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Twelfth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 11:08 a.m.

Roll call showed 35 members present. Representative Hawker had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Wilson was absent and her presence was noted later. Representative Buch was absent.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Foster be excused from a call of the House from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the duration of the Second Special Session (amended from page 1550). There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Thomas be excused from a call of the House until noon, today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Ramras be excused from a call of the House from 11:30 a.m., today to evening plane time, November 14. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Sue Bahleda of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With respect to the wideness of voices, beliefs, and practices that call out to a presence and a power beyond themselves, I offer the following prayer:

Holy One, thank you for these public servants before you, for giving them hearts to serve. Bless them. Direct their thoughts, their words, and their actions, that they may be a blessing. Grant them a spirit of openness, that they may find ways of peace and justice in the midst of turmoil. Help them, guide them, and comfort them. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kerttula.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first through eleventh legislative days of the Second Special Session and House Journal Supplement No. 3 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 8 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 2001

The House Special Committee on Oil & Gas considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2001

"An Act relating to the production tax on oil and gas and to conservation surcharges on oil; relating to the issuance of advisory bulletins and the disclosure of certain information relating to the production tax and the sharing between agencies of certain information relating to the production tax and to oil and gas or gas only leases; amending the State Personnel Act to place in the exempt service certain state oil and gas auditors and their immediate supervisors; establishing an oil and gas tax credit fund and authorizing payment from that fund; providing for retroactive application of certain statutory and regulatory provisions relating to the production tax on oil and gas and conservation surcharges on oil; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2001(O&G)

"An Act relating to the production tax on oil and gas and to conservation surcharges on oil; providing a limit on the amount of tax that may be levied on the production of certain gas that is produced outside of the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin and south of 68 degrees North latitude; relating to the sharing between agencies of certain information relating to the production tax and to oil and gas or gas only leases; expanding the period in which the Department of Revenue may assess the amount of oil and gas production tax and conservation surcharges; amending the State Personnel Act to place in the exempt service certain state oil and gas auditors and their immediate supervisors; providing for retroactive application of certain statutory and regulatory provisions relating to the production tax on oil and gas and conservation surcharges on oil; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Olson, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Samuels, Neuman, Ramras, Olson

No recommendation (1): Doogan

Amend (2): Kawasaki, Dahlstrom

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 2001(O&G):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 2001 was referred to the Resources Committee.

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**The presence of Representative Wilson was noted.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HCR 202

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 202 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force:

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to standing committees.

was read the first time and taken up later as a Special Order of Business.

The Rules Committee submitted the following fiscal note:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Doogan - from 6:00 a.m., November 17 to morning plane time, December 11

Representative Foster - from 8:00 a.m., October 30 to 12:00 a.m., November 1

Representative Gatto - from noon, November 16 to afternoon plane time, November 17; and from 6:00 a.m., November 27 to 2:00 p.m., November 30

Representative Holmes - from 12:00 a.m., November 23 to evening plane time, December 9

Representative Neuman - from 5:00 p.m., today to morning plane time, November 12

Representative Olson - from 8:00 a.m., October 30 to afternoon plane time, November 2

Representative Roses - from 5:00 p.m., November 23 to evening plane time, December 7; and from 5:00 p.m., December 21 to morning plane time, January 6

Representative Samuels - from 5:00 p.m., October 29 to morning plane time, November 1

Representative Thomas - from 8:00 a.m., October 31 to noon, November 5

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

HCR 202

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be taken up as a Special Order of Business:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 202

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to standing committees.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**The presence of Representative Thomas, who was excused (page 1573), was noted.

**Representative Ramras, who was excused (page 1573), left the Chamber.

The question being: "Shall HCR 202 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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HCR 202

Special Order of Business

YEAS: 33 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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Yeas: Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson

Nays: Coghill, Keller, Kelly

Excused: Foster, Hawker, Ramras

Absent: Buch

#AKH00345 END

And so, HCR 202 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 41

Representative LeDoux added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

"An Act returning certain duties regarding habitat management from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Fish and Game; and providing for an effective date."

HB 87

Pursuant to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 87(FIN) am

"An Act relating to the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

The Speaker made the following appointments to the Commission:

Representative Keller
McKie Campbell
Rick Schikora

ENGROSSMENT

HCR 202

HCR 202 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., October 31, 2007, for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk