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### TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE -- FIRST SESSION

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#### Fifty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 10:22 a.m.

The roll showed twelve members present. Senators Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Hoffman, Ogan, Olson, Gary Stevens were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Wagoner was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Sam Dalin of the River of Glory Church.

Senator Green led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Certification

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

#### Messages from the House

Message dated March 19 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

#### First Reading and Reference of House Bills

##### **HB 139**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 139(RES) BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act approving an interim classification by the commissioner of natural resources closing certain land within the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages to new mineral entry; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **Communications**

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

Alaska Court System Travel for Justices, Judges, and Magistrates & Affidavit Information 2002 and Alaska Court System 2002 Time-to-Disposition Report: Volumes 1 - 5  
from Stephanie Cole, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System  
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 24**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act providing special absentee ballots for voters in remote areas." Signing do pass: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair; Senators Hoffman, Cowdery, Dyson, Guess.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

#### **SB 40**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 40 "An Act relating to construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities." Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Therriault, Wagoner. Signing do not pass: Senators Olson, Lincoln.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 115**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 115 "An Act allowing expenses of the correctional industries program that may be financed from the correctional industries fund to include the salaries and benefits of state employees." Signing do pass: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair; Senators Cowdery, Dyson. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Guess.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Corrections

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 46**

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 46(STA) "An Act relating to printing of ballot titles and propositions on primary election ballots." Signing do pass: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair; Senators Hoffman, Dyson, Guess. Signing no recommendation: Senator Cowdery.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 140**

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 140(efd fld) "An Act relating to benefits for retired teachers or employees who participated in retirement incentive programs and are subsequently reemployed as a commissioner" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 140(STA)  
(forthcoming)

Signing do pass: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair; Senator Cowdery.  
Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Dyson. Signing  
amend: Senator Guess.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SJR 10**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 10 Relating to the Pledge of Allegiance. Signing  
do pass: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair; Senators Cowdery, Dyson,  
Guess.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 151**

SENATE BILL NO. 151 BY SENATOR WAGONER, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regulation of natural gas  
pipelines under the Pipeline Act."

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

**SB 152**

SENATE BILL NO. 152 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to concealed handguns."

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

**SB 153**

SENATE BILL NO. 153 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act authorizing a long-term lease of certain Alaska Railroad Corporation land at Anchorage; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 154**

SENATE BILL NO. 154 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to a student loan repayment program for nurses, and amending the duties of the Board of Nursing that relate to this program; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 155**

SENATE BILL NO. 155 BY SENATOR SEEKINS, entitled:

"An Act relating to hunting on the same day airborne; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Second Reading of House Bills**

**HB 68**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 68(JUD) "An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the office of victims' rights" was read the second time.

Senators Green, Wilken, Taylor, Ellis, Seekins, Lincoln moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 68(JUD) will be on the March 24 calendar.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 3:00 p.m., March 24, 2003. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

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**Announcements**

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