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Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Wilken was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Larry Rorem of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray.

Dear generous, all giving God, we give thanks for these leaders who serve. We give thanks for their generosity of time and energy that is devoted to public service. Our state needs them and needs to be willing to show appreciation and thankfulness.

We live in an age when compassion and love are too often replaced by division. Respect is replaced by disrespect. People in leadership are under intense and sometimes unfair scrutiny.

As agendas build for our leaders, help them to grow in their inter-connectedness with all people. Uphold and bless each Senator gathered here today in being good listeners and good decision makers for all God's people who call Alaska home.

In Your Holy Name.

Amen.

Senator Dyson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the seventh and eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Investment Earnings for the Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund
from William A. Corbus, Commissioner, Department of Revenue
in accordance with AS 37.05.550(c)

Investment Earnings for the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
from William A. Corbus, Commissioner, Department of Revenue
in accordance with AS 19.65.070

Developmental Disabilities Waitlist Report for FY02
from Joel Gilbertson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services
in accordance with AS 47.80.140(d)

Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Fiscal 2002 Annual Report
from Robert D. Storer, Executive Director
in accordance with AS 37.13.170

State of Alaska Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002
from Department of Administration, Division of Finance
in accordance with AS 37.05.210

Anticipated Expenditures from the International Airports Construction Fund
from Mike Barton, Acting Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
in accordance with AS 37.15.420

Underground Storage Tank Revolving Loan Fund Annual Report Fiscal Year 2002
from the Department of Environmental Conservation, Spill Prevention and Response Division
in accordance with AS 46.03.410

The Trustees' Papers Volume VII
from Jim Sampson, Chair, Board of Trustees, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated January 28 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Finance Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner, Department of Revenue
William Corbus

There were no stated objections to the confirmation of the named individual by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against him during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senators Wilken, Green, Cochairs; Senators Austerman, Hoffman, Stevens, Olson, Bunde.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 40

SENATE BILL NO. 40 BY SENATOR COWDERY, 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.

SB 41

SENATE BILL NO. 41 BY SENATOR GREEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical care and crimes relating to medical care, including medical care and crimes relating to the medical assistance program."

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

SB 42

SENATE BILL NO. 42 BY SENATOR GREEN, entitled:

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

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

SB 43

SENATE BILL NO. 43 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

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

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

SB 44

SENATE BILL NO. 44 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the recovery of the expenses of the Department of Environmental Conservation that are incurred when containing or cleaning up a discharge, release, or threatened release of oil; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 45

SENATE BILL NO. 45 BY SENATOR GREEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

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

SB 46

SENATE BILL NO. 46 BY SENATOR GUESS, entitled:

"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."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

SB 47

SENATE BILL NO. 47 BY SENATOR WAGONER, entitled:

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

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

SB 48

SENATE BILL NO. 48 BY SENATOR WAGONER, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, January 31, through plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 5:00 p.m. January 30, through morning plane time, February 3. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 31, through morning plane time, February 3. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Ogan moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, February 13, through morning plane time, February 17. Without objection, Senator Ogan was excused.

Senator Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, February 6, through evening plane time, February 9. Without objection, Senator Austerman was excused.

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from February 7 through February 10. Without objection, Senator French was excused.

SB 13

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 13, "An Act prohibiting discrimination in insurance rates based on credit rating or credit scoring; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 19

Senators French and Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 19, "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 28

Senators French and Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 28, "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 4

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., January 31, 2003. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

January 2003

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 29 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 31 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 29 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 30 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 31 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 29 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 29	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
Jan 31	Friday -- Time and Location Change -- Joint w/(H) Judiciary Confirmation Hearings: Select Committee on Legislative Ethics- Dennis "Skip" Cook Shirley McCoy Herman G. Walker, Jr.	Capitol 122	1:00 PM

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 30	Thursday Confirmation Hearing: Greg O'Claray Commissioner, Dept of Labor	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
Feb 26	Wednesday -- Time and Location Change -- Joint w/(H) Labor and Commerce Confirmation Hearings: Regulatory Commission of Alaska- Dave Harbour Mark Johnson	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM

RESOURCES

Jan 29	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Jan 31	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

RULES

Feb 03 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 1:00 PM
 Organizational Meeting
 Longevity Pay Increment Policy

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 30 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 11 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 31 RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA

JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

Feb 05 Wednesday Beltz 211 8:30 AM
 Introductory Organizational Meeting

OTHER MEETINGS

FISH CAUCUS

Feb 05 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 Status of AK Commercial Seafood Industry:
 Chris McDowell