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Tuesday

February 18, 2003

Twenty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 11:10 a.m.

The roll showed thirteen members present. Senators Bunde, Dyson, Seekins, Wagoner were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Ellis, Guess were absent. The seat from District R was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Steve Olmstead of Chapel by the Lake. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A reading from Psalms 121:

"I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."

O Lord, we pray that You would keep the Senate in Your care and that You would guide and direct all who work here. May Your truth, righteousness, and love be foundations for all deliberations and decisions. May they seek to honor You and the people of Alaska being faithful stewards of this state.

As we have just spent a day in honor of the presidents who have served our nation, we pray this morning in a special way for President Bush. Grant him wisdom, courage and grace in these uncertain times. We pray for the leaders of all nations. May You soften hard hearts and may Your will be done. Amen.

Senator Ogan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the twenty-fifth through twenty-eighth legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 1 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 3 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 71

SENATE BILL NO. 71 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for transportation enhancement projects."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam – Hannah Manuluk Newlin
Representative(s) Joule
Senator(s) Olson, Guess, Dyson, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green,
Hoffman, Lincoln, Taylor, Therriault, Wilken, Stevens

In Memoriam – James "J.P." Jones

Representative(s) Guttenberg

Senator(s) Seekins, Guess, Dyson, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green,
Hoffman, Lincoln, Stevens, Taylor, Therriault, Wilken

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Wilken moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from February 28, morning plane time, through March 2, evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Wilken was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from February 19, 1:00 p.m., through February 21, morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Lincoln moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 12 and March 14. Without objection, Senator Lincoln was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 7. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 19, 2003. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

February 2003

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 19	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 21	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Fiscal Problems Facing Many States: Corina Eckl, Group Director National Conference State Legislators		

Feb 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
SB 20	EXTEND BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS		

Feb 21	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Senate Bill: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK <Pending Introduction and Referral> Senate Bill: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS <Pending Introduction and Referral>		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 19 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Joint w/(H) Health, Education and Social
 Services and (H) Special Committee on
 Education
 Alaska School District Cost Study
 Jay Chambers,
 American Institute for Research

JUDICIARY

Feb 19 **Wednesday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 58 PFD INELIGIBILITY/MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
 + SB 59 PERMANENT FUND INELIGIBILITY FOR DUI

Feb 21 **Friday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 18 **Tuesday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 20 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 64 CREDIT INFORMATION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 25 **Tuesday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 SB 47 EXTEND BOARD OF NURSING
 SB 48 EXTEND BOARD OF MIDWIVES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 26 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:15 PM**
 -- Time and Location Change --
 Joint w/(H) Labor and Commerce
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska-
 Dave Harbour
 Mark Johnson

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 27	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
SB 43	EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H) Resources		
	Mining Industry Overview		

Feb 21	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 18	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
SB 26	STATE EMPLOYEES CALLED TO MILITARY DUTY		
SB 39	FISH & GAME IN NAVIGABLE WATERS		

Feb 20	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
SB 49	2003 REVISOR'S BILL		
SB 65	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EXPANSION		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 18	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Time Returned to 1:30 pm --		
SCR 1	SUPPORT ROADS/HOT SPRINGS LOOP ROAD		
SB 54	OVERTIME PAY FOR AIRLINE EMPLOYEES		
+ SB 40	CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF		
+ SB 53	REVOKE DRIVER'S LIC. FOR FATAL ACCIDENT		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Feb 20	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Feb 25 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 31 RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA

Feb 27 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Feb 20 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **8:00 AM**
 -- Rescheduled from 2/12/03 --
 + Budget Overview:
 Dept of Natural Resources

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 18 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **4:00 PM**
 Joint w/(H) Public Safety Budget Subcmte
 Budget Overview: Dept of Public Safety

REVENUE

Feb 19 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **4:00 PM**
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 -- Rescheduled from 2/10/03 --
 Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Feb 19 **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:30 AM**
 Discussion of Central Panels to create
 independent hearing office functions
 Committee administrative function re:
 continuous service

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 19 Wednesday House Finance 519 12:00 PM
Audits and Other Committee Business

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 20 Thursday Senate Finance 532 11:30 AM

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Feb 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
Impacts of the Seafood Industry
on Alaska's Economy
Patrick Burden, Northern Economics

JOINT SESSION

Mar 05 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
State of the Judiciary
Chief Justice Dana Fabe

Mar 31 Monday House Chamber 11:00 AM
Address by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens