring glory and praise to You, O God. Because it is in the Name of Jesus, I pray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Fate.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventh and eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Medicaid Breast & Cervical Cancer Program Report
(as required by AS 47.07.020)

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil & Gas
Five-Year Oil & Gas Leasing Program
January 2003
(as required by AS 38.05.180)

Dept. of Revenue
Treasury Division
Alaska Public Debt, 2002-2003
January 2003

Alaska Court System
2002 Annual Report

**The presence of Representative Kookesh was noted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Labor & Commerce Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Greg S. O'Claray

as Commissioner of the Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

The report was signed by Representative Anderson, Chair; and Representatives Rokeberg, Dahlstrom, Guttenberg, Crawford, Gatto, Lynn.

**The presence of Representative Joule was noted.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 by Representative McGuire:

Relating to urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to permanently repeal the federal estate and generation-skipping transfer tax.

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

**The presence of Representative Moses was noted.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 67

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 by Representative Holm, entitled:

"An Act relating to construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

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

HB 68

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 by Representatives Samuels by request, Stoltze, McGuire, Lynn, Anderson, Meyer, Gruenberg, and Hawker, entitled:

"An Act relating to the office of victims' rights."

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

HB 69

HOUSE BILL NO. 69 by Representatives Kohring, Masek, Chenault, Harris, Gatto, and Stoltze, entitled:

"An Act relating to regulation of shallow natural gas leasing and closely related energy projects; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Oil & Gas and the Resources Committee.

**The presence of Representatives Crawford and Croft was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Commemorating - Black History Month

By Senator Davis; Representatives Kott, Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Fate, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kohring, Kookesh, Lynn, Masek, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Weyhrauch, Wilson, Wolf

In Memoriam - Mike O'Neill

By Representatives Samuels, Kott, Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Fate, Foster, Gara, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Heinze, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kohring, Kookesh, Lynn, Masek, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Rokeberg, Seaton, Stoltze, Wilson, Wolf

**The presence of Representatives Guttenberg and Cissna was noted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 4

The Speaker waived the Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following at the request of Representative Anderson, Chair:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

"An Act relating to publicly owned correctional facilities."

HB 4 was removed from the Labor & Commerce Committee and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**The presence of Representatives Berkowitz, Kerttula, Gruenberg, Gara, and Kapsner was noted.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Chenault - from 7:00 p.m., plane time, January 30 to 9:00 p.m., plane time, February 2, 2003

Representative Holm - from 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 30 to 7:00 p.m., plane time, February 3, 2003

Representative Williams - from 1:00 p.m., January 31 to 11:00 p.m., February 2, 2003

Representative Kookesh - from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., January 31, 2003

Representative Stoltze - from 7:00 a.m., February 1 to 11:00 p.m., February 3, 2003

Representative Joule - from 8:00 a.m., February 9 to 4:00 p.m., February 12, 2003

Representative Moses - from 7:00 a.m., February 13 to 11:00 p.m., February 17, 2003

Representative Hawker - from noon, February 14 to 11:00 p.m., February 16, 2003

HCR 2

Representative Masek added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to the extension of the Alaska Railroad to Fort Greely to serve the anti-ballistic missile launch facility.

HB 1

Representative McGuire added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

"An Act relating to stalking and to violating a protective order; and amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration."

HB 10

Representative Hawker added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

"An Act amending the definition of group health insurance, and allowing the Department of Administration to obtain a policy or policies of group health care insurance for employers that are small businesses, nonprofit organizations, special services organizations, or small associations for insurance purposes; and providing for an effective date."

HB 21

Representative Gara added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to an optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer."

HB 32

Representative Gruenberg added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

"An Act relating to a health insurance uniform prescription drug information card; and providing for an effective date."

HB 45

Representative Morgan added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

"An Act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song."

HB 52

Representatives Lynn, Crawford, and Holm added their names as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act relating to the forfeiture of property used to possess or distribute child pornography, to commit indecent viewing or photography, to commit a sex offense, or to solicit the commission of, attempt to commit, or conspire to commit possession or distribution of child pornography, indecent viewing or photography, or a sexual offense."

HB 65

Representative McGuire added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

"An Act relating to forfeiture of a motor vehicle, airplane, or vessel for illegal transportation of alcohol."

HB 66

Representative McGuire added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

"An Act relating to certain persons who buy and sell secondhand articles, to certain persons who lend money on secondhand articles, and to certain persons who seek or receive loans on secondhand articles."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., January 31, 2003. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk