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Friday

August 1, 2008

Twenty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 12:40 p.m.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives Fairclough and LeDoux had been excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Gara and Nelson were absent and their presence was noted later. Representative Kelly was absent.

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 Ramras – from today to evening plane time, tonight

Representative Joule – today

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

Heavenly Father, Creator of us all, Maker of everyone and everything:

You have done so much for us that our thanks cannot be sufficient, and yet we ask that you continue to remain in the

lives of all present here, to watch over us both individually and jointly, to watch over our families as well as all the people who live in this great place.

We are honored to be among the most blessed in this great state: to be here today among the ones whose decisions will most unquestionably reach across the towns and villages; transverse the seemingly endless tundra; travel our lakes too numerous to count and our great river systems, the highways of communication and commerce; and continue across the forests and mountain ranges where even the most casual glance reveals untold strength. Even our smallest bays and untraveled places give both humility to the soul and opportunity to the body. These great creations you have made and given to us for our care and our use are both a blessing and a burden. For we here are destined to make choices; in fact, it is our solemn obligation and the very reason we are gathered today, and it is both momentous for us and at the same time central to our state's future.

We ask that you place your hands on each of our shoulders to watch over us and grant us the direction and guidance we long for, and let us not fail to thank you for allowing us the privilege of service. Thank you.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Edgmon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 15th through 23rd legislative days of the Fourth Special Session be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Hannah Solomon
By Representative Salmon; Senator Kookesh

Honoring – Emilie Pechuzal
By Senator Huggins; Representative Neuman

Honoring – Rodney "Rod" Priebe
By Senator Huggins; Representative Neuman

Honoring – Dallas Massie
By Senator Huggins; Representative Stoltze

In Memoriam – Thomas E. Middleton
By Representative Lynn

In Memoriam – Douglas Smith
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam – Carlton "Wendell" McDowell
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam – William Henry Devon
By Senator Huggins; Representative Neuman

In Memoriam – Michael Lawrence Zagars, Sr.
By Senator Huggins

**The presence of Representatives Nelson and Gara was noted.

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 Chenault – from 6:00 a.m., August 8 to evening plane time, December 31

Representative Doogan – from 6:00 a.m., November 24 to morning plane time, December 16

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Representative Hawker – from midnight, August 7 to 8:00 a.m.,
January 20, 2009

Representative Johansen – from 8:00 a.m., November 14 to
10:00 p.m., November 23

Representative Johnson - from 6:00 a.m., August 8 to midnight,
December 31

Representative Olson – from 6:00 a.m., August 8 to evening plane
time, December 31

Representative Samuels – from 6:00 a.m., August 8 to evening plane
time, December 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the
House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., August 2, 2008. There being no
objection, the House adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk