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Sixteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Kott at 10:08 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Joule and Kookesh had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representative Moses was absent.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Ron Covey of the Douglas Community United Methodist Church. Representative Fate moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Representatives, members of the staff, distinguished guests and visitors: Alaskans enjoy a rich diversity of religious beliefs and spirituality, and it is with deepest respect for all that this prayer is offered. Let us pray.

Creator Spirit,

We are surrounded by Your creation. We hear the sounds of Your creation: the song of the humpback whale, the roar of the mighty bear, the bark of the sea lion, and the cry of eagle and raven. We also hear the sounds of Your people: the people who live in beautiful houses, the people who live on the street, the people in the villages, the people in the cities, and the people who live by the sea. Grant that we might not

only hear their voices, but listen--listen--listen. Then, when we have truly heard all of these speak, guide us as we weigh our thoughts, weigh our words, weigh our actions, and cast our votes. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Crawford.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 14th and 15th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HCR 4

A message dated February 3, 2003, was read stating the Senate has passed:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4(title am)
Authorizing a recess by the Senate and the House of Representatives for a period of more than three days, those days being April 18, 19, 20, and 21 of 2003.

HCR 4(title am) was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Office of the Commissioner
FY 2004 Spending Plan for the International
Airport Revenue Bond Construction Fund
(as required by AS 37.15.420)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
Annual Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002
(as required by AS 19.65.070)

Alaska Court System
Travel and Compensation Report
Calendar Year 2002
(as required by AS 22.20.037)

Alaska Judicial Council
Recommendations of the Alaska
Criminal Justice Council
January 2003

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A report dated February 4, 2003, was read stating the Rules Committee adopted the following amendment to the Longevity Policy of the Senate/House Employment Policy [Senate & House Joint Journal Supplement No. 17, dated March 22, 1988; and adopted March 22, 1988, House Journal page 2670]:

- Step A - No prior legislative experience.
- Step B - Two legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or one full year with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.
- Step C - Four legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or one full year with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.
- Step D - Six legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or one full year with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.
- Step E - Eight legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or one full year with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.

- Step F - Ten legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or one full year with the legislature at comparable or higher level.
- Step J - Fourteen legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or two full years with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.
- Step K - Eighteen legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or two full years with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.
- Step L - Twenty-eight legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or five full years with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.
- Step M - Thirty-six legislative sessions of at least 100 days each, or four full years with the legislature at a comparable or higher level.

The new Longevity Policy takes effect January 16, 2003.

The report was signed by Representative Rokeberg, Chair; and Representatives Coghill, Kott, Chenault, Morgan, Berkowitz, Kerttula.

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

Colonel Craig E. Campbell

as Commissioner of the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs.

The report was signed by Representative Weyhrauch, Chair; and Representatives Holm, Lynn, Dahlstrom, Berkowitz, Seaton, Gruenberg.

HB 45

The State Affairs Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

The report was signed by Representative Weyhrauch, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Berkowitz, Gruenberg, Seaton, Weyhrauch

No recommendation (3): Holm, Lynn, Dahlstrom

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, University of Alaska

HB 45 is on today's calendar.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HCR 2

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs has considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(MLV)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Lynn, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Dahlstrom, Fate, Gruenberg, Masek, Weyhrauch, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHCR 2(MLV):

1. Zero, Dept. of Community & Economic Development

HCR 2 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 10**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Representatives McGuire and Holm:

Requesting the United States Congress to support the speedy deployment of a national missile defense system.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 72**

HOUSE BILL NO. 72 by Representative Guttenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to the qualifications and appointment of members of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Education and the Health, Education & Social Services Committee.

HB 73

HOUSE BILL NO. 73 by Representatives Dahlstrom, Stoltze, and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board."

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

HB 74

HOUSE BILL NO. 74 by Representatives Dahlstrom, Stoltze, and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing."

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

HOUSE BILL NOS. 75 AND 76 have been preassigned to the Governor's budget bills.

HB 77

HOUSE BILL NO. 77 by Representative Lynn, entitled:

"An Act allowing certain motor vehicles to be operated while unattended."

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

HB 78

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 by Representatives Kerttula, Berkowitz, Guttenberg, Croft, Gruenberg, and Crawford, entitled:

"An Act relating to adoption and use of a unified permit application form by the natural resource agencies; and repealing the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act."

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

HB 79

HOUSE BILL NO. 79 by the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 80

HOUSE BILL NO. 80 by Representatives Kapsner, Fate, and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting sales of certain soft drinks in public schools."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Health, Education & Social Services Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 45**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

with the:

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CRA RPT 6DP	99
FN1: ZERO(UA)	100
STA RPT 4DP 3NR	128
FN1: ZERO(UA)	129

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 45 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

Representative Gatto objected and withdrew the objection.

There being no further objection, it was so ordered.

HB 45 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 45 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 45
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 29 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 2

Yeas: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Fate, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Heinze, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, McGuire, Morgan, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stevens, Weyhrauch, Whitaker, Williams, Wilson, Wolf

Nays: Dahlstrom, Gatto, Holm, Kohring, Lynn, Masek, Stoltze

Excused: Joule, Kookesh

Absent: Meyer, Moses

And so, HB 45 passed the House.

Representative Meyer later gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on HB 45, and the reconsideration was taken up then.

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Representative Masek introduced Tyler Pannell, Guest Page, from Willow.

RECONSIDERATION

HB 45

Representative Meyer gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on HB 45.

Representative Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the reconsideration of HB 45 be taken up on the same day. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The following was again before the House in third reading:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall HB 45 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 45--RECONSIDERATION

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 29 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 2

Yeas: Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Fate, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Heinze, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stevens, Weyhrauch, Whitaker, Williams, Wilson, Wolf

Nays: Dahlstrom, Gatto, Holm, Kohring, Lynn, Masek, Stoltze

Excused: Joule, Kookesh

Absent: Chenault, Moses

And so, HB 45 passed the House on reconsideration and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 Harris - from 7:00 p.m., February 6 to 11:00 p.m., February 9, 2003

Representative Dahlstrom - from 6:00 p.m., February 7 to 9:30 a.m., plane time, February 10, 2003

Representative Gara - from 6:00 p.m., February 7 to 9:30 a.m., plane time, February 10; and from 6:00 p.m., March 7 to 9:30 a.m., plane time, March 10, 2003

Representative Gatto - from 7:00 p.m., February 7 to 11:00 p.m., plane time, February 9, 2003; and from 6:00 p.m., February 13 to 11:00 p.m., plane time, February 16, 2003

Representative Chenault - from 6:00 p.m., February 14 to 9:00 a.m., plane time, February 18, 2003

HJR 7

Representatives Morgan and Holm added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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

HB 45

Representatives Guttenberg, Croft, and Meyer added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

HB 47

Representative Stevens added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

"An Act prohibiting discrimination by credit rating or credit scoring in certain insurance rates; and providing for an effective date."

HB 69

Representative Morgan added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

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

ENGROSSMENT**HB 45**

HB 45 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENROLLMENT**HCR 4**

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:40 p.m., February 4, 2003:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4(title am)

Authorizing a recess by the Senate and the House of Representatives for a period of more than three days, those days being April 18, 19, 20, and 21 of 2003.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 7, 2003. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk