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**FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**November 15, 2006**

**Second Day**

The House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 3:26 p.m. Pursuant to Mason's Manual, Section 269(2), the House was in the second legislative day of the Fourth Special Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representative Gruenberg was absent.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Coghill. Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,  
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my  
redeemer.

*Psalms 19:14*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative McGuire.

Representative Berkowitz moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn sine die.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House adjourn sine die?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Adjourn Sine Die

**YEAS: 7 NAYS: 26 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 1**

Yea: Berkowitz, Crawford, Gara, Gardner, Guttenberg, Kapsner, Kerttula

Nay: Anderson, Chenault, Coghill, Dahlstrom, Foster, Gatto, Harris, Hawker, Holm, Kelly, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

Excused: Cissna, Croft, Elkins, Joule, Moses, Neuman

Absent: Gruenberg

And so, the motion failed.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following Governor's proclamation, dated October 27, 2006, was read:

"Under the authority of art. II, sec. 9, and art. III, sec. 17, of the Alaska Constitution, and in the public interest, I call the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Alaska into its fourth special session at Juneau, Alaska in the legislative chambers on November 13, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., to consider the subject of employment-related benefits for same-sex domestic partners of state employees and retirees under the state's retirement systems.

Done by,  
/s/  
Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor"

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated November 14, 2006, was read stating the Senate has passed the following and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SCR 401**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 401 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Relating to legislative powers over same-sex partner employment benefits and urging the courts to delay action until the legislature has sufficient time to act in the next regular session of the legislature.

was read the first time.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that SCR 401 be taken up as a Special Order of Business.

Representative Berkowitz objected.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker referred SCR 401 to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 4001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 4001 by the House Rules Committee, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the commissioner of administration from drafting, adopting, filing, or publishing regulations granting or

extending employment-related benefits for same-sex partners of unmarried state employees; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 4002**

HOUSE BILL NO. 4002 by the House Rules Committee, entitled:

"An Act authorizing an advisory vote on employment benefits for same-sex partners of public employees; and providing for an effective date."

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****HCR 30**

Pursuant to:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 30(FIN)  
Creating an Alaska Climate Impact Assessment Commission.

A message dated October 5, 2006, stated the Speaker and President had appointed the following to the commission:

Representative Samuels  
Representative Joule  
Senator Gary Stevens  
Senator Olson

Public Members

Bob Pawlowski - Climatology/Oceanography  
Lance Miller - Economics  
Stephanie Madsen - Land Management/Natural Resources  
Dennis Nottingham - Engineering, Construction, Maintenance  
Caleb Pungowiyi - Affected Communities  
Michael Hurley - Affected Resource Development Industries  
John Shively - Affected Tourism Industries

**SJR 19**

Pursuant to:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(FIN)  
Relating to creating the Task Force to Assess Public Reporting of  
Health Care Associated Infections.

A message dated October 5, 2006, stated the Speaker and President had appointed the following to the task force:

Representative Gatto  
Representative Wilson  
Senator Gary Stevens  
Senator Davis

**Public Members**

Jay Butler - Chief of Epidemiology  
Dr. Richard Neubauer - Urban Health Care Consumer  
Sandra Stark - Rural Health Care Consumer  
Dan Kashevaroff - Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium  
Linda Fink - Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association  
Kim Mynes-Spink - Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

The following meetings today have been changed as indicated:

Finance Committee  
CHANGED TO:

4:00 p.m.

Rules Committee

CANCELED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., November 16, 2006. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk