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Fifteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 9:07 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Keller. Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

As a matter of faith I humbly acknowledge you as God and maker of the universe. I invite you to work in our minds, bodies, and spirits to enable us to represent the people of Alaska in a way that brings pleasure and honor to you.

I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Gatto.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 14th legislative day of the Fourth Special Session be approved as certified by the Assistant Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease until 10:00 a.m.; and so, the House stood at ease at 9:24 a.m.

AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:43 p.m.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Nelson be excused from a call of the House until 1:30 p.m., today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

RECONSIDERATION

HB 3001

Representative Samuels brought up reconsideration of the vote on HB 3001 (page 3250).

The following was again before the House in third reading:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3001

"An Act approving issuance of a license by the commissioner of revenue and the commissioner of natural resources to TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., jointly as licensee, under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Kerttula placed a call of the House.

The Speaker stated the call was satisfied.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall HB 3001 pass the House?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 3001--RECONSIDERATION

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 23 NAYS: 16 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Holmes, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Meyer, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas

Nays: Chenault, Dahlstrom, Fairclough, Foster, Harris, Hawker, Johansen, Johnson, LeDoux, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Samuels, Stoltze, Wilson

Excused: Nelson

And so, HB 3001 passed the House on reconsideration.

Representative Samuels moved the effective date clause.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 3001--RECONSIDERATION

Third Reading

Effective Date

YEAS: 25 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Holmes, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Meyer, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson

Nays: Chenault, Dahlstrom, Fairclough, Foster, Harris, Hawker, Johansen, Johnson, LeDoux, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Samuels

Excused: Nelson

And so, lacking the necessary 27 votes, the effective date clause was not adopted, and the new title follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3001(efd fld)

"An Act approving issuance of a license by the commissioner of revenue and the commissioner of natural resources to TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., jointly as licensee, under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act."

The following letter of intent for HB 3001 was offered by Representatives Samuels, LeDoux, Gara, Holmes, Kerttula, Kelly, Crawford, Gatto, Lynn, Buch, Seaton, Gardner, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Harris, Hawker, Doll, Johnson, Salmon, Meyer, Edgmon, and Cissna:

"The purpose of the award of an exclusive license to TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC and Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. (hereafter referred to as TransCanada) is to expedite bringing North Slope gas to market. To meet the Alaska Constitution's mandate to develop Alaska's resources for the maximum benefit to Alaskans, it is the intent of the legislature that the executive branch continues to aid project proposals in addition to just a TransCanada pipeline into Canada. It is the intent of the legislature that an AGIA license will enable and encourage an All Alaska gas line/liquefied natural gas (LNG) project within the TransCanada project.

Recognizing that high energy prices have resulted in an energy crisis in communities throughout the state, it is the intent of the legislature that an award of an exclusive license to TransCanada not interfere with the rapid delivery of North Slope gas to Alaskan markets. The legislature urges the construction of a project that would facilitate delivery of in-state gas by way of a project built as part of a TransCanada project.

To prepare for an open season that includes an All Alaska gas line/LNG project in conjunction with the TransCanada project into Canada, it is the intent of the legislature that such project receives the assistance of the executive branch and be granted expedited review and action by state agencies.

Nothing in this letter of intent is intended to alter the obligations of the parties under the law, and nothing in this letter is intended to encourage the violation of these obligations."

Representative Samuels moved the letter of intent.

The question being: "Shall the House adopted the letter of intent?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 3001(efd fld)--RECONSIDERATION

Third Reading

House Letter of Intent

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Nelson

And so, the House letter of intent was adopted.

HB 3001(efd fld) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease until 2:30 p.m.; and so, the House stood at ease at 1:01 p.m.

AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 4:47 p.m.

**The presence of Representative Nelson, who was excused (page 3260), was noted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 4002

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4002

"An Act establishing the Alaska resource rebate program and relating to the program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(CRA)

"An Act relating to Alaska resource rebates, and increasing the amount of the 2008 permanent fund dividend by the amount of the rebate; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives LeDoux and Fairclough, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (2): Salmon, Olson

Do not pass (1): Neuman

No recommendation (3): Dahlstrom, LeDoux, Fairclough

Amend (1): Cissna

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 4002(CRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 4002 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 4003

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4003

"An Act making supplemental appropriations to the Alaska Energy Authority for power cost equalization; making special appropriations to the Department of Revenue and to the Department of Health and Social Services for the Alaska resource rebate program; making a special appropriation to the Department of Revenue for the payment of certain shared taxes relating to aviation fuel; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4003(CRA)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives LeDoux and Fairclough, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (2): Salmon, LeDoux

Do not pass (1): Neuman

No recommendation (1): Olson

Amend (2): Cissna, Fairclough

HB 4003 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 4004

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4004

"An Act suspending the motor fuel tax; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4004(L&C)
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Gatto, Neuman

Do not pass (2): Gardner, Buch

No recommendation (2): Ramras, Olson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 4004(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 4004 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring – *USS Juneau*

By Representatives Kerttula, Doll; Senator Elton

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

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 – Service High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team, 2008 State Champions

By Representatives Meyer, Harris, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson

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 Buch – from evening plane time, July 24 to morning plane time, July 28

Representative Cissna – from afternoon plane time, July 25 to evening plane time, July 28

Representative Coghill – from afternoon plane time, July 24 to evening plane time, July 27

Representative Crawford – from afternoon plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 27

Representative Dahlstrom – from evening plane time, July 23 to morning plane time, July 28

Representative Doogan – from evening plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 27

Representative Gardner – from morning plane time, July 28 to evening plane time, July 29

Representative Guttenberg – from evening plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 28

Representative Fairclough – from morning plane time, July 25 to morning plane time, July 29

Representative Holmes – from afternoon plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 28

Representative Johansen – from 10:00 a.m., July 25 to 10:00 p.m., July 27

Representative Johnson – from evening plane time, July 23 to morning plane time, July 29

Representative Kawasaki – from evening plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 28

Representative Keller – from evening plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 27

Representative Neuman – from evening plane time, July 23 to morning plane time, July 29

Representative Ramras – from afternoon plane time, July 24 to evening plane time, July 27

Representative Salmon – from morning plane time, July 24 to evening plane time, July 28

Representative Seaton – from evening plane time, July 23 to evening plane time, July 28

Representative Wilson – from morning plane time, July 24 to evening plane time, July 28

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring – *USS Juneau*, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

Honoring – *USS Juneau*

By Representatives Kerttula, Doll, Harris, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson; Senator Elton

ENGROSSMENT

HB 3001

HB 3001(efd fld) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and transmitted with a House letter of intent to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 8:45 a.m., July 24, 2008, for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Tisha Gieser
Assistant Chief Clerk