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Tuesday

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Fifty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:07 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator Seekins was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Olson, Therriault were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Brian Ewing of the Calvary Fellowship. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Teach me, O Lord, to follow every one of Your principles. Give me understanding and I will obey Your law; I will put it into practice with all my heart. Make me walk along the path of Your commands, for that is where my happiness is found. Give me an eagerness for Your decrees; do not inflict me with love for money! Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through Your word. Reassure me of Your promise, which is for those who honor You. Help me abandon my shameful ways; Your laws are all I want in life. I long to obey Your commandments! Renew my life with Your goodness. (Psalm 119:33-40)

Thank You, Father, for each of these men and women gathered here today. We thank You for the Word of God. It is a reliable constant, an unchanging standard that we can live by.

Father, be a light in the darkness for us today. Forgive those who are here today and know what Your word says but have rejected it. Be merciful to them. Give them another day's breath and another opportunity to seek Your face.

Forgive us who know Your word and love it and yet at times contradict it in our lives. Enable us to truly represent You in our lives.

In the name of Jesus the Living Word I ask this.

Amen.

Senator Gary Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

SB 36

Message dated March 6 and received March 7 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 36
"An Act relating to absentee ballots."

Chapter 4, SLA 2006
Effective Date: 06/04/2006

Standing Committee Reports**SB 297**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 297 "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to certain educational organizations and to certain charitable organizations that provide a positive youth development program, workforce development, aid to the arts, or aid and services to the elderly, low-income individuals, individuals in emergency situations, disabled individuals, or individuals with mental illness; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 297(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair; Senators Huggins, Davis.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Elton, Wagoner.

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 109

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 109(FIN) "An Act relating to establishing a screening, tracking, and intervention program related to the hearing ability of newborns and infants; providing an exemption to licensure as an audiologist for certain persons performing hearing screening; relating to insurance coverage for newborn and infant hearing screening; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Dyson, Chair; Senator Elton. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wilken, Green, Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Health & Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 167

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 167(STA) am "An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without cost; and relating to a program to honor the memory of a deceased veteran" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 167(STA) "An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without cost; relating to a program to honor the memory of a deceased veteran; and providing for an effective date." (technical title change)

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair; Senators Davis, Huggins, Wagoner, Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Unfinished Business**SB 207**

The reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 207(FIN) "An Act relating to the membership on the board of directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation" was not taken up this legislative day and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 207**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 207(FIN) "An Act relating to the membership on the board of directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Enrollment**SB 236**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 236(FIN) "An Act relating to subsidiary corporations of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:14 a.m., March 7, 2006.

SB 260

SENATE BILL NO. 260 "An Act extending the date by which the Task Force on Workers' Compensation shall report its findings and the termination date of that task force; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:14 a.m., March 7, 2006.

Adjournment

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 9, 2006. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

March 2006

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 08 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 248 ADMINISTRATIVE BOROUGH/BOROUGH GRANTS/
Mar 10 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 07 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 232 APPROPS: ENERGY-RELATED, PIPELINE & MISC.
 += SB 264 FAST TRACK SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPS
 + SB 216 BAIL RESTRICTIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 243 TOBACCO REV. FOR UNIV. & CORR. FACILITIES
 <Bill Hearing Postponed>
 += SB 216 BAIL RESTRICTIONS
 + SB 265 BONDS OF BOND BANK AUTHORITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 09 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SJR 20 CONST. AM: BENEFITS & MARRIAGE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 + Joint w/(S) Transportation
 Discussion Regarding Federal Transportation Funding
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled-Energy Council

Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled-Energy Council

JUDICIARY

Mar 07 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
+= SB 206 DETENTION OF MATERIAL WITNESSES
+= SB 222 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
+= HB 92 UNIV. OF ALASKA & NONPROFIT CORP STOCK
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 09 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
+ Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar:
William A. Granger
= HB 318 LIMITATION ON EMINENT DOMAIN
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
Meeting will be held if necessary.
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 07 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
Meeting Time Delayed to 2:30 P.M.
+= SB 306 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND & TAXES
+= SB 272 MORTGAGE LENDING
+= HB 274 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Including But Not Limited to:

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 09 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 307 LANDLORD REMEDIES; LATE FEE
 + HB 393 INSURANCE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Alcohol Beverage Control Board -
 Billy G. Andrews and Gail M. Niemi
 State Board of Registration for
 Architects, Engineers & Land Surveyors -
 Charles A. Leet
 Board of Veterinary Examiners -
 Steve Torrence
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including But Not Limited to:

RESOURCES

Mar 07 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Mar 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Mar 09 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Mar 11 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 07 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

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STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Mar 09	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
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TRANSPORTATION

Mar 07	Tuesday -- Location Change -- Joint w/(H) Transportation Presentation by DOT/PF: Alaska Marine Highway System	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
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Mar 09 +	Thursday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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Mar 10	Friday -- Location and Time Change -- Joint w/(S) Finance Discussion Regarding Federal Transportation Funding	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 07	Tuesday Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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Mar 14	Tuesday Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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Mar 21	Tuesday Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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Mar 28	Tuesday Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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Apr 04	Tuesday Budget Closeout	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
--Meeting Canceled--
FY07 Operating Budget
Topic: Title I School Improvement Sites
(Level 2 and above)
Other Education Issues

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 09 Thursday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
Agency Overview Follow-up

FISH & GAME

Mar 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
"Funding Fish & Game Management: A Wise
Investment in Alaska's Future"
Presentation by Commissioner McKie
Campbell

LAW

Mar 09 Thursday Senate Finance 532 2:30 PM
-- Time Change --
Budget Overview: Dept of Law

Mar 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
Budget Detail

Mar 23 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
Budget Detail

Mar 30 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
Budget Closeout

REVENUE

Mar 09 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue

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REVENUE (continued)

Mar 16	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 23	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 30	Thursday Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mar 07	Tuesday Presentation - AK Aviation Safety Project Address by Major General Craig Campbell, Mr. Jim Harpring, and Mr. Frank McQueary	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
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OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Mar 22	Wednesday Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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