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Juneau, Alaska **Monday** **January 10, 2005**

First Day

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska assembled in the House Chamber for the first regular session of the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature, January 10, 2005, at 10:07 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable Loren Leman, Lieutenant Governor.

An Honor Guard from The Tongass Alaska Girl Scouts Flag Corps, composed of Monika Barnkow, Karla Boyd, Kiana Ford, Emma Good, Cheyenne Grimscheid, Ellie Hakari, Elyssa Kelley, Erin Krogstad, Catie Lumba, Katie McKeown, Melissa Paradis, Rebekah Peterson, Jessica Sjoroos, Jenny Sundberg, Kylie Waggoner, Summer Ward, Katherine Wilson, and Kathryn Vandor, presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Alaska Youth Choir sang "Alaska's Flag" under the direction of Missouri Smyth.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor John Stevens of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Representative-elect Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

It is with the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans that I offer this prayer this morning.

Creator and Gracious God,

With each sunrise and with each change of the seasons, I am reminded that You are the God of new beginnings. I ask that Your presence be here at this new beginning. We know that this is a time of excitement and a time of importance. Be in the minds of all who make new decisions in this time. I ask that You challenge, comfort, and uplift the hearts of those present here today. Keep them in Your care, and gift them with Your strength and hope. In Your gracious name I pray. Amen.

Lieutenant Governor Leman read the following Certificate of Election:

CERTIFICATE

"I, Laura A. Glaiser, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that a General Election was held on the 2nd day of November, 2004 pursuant to AS 15.15.020 in the State of Alaska and the following candidates were elected to the office of State Representative for a two year term for the district indicated:

District 1	James B. "Jim" Elkins (R)
District 2	Peggy Wilson (R)
District 3	Beth Kerttula (D)
District 4	Bruce B. Weyhrauch (R)
District 5	William A. "Bill" Thomas, Jr. (R)
District 6	Woodie Salmon (D)
District 7	Michael P. "Mike" Kelly (R)
District 8	David Guttenberg (D)
District 9	Jim Holm (R)
District 10	Jay Ramras (R)
District 11	John B. Coghill, Jr. (R)
District 12	John L. Harris (R)
District 13	Carl J. Gatto (R)

District 14	Vic Kohring (R)
District 15	Mark A. Neuman (R)
District 16	Bill Stoltze (R)
District 17	Pete Kott (R)
District 18	Nancy A. Dahlstrom (R)
District 19	Tom Anderson (R)
District 20	Max F. Gruenberg, Jr. (D)
District 21	Harry T. Crawford, Jr. (D)
District 22	Sharon M. Cissna (D)
District 23	Les Gara (D)
District 24	Berta Gardner (D)
District 25	Eric Croft (D)
District 26	Ethan A. Berkowitz (D)
District 27	Norman Rokeberg (R)
District 28	Lesil L. McGuire (R)
District 29	Ralph Samuels (R)
District 30	Kevin Meyer (R)
District 31	Bob Lynn (R)
District 32	Mike Hawker (R)
District 33	Kurt E. Olson (R)
District 34	Charles M. "Mike" Chenault (R)
District 35	Paul K. Seaton (R)
District 36	Gabrielle LeDoux (R)
District 37	Carl E. Moses (D)
District 38	Mary Kapsner (D)
District 39	Richard Foster (D)
District 40	Reggie Joule (D)

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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 22nd day of December, A.D. 2004.

/s/

Laura A. Glaiser
Division of Elections"

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 1	James B. "Jim" Elkins
District 2	Peggy Wilson
District 4	Bruce B. Weyhrauch

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 5	William A. "Bill" Thomas, Jr.
District 6	Woodie Salmon
District 7	Michael P. "Mike" Kelly
District 8	David Guttenberg

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 9	Jim Holm
District 10	Jay Ramras
District 11	John B. Coghill, Jr.
District 12	John L. Harris

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

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Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 13	Carl J. Gatto
District 14	Vic Kohring
District 15	Mark A. Neuman
District 16	Bill Stoltze

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 17	Pete Kott
District 18	Nancy A. Dahlstrom
District 19	Tom Anderson

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 21	Harry T. Crawford, Jr.
District 22	Sharon M. Cissna
District 23	Les Gara
District 24	Berta Gardner

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 25	Eric Croft
District 26	Ethan A. Berkowitz
District 27	Norman Rokeberg
District 28	Lesil L. McGuire

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Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 29	Ralph Samuels
District 30	Kevin Meyer
District 31	Bob Lynn
District 32	Mike Hawker

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 33	Kurt E. Olson
District 34	Charles M. "Mike" Chenault
District 35	Paul K. Seaton
District 36	Gabrielle LeDoux

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Leman requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 38	Mary Kapsner
District 39	Richard Foster
District 40	Reggie Joule

Lieutenant Governor Leman administered the oath of office to the members.

The Lieutenant Governor announced that members could sign their oath of office between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. today.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Lieutenant Governor stated that nominations for Speaker pro tempore were now in order.

Representative Berkowitz moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Coghill be Speaker pro tempore. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Lieutenant Governor Leman appointed Representatives Rokeberg and Berkowitz to escort Representative Coghill, Speaker pro tempore, to the rostrum.

Speaker pro tempore Coghill appointed Representatives Rokeberg and Berkowitz to escort the Lieutenant Governor from the House Chamber.

Speaker pro tempore Coghill stated that, pursuant to AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules in effect during the previous legislature serve as the rules of the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature until adoption of permanent rules.

SPEAKER

Speaker pro tempore Coghill stated that nominations for Speaker of the House were now in order.

Representative Thomas nominated Representative Harris as Speaker of the House and moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall Representative Harris be elected Speaker of the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Harris
Speaker of the House

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 3

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Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Absent: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

And so, Representative Harris was elected Speaker of the House of the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature.

Representative Coghill appointed Representatives Foster and Kapsner to escort the Speaker to the rostrum.

The Speaker received a standing ovation and delivered brief opening remarks regarding the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives-elect Gruenberg, Kerttula, and Moses be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 1(e), the Speaker appointed the following members to the Committee on Committees:

Representative Harris, Chair
Representative Coghill
Representative Rokeberg
Representative Meyer
Representative Chenault
Representative Berkowitz
Representative Kerttula

The Speaker appointed Representatives Ramras and Cissna to advise the Governor that the House is in session and ready to do business.

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The Speaker appointed Representatives Kelly and Joule to advise the Senate that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House recess; and so, the House recessed at 10:43 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:19 a.m.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives-elect Gruenberg, Kerttula, and Moses had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Croft, Joule, Kelly, and Kott were absent and their presence was noted later.

Representative Ramras reported that the Governor had been notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Rokeberg moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Unfinished Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 3, Representative Rokeberg nominated Suzi Lowell as Chief Clerk of the House for the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered, and Suzi Lowell was unanimously elected Chief Clerk.

Representative Rokeberg introduced the following Clerk's staff:

Stephanie Hall, Assistant Chief Clerk
Tisha Bourland, Assistant Chief Clerk

Representative Rokeberg appointed Jeff Wackerman as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature and introduced the following House staff:

Jennifer "Jay" Cook, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
David Svobodny, Page - Juneau
James Kilcup, Page - Juneau
Dylan Beckish, Page - Haines
Ashton Compton, Page - Fairbanks
Amberlee Query, Page - Soldotna

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to:

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A message dated January 10, 2005, was read stating under the provision of article III, section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, the Governor requests the opportunity to address a joint session of the Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. for presentation of a combined State of the State and State of the Budget Address.

Declarations of Disaster Emergencies dated September 17, 2004, October 15, 2004, November 10, 2004, and December 17, 2004, with accompanying letters were received and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office. The Declarations and letters had been copied to the Finance Committee.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

EO 113

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 113:

Transferring certain functions relating to the development and implementation of state telecommunications policy from the Telecommunications Information Council to the Department of Administration and the Office of the Governor.

was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 10, 2005, follows:

"Dear Speaker Harris:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order transferring all functions currently assigned by statute to the Telecommunications Information Council (TIC) to the Department of Administration and the Office of the Governor.

By statute, the TIC is housed in the Office of the Governor. It is presided over by the Governor and is comprised primarily of high-level state officials, including commissioners of all the departments, the president of the University of Alaska, the executive director of the Legislative Affairs Agency and a legislator from each house.

Currently, the TIC is charged with establishing guidelines and preparing short-term and long-term information system plans for the state. It is also charged with adopting regulations for providing information to the public. The TIC has broad authority to establish information policies and engage in any information-related activities it considers necessary.

In reality, the TIC has not met over the last four years and has proven itself to be a failed experiment. State officials with responsibility for the TIC are too busy within their own departments or branches to participate and furthermore, often lack the expertise in the various technical areas to make the necessary informed decisions. Therefore, state government-wide telecommunications activities have largely been undertaken by the Department of Administration, which has the personnel and the statutory authority to carry out this mission.

In order to provide a more efficient administration, it is necessary to eliminate the unwieldy and overly bureaucratic TIC and transfer its functions to the Department of Administration and the Office of the Governor where they are currently being carried out.

Sincerely yours,
/s/
Frank H. Murkowski
Governor"

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated November 30, 2004, was received from Alexander O. Bryner, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating that he has nominated the following public members to serve on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Dennis "Skip" Cook
Herman G. Walker, Jr.
Marianne Stillner

The Speaker referred the appointments to the Judiciary Committee.

The following were received:

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Alaska Labor Relations Agency
2003 Annual Report
October 2004
(as required by AS 23.05.370)

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Advisory Opinions Rendered by the Committee
Volume XXVI
January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004
(as required by AS 24.60.150)

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Public Decisions Issued by the Committee
Volume VIV
January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004
(as required by AS 24.60.150)

The following audit reports were received from the Division of Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required by AS 24.20.311:

State of Alaska, Single Audit for the
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Board of Dental Examiners
Sunset Review
August 5, 2004

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Board of Pharmacy
Sunset Review
September 3, 2004

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

(Note: Capitalized names on prefiled bills and resolutions indicate joint prime sponsorship.)

HR 1

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Oil and Gas.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**The presence of Representatives Kelly and Joule was noted.

HR 2

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 3

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Education.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 4

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 5

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 6

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Ways and Means.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**The presence of Representative Kott was noted.

HJR 1

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representatives ROKEBERG and BERKOWITZ and Lynn:

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

HJR 2

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by Representative Hawker:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating the gas revenue endowment fund, relating to deposits to the fund, limiting appropriations from the fund based on an averaged percent of the fund market value, relating to deposits to the permanent fund, and relating to deposits to the budget reserve fund.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

HJR 3

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 by Representative Rokeberg:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to appropriations from the budget reserve fund.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

HJR 4

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Representatives Hawker, Samuels, Ramras, Holm, Stoltze, Lynn, McGuire, Seaton, Chenault, Kelly, Anderson, and Wilson:

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.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Oil & Gas and the Resources Committee.

HJR 5

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 by Representatives Lynn, Berkowitz, and Gatto:

Opposing imposition of a milk tax on Alaskans.

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

Representative Joule reported that the Senate had been notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Consideration of the Daily Calendar. There being no objection, the House advanced to:

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HR 1

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1
Establishing a House Special Committee on Oil and Gas.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 1 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 1
Second Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Excused: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

Absent: Croft

And so, HR 1 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 2

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Establishing a House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 2 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 2

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Excused: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

Absent: Croft

And so, HR 2 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 3

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3
Establishing a House Special Committee on Education.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 3 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 3
Second Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 2

Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Excused: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

Absent: Croft, Rokeberg

And so, HR 3 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 4

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4
Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 4 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 4
Second Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 2

Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Excused: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

Absent: Croft, Rokeberg

And so, HR 4 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 5

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 5 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 5
Second Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 2

Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Excused: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

Absent: Croft, Rokeberg

And so, HR 5 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 6

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6
Establishing a House Special Committee on Ways and Means.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 6 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 6

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Joule, Kapsner, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Nay: Stoltze

Excused: Gruenberg, Kerttula, Moses

Absent: Croft

And so, HR 6 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to:

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

HB 1

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 by Representatives Gatto, Chenault, and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; 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 and Finance Committees.

HB 2

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2 by Representative Gatto, entitled:

"An Act relating to taxes regarding certain commercial passenger vessels operating in the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

A delegation from the Senate, composed of Senators Green and Davis, reported that the Senate is organized and ready to do business.

**The presence of Representative Croft was noted.

HB 3

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 by Representatives Crawford and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act relating to testing public and private school students for abnormal spinal curvature."

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

HB 4

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 4 by Representatives Crawford and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act raising the age for purchase, sale, exchange, or possession of tobacco to age 21."

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

HB 5

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 5 by Representative Crawford, entitled:

"An Act repealing a prohibition against classified state employees participating in management of political parties."

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

HB 6

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 6 by Representative Crawford, entitled:

"An Act allowing peace officers with previous service as fish and wildlife enforcement officers in the Department of Public Safety to claim credit for service as peace officer service; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 7

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 7 by Representative Crawford, entitled:

"An Act relating to the calculation and payment of unemployment compensation benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 8

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 by Representative Crawford, entitled:

"An Act relating to amending reporting requirements for contributions to groups; relating to limitations on the amount of political contributions by individuals and groups; amending the definition of the term 'lobbyist' in the Regulation of Lobbying Act; amending the requirement for the reporting of financial interests by certain public officials in the legislative branch; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 9

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 9 by Representatives Crawford and Berkowitz, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Hydrogen Energy Partnership in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; requiring the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic development to seek public and private funding for the partnership; providing for the contingent repeal of an effective date; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 10

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 by Representative Crawford, entitled:

"An Act relating to health insurance coverage for gastric bypass surgery; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 11

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 by Representatives Gatto, Lynn, and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to opening adoption records to an adopted person in certain circumstances."

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

HB 12

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 by Representatives GRUENBERG, LYNN, GARDNER, and MCGUIRE, Ramras and Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to televisions and monitors in motor vehicles."

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

HB 13

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 by Representatives GATTO and GRUENBERG, entitled:

"An Act relating to reimbursement of municipal bonds for school construction; 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 and Finance Committees.

HB 14

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 by Representatives Rokeberg and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure of information about a child or a child's family to a legislator or a member of a legislator's staff; and making conforming changes."

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

HB 15

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 by Representative Meyer, entitled:

"An Act relating to seasonal alcoholic beverage licenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 16

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 16 by Representative Coghill, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for school districts operating secondary school boarding programs and to funding for school districts from which boarding students come; 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 and Finance Committees.

HB 17

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 17 by Representatives ROKEBERG and GATTO
(page 39), Lynn, Samuels, Chenault, Anderson, and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to children in need of aid; authorizing additional family members to consent to disclosure of confidential or privileged information about children and families involved with children's services within the Department of Health and Social Services to officials for review or use in official capacities; relating to reports of harm; and relating to adoptions and foster care."

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

HB 18

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 by Representatives Wilson, Chenault, LeDoux, and Elkins, entitled:

"An Act increasing the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; 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 and Finance Committees.

HB 19

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 19 by Representative Meyer, entitled:

"An Act relating to pesticides and broadcast chemicals; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 20

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 20 by Representatives Seaton, Chenault, and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act relating to a separate appropriation bill for operating expenses for primary and secondary public education and establishing a date by which the bill must be transmitted to the governor each year; 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 and Finance Committees.

HB 21

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 21 by Representatives Ramras and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act relating to false statements in state election advertising; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 22

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 22 by Representatives SAMUELS and ROKEBERG, McGuire, Croft, Anderson, LeDoux, and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to the terms of legislators, to a 90-day regular session of the legislature, to the date of convening a regular session, and to procedures of legislative committees during the interim; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 23

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 23 by Representative Rokeberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to construction of a legislative hall."

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

HB 24

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 24 by Representatives SEATON and GATTO, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial passenger vessel operators; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 25

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 25 by Representative Seaton, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sharing of fisheries business tax revenue with municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 26

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 26 by Representative Moses by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to short-term commercial fishing crewmember licenses; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources and Finance Committees.

HB 27

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 by Representatives CHENAULT and GRUENBERG, and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes on certain residences of law enforcement officers."

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

HB 28

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 28 by Representative Moses, entitled:

"An Act relating to the municipal dividend program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 29

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 29 by Representative Rokeberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to health care insurance and to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Association; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 30

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 30 by Representatives Harris, Chenault, Thomas, Wilson, Neuman, Samuels, Olson, Seaton, LeDoux, and Elkins, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for K-12 education operating and school debt expenses; 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 and Finance Committees.

HB 31

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 by Representative Anderson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the presumption of coverage for a workers' compensation claim for disability as a result of certain diseases for certain occupations."

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

HB 32

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 32 by Representative Kohring, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation for a grant to Arctic Power to promote the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration and development; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Oil & Gas and the Finance Committee.

HB 33

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 by Representatives Meyer and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the effect of regulations on small businesses; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 34

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 34 by Representatives Weyhrauch and Hawker, entitled:

"An Act relating to the expungement of records relating to conviction set asides granted after suspended imposition of sentence."

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

HB 35

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 35 by Representative Kohring, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 36

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 by Representatives KAPSNER, GARA, and GUTTENBERG, and Croft, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation for the state revenue sharing program and the safe communities program at fiscal year 1998 levels, as adjusted for inflation, to provide for public safety and other municipal services; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 37

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 37 by Representative Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to public access to fishing streams."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

HB 38

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 by Representatives CROFT and CRAWFORD, entitled:

"An Act repealing provisions relating to treatment of permanent fund income from money received as a result of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior Court, First Judicial District); and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 39

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 by Representatives GARA, GUTTENBERG, KAPSNER, BERKOWITZ, CRAWFORD, and KERTTULA, Lynn, Elkins, and Croft, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation for longevity bonus grants; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 40

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 40 by Representatives Anderson, Hawker, Elkins, Neuman, and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical benefits for retired peace officers after 20 years of credited service."

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

HB 41

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 41 by Representatives LYNN and MCGUIRE, Anderson, Wilson, and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to minimum periods of imprisonment for the crime of assault in the fourth degree committed against an employee of an elementary, junior high, or secondary school who was engaged in the performance of school duties at the time of the assault."

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

HB 42

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 42 by Representative Elkins, entitled:

"An Act naming the Joe Williams, Sr., Coastal Trail."

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

HB 43

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 43 by Representatives Weyhrauch and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act amending the requirement for the reporting of financial interests by certain public officials in the legislative branch; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 44

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 44 by Representatives Weyhrauch and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act relating to amending reporting requirements for contributions to groups and to limitations on the amount of political contributions by individuals and groups; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 45

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 45 by Representative Weyhrauch, entitled:

"An Act amending the definition of the term 'lobbyist' in the Regulation of Lobbying Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 46

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 by Representatives HARRIS, COGHILL, and ROKEBERG, Holm, Elkins, and Kelly, entitled:

"An Act permitting grants to certain regulated public utilities for water quality enhancement projects and water supply and wastewater systems."

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

HB 47

(Prefile released December 30, 2004)

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 by Representatives Samuels and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers."

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

HB 48

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 by Representatives STOLTZE and GATTO, and Neuman, entitled:

"An Act relating to a determination of costs attributable to relocating the legislature or the state capital or of constructing a new capitol building in the present capital city, and to a determination of all costs of retaining the existing capitol building and keeping the state capital and legislature in the present capital city; relating to voter approval of certain bondable costs; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 49

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 49 by Representatives Rokeberg and Elkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal aid grants; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 50

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 50 by Representative Seaton, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal initiative and referendum elections."

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

HB 51

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 51 by Representatives Meyer, Holm, and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to permitting employers in the same trade to form joint insurance arrangements for self-insured workers' compensation coverage."

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

HB 52

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 52 by Representative Gruenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to adoption and revision of a comprehensive long-range fiscal plan for the State of Alaska."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Finance Committee.

HB 53

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 53 by Representatives Coghill and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to child-in-need-of-aid proceedings; amending the construction of statutes pertaining to children in need of aid; relating to a duty and standard of care for services to children and families; amending court hearing procedures to allow public attendance at child-in-need-of-aid proceedings; establishing a right to a trial by jury in termination of parental rights proceedings; reestablishing and relating to state and local citizens' review panels for certain child custody matters; amending the duty to disclose information pertaining to a child in need of aid; establishing a distribution age for permanent fund dividends held in trust for a child committed to the custody of the Department of Health and Social Services; mandating reporting of the medication of children in state custody; prescribing the rights of grandparents related to child-in-need-of-aid cases and establishing a grandparent priority for adoption in certain child-in-need-of-aid cases; modifying adoption and placement procedures in certain child-in-need-of-aid cases; amending treatment service requirements for parents involved in child-in-need-of-aid

proceedings; amending Rules 3 and 18, Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules of Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 54

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 54 by Representatives SAMUELS and STOLTZE, and Hawker, entitled:

"An Act relating to bail review."

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

HB 55

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 55 by Representatives STOLTZE and SAMUELS, Hawker and Neuman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the rights of victims of crime; and amending Rules 12 and 42, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules 204, 205, 210, 212, 213, 217, 508, and 513.5, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration."

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

HB 56

This prefile was not introduced.

HB 57

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 57 by Representatives Weyhrauch and Elkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the purchase of land from the federal government."

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

HB 58

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 58 by Representatives LYNN, GATTO, and WILSON, and Elkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to offenses against unborn children."

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

HB 59

(Prefile released January 7, 2005)

HOUSE BILL NO. 59 by Representative Cissna, entitled:

"An Act relating to vulnerable adults; establishing civil liability for abuse or exploitation of a vulnerable adult; and amending Rule 4, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

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

HB 60

HOUSE BILL NO. 60 by Representatives Guttenberg, LeDoux, Ramras, and Berkowitz, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regulation of the transportation of dead bodies."

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

HB 61

HOUSE BILL NO. 61 by Representatives McGuire and Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to licensing for a Calcutta pool as a game of chance."

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

HB 62

HOUSE BILL NO. 62 by Representatives Olson, Stoltze, Chenault, Wilson, and LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act relating to prohibiting automated telephone calls for a political advertisement to telephone numbers listed as not wanting telephone solicitations; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Speaker announced that the bills will be held in the Clerk's office until 2:00 p.m. so that members can sign on as cosponsors.

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 Crawford - from 6:00 p.m., January 10 to 10:00 p.m., February 1, 2005

Representative-elect Kerttula - from 8:00 a.m., January 11 to 10:00 p.m., January 14, 2005

HB 17

Representative Rokeberg moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Gatto be added as joint prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"An Act relating to children in need of aid; authorizing additional family members to consent to disclosure of confidential or privileged information about children and families involved with

children's services within the Department of Health and Social Services to officials for review or use in official capacities; relating to reports of harm; and relating to adoptions and foster care."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Speaker Kott made the following appointments October 15, 2004, to the Alaska Information Infrastructure Task Force pursuant to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32
Relating to information infrastructure and establishing the Alaska Information Infrastructure Policy Task Force.

Legislative Resolve 52, SLA 2004

Senate Appointee: Senator Stedman
House Appointee: Representative Coghill
Minority Appointee: Senator Guess

Dept. of Administration

Ray Matiashowski
Stan Herrera (alternate)

Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

Craig Campbell
Roger Schnell (alternate)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Edgar Blatchford
Bill Noll (alternate)

University of Alaska

Steve Smith

At large members:

Jason Ohler
Wanetta Ayers
Karl Kowlowski
Jeff Staser

Michael Burke
Kathy Boucha
Representative Joule (alternate)
H.A. "Red" Boucher (alternate)

Speaker Kott made the following appointments October 15, 2004, to the Railroad Planning, Platting, and Land Use Regulation Task Force pursuant to:

SENATE BILL NO. 395

"An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to extend its rail line to Fort Greely, Alaska, and relating to that extension; authorizing the corporation to issue bonds to finance the cost of the extension and necessary facilities and equipment; relating to the Railroad Planning, Platting, and Land Use Regulation Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 46, SLA 2004

Senate Appointee	Senator Green, Co-chair
House Appointee	Representative Dahlstrom, Co-chair
Alaska Railroad	Bruce Carr

Joint Appointees representing the following communities:

Fairbanks North Star Borough	Hank Bartos
City of Fairbanks	John Phillips
City of Nenana	Jason Mayrand
City of Houston	Dale Adams
City of North Pole	Jeff Jacobson
City of Wasilla	Mayor Dianne Keller
City of Palmer	Tom Healy
Municipality of Anchorage	Tom Nelson
Denali Borough	David Talerico
Kenai Peninsula Borough	Ron Long
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Tim Anderson
City of Whittier	Lester Lunceford
City of Seward	Rachel James

Speaker Kott made the following appointments December 22, 2004, to the Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice pursuant to:

SENATE BILL NO. 306

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 78, SLA 2004

Alaska State Medical Association	Alex Malter, MD
Alaska Pharmacist Association	Richard Holm
Alaska State Medical Board	Robert Breffeilh
Nurse Practitioner	Cathy Giessel, MS, FNP-CS
Dept. of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development	Rick Urion
Licensed Naturopath	Scott Luper, ND
Licensed Naturopath	Jason Harmon, ND
Senator	Senator Seekins
Representative	Representative McGuire

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Joint Session
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ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2005. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk