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### TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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#### Twelfth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 10:13 a.m.

Roll call showed 28 members present. Representatives Anderson, Chenault, Cissna, Croft, Gatto, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, and Rokeberg had been previously excused from a call of the House today.

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

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 Berkowitz - from today to 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 23, 2006

Representative Ramras - from today to 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 23, 2006

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend George Silides of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayerful reflection.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that You have done for us. We thank You for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, despite the temptations to be prideful and arrogant. For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends. For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve—for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which honor our promises. For the brave and courageous who have given us a model of patience in suffering and faithfulness in adversity. For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice. We thank You also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence upon wiser counsel. And while we take the lessons of such failures to the benefit of our humility, let them not affect our courage, or compromise our values, or the zeal with which we defend those least able to defend themselves. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Joule.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 10th and 11th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

##### **SB 87**

A message dated January 18, 2006, was read stating the Senate has concurred in the House amendment to SB 87, thus adopting:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 87(JUD)

"An Act relating to motor vehicle safety belt violations."

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****HJR 7**

The Finance Committee has considered:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7**

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to correct obsolete references to the office of secretary of state by substituting references to the office of lieutenant governor.

The report was signed by Representative Chenault, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Weyhrauch, Foster, Chenault

No recommendation (2): Joule, Hawker

Amend (1): Kerttula

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Office of the Governor

HJR 7 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**HB 93**

The Labor & Commerce Committee has considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 93**

"An Act relating to dentists and dental hygienists and the Board of Dental Examiners; establishing certain committees for the discipline and peer review of dentists; excluding the adjudicatory proceedings of the Board of Dental Examiners and its committees from the Administrative Procedure Act and from the jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93(L&C)  
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Anderson, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (1): Anderson

No recommendation (3): Lynn, Kott, LeDoux

Amend (2): Crawford, Guttenberg

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 93(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 93 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 175**

The Finance Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

"An Act relating to the creation of a civil legal services fund."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 175(JUD)  
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Chenault, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Kerttula, Joule, Hawker, Weyhrauch, Foster, Chenault

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 175(JUD):

3. Zero, Dept. of Law

4. Zero, Office of the Governor/Various Depts.

HB 175 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**SB 164**

The Rules Committee has considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(FIN)

"An Act relating to the salmon product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by amending an effective date in sec. 7, ch. 57, SLA 2003; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(RLS)  
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Rokeberg, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (1): Harris

No recommendation (5): Berkowitz, Coghill, McGuire, Guttenberg, Rokeberg

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 164(RLS):

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

CSSB 164(FIN) was returned to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Wally and Betts Johnson, on Their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary

By Senator Gary Stevens; Representative LeDoux

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

**HJR 28**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28 by Representative Coghill:

Affirming the right of the state to exercise its fundamental police powers in relation to the practice of dentistry and to condemn any effort by the government of the United States to usurp the state's rights.

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

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

**HB 330**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 by Representatives GARDNER, GARA, and GRUENBERG, and Elkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the local property tax and municipal assistance fund; authorizing municipalities to use money from tax equalization entitlements and from the revenue sharing for the safe communities program to decrease real property taxes; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 382**

HOUSE BILL NO. 382 by Representative Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to recorking, sealing, or packaging of wine served with a meal and removal of recorked, sealed, or packaged wine from licensed premises."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, & Tourism and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**HB 383**

HOUSE BILL NO. 383 by Representative Gara, entitled:

"An Act limiting motor vehicle dealer charges for fees and costs; relating to the disclosures required for certain motor vehicle transactions; and requiring consumers to be informed of finance charges paid to a motor vehicle dealer by a financing institution on the sale of a used motor vehicle."

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

**HB 384**

HOUSE BILL NO. 384 by Representative Anderson, entitled:

"An Act relating to fines and offenses; amending Rule 8(b), Alaska District Court Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 385**

HOUSE BILL NO. 385 by Representatives Kerttula and Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to forgiveness of portions of education loans for certain borrowers who are residents of the state."

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

**HB 386**

HOUSE BILL NO. 386 by Representative Kohring, entitled:

"An Act making uniform throughout the state the deadline for certain exploration expenditures used as credits against the production tax on oil and gas produced from a lease or property in the state by extending to July 1, 2010, the deadline for those expenditures on leases or properties located north of 68 degrees, 15 minutes, North latitude."

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

**HB 387**

HOUSE BILL NO. 387 by Representatives Croft and Thomas, entitled:

"An Act providing for a partial tuition waiver for families of members of the Alaska National Guard; and directing the executive director of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to seek additional funding to support tuition waivers."

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

**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 Harris - from noon, January 20 to 10:00 p.m., plane time, January 21, 2006

Representative Gara - from 7:00 p.m., January 20 to 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 23, 2006

Representative Holm - from 7:00 p.m., January 20 to 10:00 a.m., plane time, January 23, 2006

Representative Samuels - from noon, January 20 to 8:00 a.m., January 24, 2006



Representative Dahlstrom - from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., plane time,  
January 23, 2006

**HB 7**

Representative Salmon added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 7

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

**HB 208**

Representative Foster added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

"An Act authorizing the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to establish and maintain an Alaskan veterans' cemetery; and establishing the Alaska veterans' cemetery fund in the general fund."

**HB 273**

Representative Dahlstrom removed her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

"An Act relating to the dividends of individuals claiming allowable absences; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 312**

Representative Crawford added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

"An Act relating to pregnant women; requiring hospitals, schools, and alcohol licensees and permittees to distribute information about fetal alcohol effects and fetal alcohol syndrome; relating to the consumption of alcoholic beverages by and the sale or service of alcoholic beverages to a pregnant woman; requiring involuntary commitment of a pregnant woman who has consumed alcohol; creating a fund for the prevention and treatment of fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects; relating to fines and to the taking of permanent fund dividends for selling or serving alcoholic beverages to pregnant women; and increasing taxes on

sales of alcoholic beverages to fund treatment and education related to fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects."

**HB 314**

Representative Holm added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

"An Act relating to defense of self, other persons, and property."

**ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT****HR 11**

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:40 p.m., January 18, 2006:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to amending House Resolution 8 pertaining to the House Task Force on Alaska Gaming Policy.

**ENROLLMENT****HCR 13**

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:27 p.m., January 19, 2006:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13(RES)

Expressing the legislature's support for the construction of a natural gas spur pipeline between Fairbanks and the Nenana Basin and Southcentral Alaska, commending the interest and initiative of the sponsors of that project, and encouraging the appropriate state resource agencies to lend support to those efforts.

**HCR 18**

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:27 p.m., January 19, 2006:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18**

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 174, excluding certain trucks from the definition of "passenger vehicle" for purposes of the passenger vehicle rental tax.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., January 23, 2006. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk