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Juneau, Alaska Monday January 28, 2008

Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 35 members present. Representative Foster had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Chenault was absent and his presence was noted later.

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 Kerttula – from today to 8:00 a.m., January 29

Representative Lynn – from today to 8:00 a.m., January 29

Representative Gruenberg – from today to morning plane time, February 4 (amended from page 1795)

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Kenneth Torquil MacLean of the Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Out of the diversity of our backgrounds and traditions, let us gather in a spirit of prayer.

Eternal God, may our prayers begin and end with gratitude: thankfulness for the abundance and beauty of our native land, appreciation for the men and women who have labored and struggled to build the institutions of a government defined by human dignity, equality, and justice.

We give thanks for the power vested in this body to respond to human need, to protect the general welfare, and to preserve the blessings we have inherited. May its deliberations and decisions be remembered for its wisdom, compassion, and forbearance. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Crawford.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 11th, 12th, and 13th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities Alaska Marine Highway System Fund Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year 2007 January 4, 2008 (as required by AS 19.65.070)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 321

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 321

"An Act relating to the salmon product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by amending an effective date in

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sec. 7, ch. 57, SLA 2003, as amended by sec. 4, ch. 3, SLA 2006; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 321(FSH) (same title)

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

Do pass (4): Wilson, Johansen, Edgmon, Seaton

No recommendation (2): LeDoux, Holmes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 321(FSH):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 321 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring – Julie Cain-Hill, Outstanding Teacher and Alaskan By Representative LeDoux; Senator Stevens

Honoring – Dottie Pinkney By Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Beth Scheen By Representative Guttenberg; Senator Thomas

In Memoriam – LCDR Robin Royce Starrett, USCG (Ret) By Representative LeDoux; Senator Stevens

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INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 18

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 by Representatives Gardner, Kawasaki, and LeDoux:

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

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Rules Committees.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 342

HOUSE BILL NO. 342 by Representatives Kawasaki, Crawford, Doogan, Doll, Gara, and Gardner, entitled:

"An Act relating to open meetings guidelines for legislative bodies; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Rules Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 25

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Urging the United States Congress to support the freedom to choose unions.

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The Rules Committee submitted the following updated fiscal note:

2. Zero, House Rules Committee

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Coghill:

Page 2, lines 11 - 14: Delete all material.

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative Crawford objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 25

Second Reading Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 22 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Coghill, Fairclough, Gatto, Hawker, Johansen, Johnson, Meyer, Neuman, Ramras, Roses, Samuels, Thomas, Wilson

Nays: Buch, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Gara, Gardner, Guttenberg, Harris, Holmes, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, LeDoux, Nelson, Olson, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze

Excused: Foster, Gruenberg, Kerttula, Lynn

Absent: Chenault

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 25 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 25 was read the third time.

**The presence of Representative Chenault was noted.

The question being: "Shall HJR 25 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 25 Third Reading Final Passage

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Buch, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Gara, Gardner, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holmes, Joule, Kawasaki, LeDoux, Nelson, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas

Nays: Chenault, Coghill, Fairclough, Gatto, Johansen, Johnson, Keller, Kelly, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Samuels, Stoltze, Wilson

Excused: Foster, Gruenberg, Kerttula, Lynn

And so, HJR 25 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring – Matanuska-Susitna College, Fiftieth Anniversary By Representatives Gatto, Keller, Stoltze, Neuman, Harris, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Gara, Gardner, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HCR 15

Representatives Ramras, Dahlstrom, and Samuels added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Urging the governor to direct the attorney general to file an amicus curiae brief with the United States Supreme Court in the case of Parker v. District of Columbia, supporting the individual right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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Representatives Gara, LeDoux, Gardner, Crawford, and Holmes added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Urging the United States Congress to support the freedom to choose unions.

HB 273

Representative Thomas added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

"An Act relating to school funding, the base student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for intensive services and average daily membership calculations; and providing for an effective date."

HB 287

Representative Buch added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 287

"An Act relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments."

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HB 303

Representative Wilson added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

"An Act relating to marine products and motorized recreational products; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

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HJR 25 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., January 30, 2008. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Suzi Lowell Chief Clerk