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Juneau, Alaska **Thursday** **January 27, 2005**

Eighteenth Day

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

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senators Cowdery and Guess were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bunde, Hoffman, Therriault were absent.

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

Loving God, We thank You for the friendships and mutual care within this chamber, and we pray that when there are tensions they can be resolved with increased mutual regard and respect. We ask Your blessing upon the senate staff and any senator facing medical concerns. Guide the deliberations within the committees and this body. Watch over the senators as they travel home and back, and keep a watchful eye over constituents as they come to Juneau. Amen.

Senator Green led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

The presence of Senator Bunde was noted.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska International Airport System
FY06 Construction Fund Spending Plan
from Mike Barton, Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
in accordance with AS 37.15.420

Annual Review of Assets, Financial Statements June 30, 2004
Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
from Ron Miller, Executive Director
in accordance with AS 44.88.205

2004 Annual Report
Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
from Ron Miller, Executive Director
in accordance with AS 44.88.210
available at: www.aidea.org

Annual Report of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
from Marc Antrim, Commissioner, Department of Corrections
in accordance with AS 33.36.110

Standing Committee Reports**SB 32**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 32 "An Act permitting grants to certain regulated public utilities for water quality enhancement projects and water supply and wastewater systems" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 32(RES) "An Act permitting grants to certain public utilities for water quality enhancement projects and water supply and wastewater systems."

Signing do pass: Senator Wagoner, Chair; Senators Dyson, Ben Stevens, Seekins. Signing do not pass: Senator Elton. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Environmental Conservation
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 51

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 51 "An Act relating to contracts for the provision of state public assistance to certain recipients in the state; providing for regional public assistance plans and programs in the state; relating to grants for Alaska Native family assistance programs; relating to assignment of child support by Alaska Native family assistance recipients; relating to paternity determinations and genetic testing involving recipients of assistance under Alaska Native family assistance programs; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Kookesh, Ellis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

SJR 2

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 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. Signing do pass: Senator Wagoner, Chair; Senators Ben Stevens, Stedman, Seekins, Dyson. Signing do not pass: Senator Elton.

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

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

Senator(s) Ellis, Guess, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Honoring – YWCA 2004 Women of Achievement Award Winner, Susan Churchill

Senator(s) Ellis, Guess, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Gordon Jensen

Senator(s) Stedman, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Wilson

In Memoriam – Joan Elva Corlis

Senator(s) Ellis, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Florence Orr

Senator(s) Ellis, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Ronald Wilson Reagan

Representative(s) Kohring, Gatto, Neuman, Stoltze

Senator(s) Green, Huggins, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Marguerite Mead

Representative(s) Meyer

Senator(s) Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Sadie Neakok

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Senator(s) Olson, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 2 through 4 and on February 8. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 31 to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from February 2 through plane time, February 4. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 31 to plane time. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to amend her previous excusal return date from plane time, February 3 to plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 31, 2005. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

January 2005

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 28	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 31	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 14	MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS		
Feb 02	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 04	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 77	AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		

FINANCE

Jan 27	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:30 AM
	-- Note Time Change --		
+	Department of Revenue: Role of ASPIB & Treasury Division Department of Administration: Tier Redesign Project Report		
Jan 28	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Continuation of Tier Redesign Project Report (if needed)		

FINANCE (continued)

Jan 31	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 01	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 02	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 03	Thursday -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Joint w/(H) Finance University of Alaska Presentation	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 04	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 28	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 31	Monday Presentation: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Portion of the No Child Left Behind School Accountability Act (NCLB), and the Reporting of Student Progress. Commissioner Roger Sampson and Les Morse of the Department of Education and Early Development.	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Jan 31	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 02	Wednesday + SB 60 EXTEND SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL += SB 22 MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR BIRTHING CENTERS	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 04	Friday + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JUDICIARY

Jan 27	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 01	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	Overview of the Department of Law		
	(Continued from 1/26/05 Meeting)		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	Overview of Therapeutic Courts		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 27	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 42	NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE TASK FORCE		
+ SB 2	LIEN REQUIREMENTS		
Feb 01	Tuesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 52	OCCUPATIONS/CORPORATIONS/BANKS/SECURITIES		
+ SB 25	GENETICALLY MODIFIED FISH		
Feb 03	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Jan 28	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 31	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
= SB 69	APPROP: GRANT TO ARCTIC POWER FOR ANWR		
	Overview - Division of Oil and Gas		
	Director Mark Myers		

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 02	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H) Resource		
	Alaska Mining Industry Overview		
	Work Session		
Feb 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 55	AGRICULTURAL LAND		
Feb 04	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 27	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 01	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 03	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
+	Overview: Department of Administration -		
	Hearings and Appeals		
+	Legislative Legal Services -		
	Review Process of Department Proposed		
	Regulations		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 27	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 01	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
SB 63	USE SEAT BELT ROAD SIGNS		
SB 40	KUSKOKWIM PORT AUTHORITY		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

CORRECTIONS

Feb 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 (For Corrections, Court System and H&SS)
 Mental Health Trust Authority
 Presentation
 (Teleconferencing available upon
 request with 24-hour notice)

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 (For Corrections, Court System and H&SS)
 Mental Health Trust Authority
 Presentation
 (Teleconferencing available upon
 request with 24-hour notice)

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 (For Corrections, Court System and H&SS)
 Mental Health Trust Authority
 Presentation
 (Teleconferencing available upon
 request with 24-hour notice)

JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

Feb 02 Wednesday Capitol 17 1:00 PM
 +
 Committee Orientation and Regulatory
 Process Overview

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Feb 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
 --Agenda to be Announced--

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Feb 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Alaska Children's Justice Act Task Force
 Reviewing Practice, Policy, and Laws on
 Child Abuse.

JOINT SESSION

Feb 23 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 State of the Judiciary
 Chief Justice Alexander O. Bryner

Feb 24 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Address by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens