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Tenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 11:12 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Davis was absent.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be excused from a call of the Senate today through January 23. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Thomas Dahl of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God, we often bow in prayer in intercession asking that You care for the weak, the lonely, the poor, the oppressed and powerless, the sick, the angry, the victims of awful circumstances, the dying and the grieving. And we do not forget them now. But, Gracious Lord, others enter our thoughts and we pray for them as well.

Today, O Lord, we pray for the wealthy who own much and anticipate more; whose daily needs are met and who lay up stores against an uncertain future. We pray for them, O Lord, for their vulnerability is great. Having climbed so long, the fear of ending where they began is terrifying. We pray for them, O Lord, because they are vulnerable.

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And we pray for the powerful who control or manipulate destinies. Whose decisions are counted, and who hold in their hands the lives of multitudes. We pray for them, Lord, for their temptations are many. Having great decisions behind them, they are tempted to infallibility. Having achieved their power, they are angered by others seeking their own. Confident of their ability, they too often rely only on themselves. We pray for them, O Lord, because they are greatly tempted.

We pray for them, O Lord, for the wealthy and for the powerful because they are, all of them, vulnerable and greatly tempted. Minister to them and to us by Your hand and Your word and through the lives of the poor and the powerless.

Give us a new vision of life in its wholeness, that these may serve You well in this place. Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the ninth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated January 20 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 304**

HOUSE BILL NO. 304 BY REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Foster, Gruenberg, Holm, Morgan, Anderson, Guttenberg, Kerstula, Kapsner, Dahlstrom, Masek, Hawker, Stoltze, Croft, Ogg, Kott, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Fate, Gara, Gatto, Harris, Heinze, Joule, Kohring, Kookesh, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Moses, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stepovich, Weyhrauch, Williams, Wilson, Wolf, entitled:

"An Act naming the Jack Coghill Bridge to the Interior."

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

Senator Elton requested to be shown as a cross sponsor on the bill.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 190**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 190 "An Act adding certain state-owned land and water to the Kenai River Special Management Area; relating to the mineral estate of the state-owned land and water in the Kenai River Special Management Area; amending the qualifications for members of the Kenai River Special Management Area advisory board; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190(STA) "An Act adding certain state-owned land and water to the Kenai River Special Management Area; relating to the mineral estate of the state-owned land and water in the Kenai River Special Management Area; relating to the Kenai River Special Management Area advisory board; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 271

SENATE BILL NO. 271 BY SENATOR OGAN, entitled:

"An Act amending the purpose of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority to include planning, developing, constructing, managing, or operating an economically viable gas pipeline project from the North Slope of Alaska by a route that parallels the Trans Alaska Pipeline System or the Alaska Highway; authorizing evaluation of opportunities for private sector involvement in the project; amending requirements related to the Authority's preparation of a development plan; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 272

SENATE BILL NO. 272 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain monetary advances in which the deposit or other negotiation of certain instruments to pay the advances is delayed until a later date; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Dave Jones for His Award for Outstanding Service to the Kodiak Community
by the Association of School Business Officials International
Senator(s) Gary Stevens, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Chaplain Evan John Jones
Senator(s) Gary Stevens, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Ogg

Special Order of Business - Citation

Honoring – Grace Berg Schaible, Outstanding Contribution to Alaska
Senator(s) Wilken, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation calendar and the Special Order of Business citation be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam – Mark B. Ringstad
Representative(s) Stepovich
Senator(s) Wilken, Therriault, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner

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Unfinished Business

Senator Wilken moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from 9:00 a.m., January 22 through evening plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senator Wilken was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 23 through plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Lincoln moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 28. Without objection, Senator Lincoln was excused.

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 10:00 a.m., January 23, 2004. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 21	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Jan 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE

Jan 21 SB 259	Wednesday SENIORCARE Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 21	Wednesday -- Time and Location Change -- Joint W/(H) Finance Committee Meeting Presentation by the Denali Commission	House Finance 519	1:30 PM
Jan 22	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 22	Thursday	Capitol 124	1:00 PM
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H) Education		
+	Overview: Alternative Governance for Charter Schools		

JUDICIARY

Jan 21	Wednesday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
+=	SJR 18	CONST. AM: PF APPROPS/INFLATION-PROOFING	
+=	SJR 19	CONST. AM: PERMANENT FUND INCOME Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 22	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
+	Overview: Pulltabs Subcommittee Report		
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		

RESOURCES

Jan 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+=	HCR 10	RESTORATION OF RIPARIAN HABITAT	
+	SB 241	APPROP: NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	
+	SB 247	AK NATURAL GAS DEV. AUTHORITY INITIATIVE	

Jan 23	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 22	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			

OTHER MEETINGS

ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE

Jan 28	Wednesday	Anchorage	9:00 AM
AIDEA/AEA BOARD ROOM			
813 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Third Floor			
9:00 am to 3:00 pm			

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 26	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
Senator Bunde will offer a presentation, "The High School Graduation Qualifying Exam - A Refresher" to provide legislators staff and others the opportunity to review the history of the exam, what the law contains and new developments since 2001. Copies of the Practice Test will be available. All are welcome.			