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Twenty-ninth Day

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:07 a.m.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Harris turned the gavel over to President Ben Stevens who called the joint session to order at 9:08 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of Alaska.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Ben Stevens appointed Representative Olson and Senator Stedman to escort the Governor to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Governor's entrance into the House Chamber.

Governor Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Ben Stevens.

Governor Murkowski delivered his address and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 18.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Governor's speech.

Governor Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Olson and Senator Stedman.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Ben Stevens adjourned the joint session at 10:04 a.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 10:23 a.m.

Roll call showed 32 members present. Representatives Anderson, Dahlstrom, Kott, and McGuire were absent.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Rachel Cohen, House Page. Representative Gara moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

People use many different words for the higher power they believe or do not believe in. It is this diversity of paradigm which lends complexity and interest to the world we live in, but it also can make the job of the members of this Body difficult. We ask for guidance from whatever we may believe in and that it might also offer us peace and wisdom for both today and all days after this. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Gardner.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 27th and 28th legislative days of the Third Special Session be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following letter dated August 8, 2006, was received:

"Dear Speaker Harris:

Under the provisions of article III, section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am requesting the opportunity to address both the Senate and the House in a joint session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor"

HB 240

A message dated August 8, 2006, was read stating the Governor has signed the following bill August 6 and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 240(FIN)

"An Act relating to brewery and brewpub licensing and relating to sales of wine by a winery licensee."

Chapter No. 106, SLA 2006

Effective Date: November 4, 2006

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated August 8, 2006, was read stating the Senate has passed the following and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 3002**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 3002(NGD) by the Senate Special Committee on Natural Gas Development, entitled:

"An Act amending the time allowed under the Alaska Stranded Gas Development Act for the commissioner of revenue to summarize public comments, propose amendments, if any, and make findings and a determination; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to the call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 10:58 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:47 a.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**SB 3002**

The Finance Committee has considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 3002(NGD)

"An Act amending the time allowed under the Alaska Stranded Gas Development Act for the commissioner of revenue to summarize public comments, propose amendments, if any, and make findings and a determination; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Meyer and Chenault, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Hawker, Holm, Stoltze, Kelly, Meyer, Chenault

No recommendation (2): Weyhrauch, Kerttula

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

3. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

CSSB 3002(NGD) was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

In Memoriam - Susan Howlett Butcher
By Representative Guttenberg

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Susan Howlett Butcher, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that all members of the House be shown as cosponsors of the citation. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam – Susan Howlett Butcher

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 3005

The following, which passed the House, was engrossed and signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk (page 4349) was transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 3005(JUD) am H
"An Act relating to contempt of court and to temporary detention and identification of persons; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., August 10, 2006. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk