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Friday

March 17, 2006

Sixty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:13 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Hoffman, Kookesh were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Cowdery was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, David Dierdorff of the Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Please join me in reverence. Spirit of life and love, God of many names, on this 17th day of March, a day so important to the Irish of the world, we give thanks for the many contributions to our nation and our state by those of Irish descent. We also give thanks for one of the little known contributions of the man we remember as St. Patrick – the fact that the monasteries started by him in England and Ireland became important repositories of learning during the Dark Ages centuries later.

As the men and women of the Alaska Senate make their important decisions over the next several weeks, let them be mindful of the lesson of St. Patrick's life work – what we do today may have consequences tomorrow, next week, next year, or hundreds of years from now. We can not know the future, but we can affect the future by our actions today.

Spirit of life, may your presence within each of us guide the
leaders of our state to actions that will serve our future well.
So be it. Amen.

Senator Davis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

HB 217

Message dated and received March 17 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:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 217(FIN) "An Act relating to the determination of full and true value of taxable municipal property for purposes of providing planning assistance to the Department of Education and Early Development and the legislature, calculating funding for education, calculating school district participating shares for school construction grants, and calculating tax resource equalization payments and excluding from that determination the value of property in certain areas detached from a municipality and the value of certain property involved with oil and gas that is not taxed by a municipality."

Chapter 5, SLA 2006
Effective Date: 06/14/2006

SB 260

Message dated and received March 17 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:

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."

Chapter 6, SLA 2006
Effective Date: 03/17/2006

SB 236

Message dated and received March 17 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:

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."

Chapter 7, SLA 2006
Effective Date: 07/01/2006

Communications

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

2006 Automobile Insurance Guide
from Linda S. Hall, Director, Division of Insurance
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
in accordance with AS 21.06.115

2005 Time-to-Disposition Reports: Volumes 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6
from Stephanie Cole, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

Alaska Court System Travel for Justices, Judges, and Magistrates & Affidavit Information 2005
from Stephanie Cole, Administrative Director
in accordance with AS 22.20.310 (4) and (6)

Standing Committee Reports**SB 216**

A corrected fiscal note for CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 216(JUD) "An Act relating to bail and unlawful evasion; and providing for an effective date" was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1 (corrected), zero, Department of Corrections

SB 235

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 235 "An Act relating to a public school performance incentive program; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Wilken, Green, Cochairs; Senators Bunde, Dyson, Stedman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 273

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 273 "An Act relating to a motor vehicle dealer's selling or offering to sell motor vehicles as new or current models or as new or current model motor vehicles having manufacturer's warranties." Signing do pass: Senator Bunde, Chair; Senators Davis, Ellis, Seekins, Ben Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 304

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 304 "An Act relating to the privileges of airport parking shuttles and to fees or charges imposed on a person who is not a lessee or holder of a privilege to use the property or a facility of an airport." Signing do pass: Senators Wilken, Green, Cochairs; Senators Bunde, Olson, Dyson, Stedman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 308

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 308 "An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue revenue bonds to finance rail transportation projects that qualify for federal financial participation; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Huggins, Chair; Senators Cowdery, French, Therriault.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

The presence of Senator Cowdery was noted.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 251

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(RES) "An Act authorizing the Board of Fisheries to adopt regulations regarding fishing by a person who holds two entry permits for a salmon fishery" was read the second time.

Senator Wagoner, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2034. Senator Ellis objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(RES) was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(RES) will be on the March 20 calendar.

Citations

In Memoriam – Harry William Brouillette

Representative(s) Thomas

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

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

Unfinished Business

HB 489

President Stevens made the following committee referral change to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 489(RLS) "An Act relating to the treatment of charity events by the Alaska Public Offices Commission and under the law governing legislative ethics; and providing for an effective date." He replaced the Rules Committee referral with a State Affairs Committee referral.

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Announcements

HB 489

Senator Therriault, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 489(RLS) "An Act relating to the treatment of charity events by the Alaska Public Offices Commission and under the law governing legislative ethics; and providing for an effective date" for a State Affairs Committee meeting on March 21 at 3:30 p.m. Senator Ellis objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, it was so ordered.

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., March 20, 2006. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:37 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 17	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 20	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 22	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 248	ADMINISTRATIVE BOROUGH/BOROUGH GRANTS/		
Mar 24	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 17	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 235	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE BONUSES		
+ SB 304	AIRPORT PARKING SHUTTLES/AIRPORT CHARGES		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 20	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 206	DETENTION OF MATERIAL WITNESSES		
+ SB 289	INSURANCE		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 21	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 261	REGULATION OF HWYS; TRAFFIC OFFENSES		
+ SB 271	AUTHORIZE HWY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION		
+ SB 308	ALASKA RAILROAD REVENUE BONDS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 23 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 222 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
+ SB 284 SENTENCING FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES
+ HB 274 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 24 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
<Pending Referral>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM
+= SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
<Pending Referral>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 17 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 20 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Confirmation Hearings:
Board of Marital & Family Therapy
State Medical Board
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
Board of Nursing
Board of Examiners in Optometry
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board
Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Board of Dental Examiners
Board of Psychologists and Psychological
Associate Examiners
Board of Social Work Examiners

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 24 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 17 Friday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 20 Monday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 += HB 318 LIMITATION ON EMINENT DOMAIN
 + SB 189 REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE/I.D.

Mar 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 + HB 379 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, INCL. ANALOGS
 + HB 408 DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
 <Pending Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 + HB 272 CARD ROOMS & OPERATIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 24 Friday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Location Change --
 + Industry Net Return to General Fund -
 Presentation by Department of Commerce,
 Community, and Economic Development and
 Department of Revenue
 <Teleconference Listen Only>
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including But Not Limited to:

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 23 Thursday Senate Finance 532 2:30 PM
 -- Location and Time Change --
 + Premera Blue Cross: Overview of State
 Insurance Contract Award Process
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Including But Not Limited to:

RESOURCES

Mar 17 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Administration Comments on Draft
 Committee Substitute

Mar 18 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Major Producers Comments on Draft
 Committee Substitute

Mar 19 Sunday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Stakeholders: Explorers & Independents
 Comments on Draft Committee Substitute

Mar 20 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX

Mar 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 305 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 24 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 HB 489 APOC/LEG ETHICS EXEMPTION: CHARITY EVENTS
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived

Mar 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 SCR 21 VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL:MOVING WALL
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 17 Friday Butrovich 205 7:30 AM
 + FY07 Operating Budget

Mar 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled to 03/23/06 --
 + FY07 Operating Budget

Mar 23 Thursday Beltz 211 7:30 AM
 + FY07 Operating Budget

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 21 Tuesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 Budget Detail

Mar 28 Tuesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 Budget Detail

Apr 04 Tuesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 Budget Closeout

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CORRECTIONS

Mar 28	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:30 PM
	Closeout		

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 28	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	Closeout		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 22	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	4:30 PM
	FY07 Operating Budget Continued Discussion		

FISH & GAME

Mar 22	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	FY 07 Budget Closeout		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 23	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	Budget Review		

Mar 30	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:30 PM
	Closeout		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 23	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	FY 07 Budget Closeout		

LAW

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 FY 07 Budget Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + FY07 Operating Budget

REVENUE

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

Mar 30 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Budget Closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 21 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
 Budget Review

Mar 30 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
 Closeout

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 FY 07 Operating Budget Detail

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OVERSIGHT**

Mar 20 Monday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 + Presentations by: National Center for Public Policy and
 Higher Education, National Center on Higher Education
 Managements Systems

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COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OVERSIGHT (continued)

Mar 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
+ Presentations by:
National Center for Public Policy and
Higher Education
Western Interstate Commission on Higher
Education

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 29 Wednesday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
Minutes
Audit Requests
Executive Session -
Preliminary and Final Audits
Other Business

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 23 Thursday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
Fairbanks Office Space RFP
Lease Renewals
Late Per Diem Request
Ombudsman FY07 Budget Request
Anchorage Office Space Lease

Mar 30 Thursday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
FY05 Legislature Audit
Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission
Capitol Security

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

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