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Wednesday

May 11, 2005

First Day

Pursuant to the May 9 Proclamation of the Governor calling for the convening of the First Special Session of the Twenty-Fourth Alaska Legislature (page 1493), and the May 11 Proclamation supplementing the call to Special Session (page 1606), the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 4:12 p.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Bunde was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Green was absent.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Green be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Green was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Olson. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father in heaven, as we gather together, we think of our families. We think of the friends and the people we're responsible for.

Lord, as we look at the issues we're dealing with, may our minds be built and set toward wisdom and good judgment. Lord, may our consciences be clear when things are over.

We pray for those people that are suffering now. We pray for Senator Seekins' grandson. We pray for Senator Bunde's wife. Watch over them and have a special effect on them, Lord. We pray that You continue to guide us, keep us safe, keep our families safe, Lord.

Thank You for the Spring, thank You for the sunshine,
thank You for the rain. Bless us now in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Senator Seekins led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the one hundred twentieth legislative day of the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Executive Supplemental Proclamation

Under the authority of art. II, sec. 9, and art. III, sec. 17, of the Alaska Constitution, and in the public interest, I am amending my May 9, 2005 proclamation calling the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Alaska into its first special session in Juneau, Alaska, on May 11, 2005, as follows:

I am supplementing the call with the addition of subjects germane to the titles of the following bills under consideration by the Senate and House of Representatives during the first regular session:

1. House Bill 130 - University land grant;
2. House Bill 147/Senate Bill 108 – insurance regulation;
3. Senate Bill 73 – state virology laboratory; and
4. House Bill 94 – elections, voters, political parties.

This proclamation supplements my proclamation of May 9, 2005.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2005.

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

Messages from the House**Recede Messages****HB 130**

Message dated May 11 was read, stating the House failed to concur in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 130(FIN) am and respectfully requests the Senate to recede from its amendment, namely:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
130(FIN) "An Act relating to the grant of certain state land to the University of Alaska; relating to the duties of the Board of Regents; establishing the university research forest; and providing for an effective date."

In the event the Senate fails to recede, the Speaker has appointed the following members to a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee from the Senate to consider the bills:

Representative Ramras, Chair
Representative Weyhrauch
Representative Salmon

Senator Gary Stevens moved that the Senate recede from its amendment and recommended the body vote no.

The question being: "Shall the Senate recede from its amendment?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 130(FIN)
Shall the Senate Recede from its Amendment
to CSHB 130(FIN) am? Effective Date

YEAS: 0 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Nays: Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Excused: Bunde, Green

and so, the Senate failed to recede.

The President appointed the following members to a Conference Committee to meet with the like committee from the House:

Senator Wagoner, Chair
Senator Wilken
Senator Ellis

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Unfinished Business

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from May 12 to 4:00 p.m., May 13. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 7:00 p.m., May 11 to 9:30 a.m., May 13. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, May 12 to evening plane time, May 14. Without objection, Senator French was excused.

Adjournment

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., May 12, 2005. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

May 2005

Announcements

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JOINT COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 1

May 12 Thursday Location Tba
 = HB 1 INCREASE AMT OF BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 130

May 12 Thursday Capitol 124 3:00 PM
 HB 130 UNIVERSITY LAND GRANT/STATE FOREST

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 66 & HB 67

May 11 Wednesday To Be Announced
 -- Location to be Announced --
 = HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 = HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS/BRF
 All open items.

May 12 Thursday Location Tba
 = HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 = HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS/BRF

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 130

May 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 7:00 PM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 -- Time Change --

= SB 130 WORKERS' COMPENSATION/ INSURANCE

May 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Time Change --

= SB 130 WORKERS' COMPENSATION/ INSURANCE

FREE CONF COMMITTEE ON SB 141

May 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 6:00 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed to 5/12/05 --
 -- Time Change --

= SB 141 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT/BOARDS

May 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 -- Time Change --

= SB 141 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREMENT/BOARDS

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

May 11 Wednesday House Finance 519 1:00 PM
 Committee Business
 Executive Session
 Panel Discussion with Federal Officials
 regarding Gas Pipeline Issues