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**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 10, 2006**

**Second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 6:53 p.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Guess, Seekins were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend George Silides of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection.

O God, the giver of all good gifts, we give You thanks for the gift of our intellects, our will and our passions. Direct those in seats of government the gifts also of charity and compromise in the exercise of their power, with a sharp eye and ear for the "better way" than that which alone they can discern.

Give us all the humility to realize there is far more that we do not know than what we do know, and that decisions we make today are always with partial knowledge, and so like all things, must yield to the better choices as we find them. Upon the staff of each of these elected servants pour Your blessing I pray; that away from the lights and reporting of this House, they may know the value of their work, and the thanks of those they serve.

Upon our governor we ask every blessing, especially a wise and discerning heart, that he may meet the charge laid upon him, offering true leadership for the benefit of all Alaskans, and while he serves, the support and guidance of all.

Amen.

Senator Cowdery led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the Northwest Arctic Borough (West Coast storm), dated October 24, 2005, with an accompanying letter was received. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

### **Communications**

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

2005 Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes  
from Division of Legal and Research Services  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
in accordance with AS 24.20.065(b)

Public Decisions Volume X, January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005  
from Herman G. Walker, Jr., Chair  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
in accordance with 24.60.170

Alaska Taxable 2005, Municipal Taxation - Rates and Policies, Full Value Determination, Population and G. O. Bonded Debt  
Volume XLV, January 2006  
from Steve Van Sant, State Assessor, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Pat Davidson, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Health and Social Services; Selected Management Issues, April 11, 2005

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development:

Board of Examiners in Optometry, Sunset Audit, September 27, 2005  
Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Sunset Audit, September 26, 2005  
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, Sunset Audit, September 17, 2005

### **Recess**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 6:56 p.m.

### **After Recess**

### **Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Harris called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:08 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear the State of the State address by the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without 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. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative Holm and Senator Wilken to escort Governor Frank H. Murkowski to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Gary Stambaugh, announced Governor Murkowski's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Taylor Vidic performed the Alaska Flag Song.

Governor Murkowski delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9.

Following his address, Governor Frank Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Wilken and Representative Holm.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 7:57 p.m.

#### **After Recess**

#### **In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

#### **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 11, 2006. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

January 2006

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Education Financing by DEED Commissioner Roger Sampson		
<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	-- Time Change --		
	Minutes		
	Audits		
	Review of DNR Commissioner's Preliminary Finding and Determination on Royalty Modification		
	Other Committee Business		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT COSTS TASK FORCE**

<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Task Force Meeting on School District Cost Factors		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	Address by Governor Frank H Murkowski State of the State Message		

<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	Address by Governor Frank H Murkowski State of the Budget Message		