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Wednesday

January 17, 2007

Second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 6:41 p.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Ellis, Hoffman, Therriault were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, David Dierdorff of the Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread (see page 39). Without objection, it was so ordered.

Spirit of life and love, God of many names, thou who art the vital center of our lives.

Help us to look to the past with gratitude and to the future with hope. We remember this day those who have gone before us, who labored not for themselves alone but with a vision of building for the future a state and world better than they had known. Inspire in us also a like vision, that we too may labor for things beyond ourselves, that our lives may be dedicated to high purposes and grand horizons. Make us unafraid of hopes and dreams; release us from cynicism and despair.

Teach us to be realistic about our limitations but never to lose hope in our potential to transcend them. Help us realize the significance of these moments together, that they may open our eyes to the blessings of the past and the promise of the future.

Grant us courage for today and tomorrow.

So be it.

Amen.

Senator Huggins led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Message dated November 29, 2006 regarding the Kivalina Sea Wall (2006 Southern Storm Disaster) was received. The message, enclosed Administrative Order No. 231 and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Message dated November 29, 2006 regarding an updated financial plan for the 2006 Hooper Bay Fire Disaster was received. The message, enclosed financial plan, other correspondence and summary had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Messages from the House

Messages dated January 17 were read, stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22 for the purpose of hearing Senator Murkowski's annual message to the Legislature.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The presence of Senator Hoffman was noted.

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Dana Fabe's annual State of the Judiciary message to the Legislature.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Communications

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

68th Annual Report, Calendar Year 2005 – Fiscal Year 2006
from Linda S. Hall, Director, Division of Insurance
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
in accordance with AS 21.06.110

Louisiana State, 2006 Second Extraordinary Session
House Concurrent Resolution No. 33 (preserve the right to
acknowledge God to the states and to the people)
from Alfred W. Speer, Clerk of the House of Representatives

The presence of Senator Therriault was noted.

2006 Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
from Division of Legal and Research Services
Legislative Affairs Agency
in accordance with AS 24.20.065(b)

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Pat Davidson, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Public Safety, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,
Sunset Review, August 31, 2006

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
Board of Marine Pilots, Sunset Review, October 13, 2006

Department of Health and Social Services, Kenai Peninsula
Community Care Center Selected Operational Issues
October 13, 2006

Department of Administration, Professional Services Procurement
Process, October 17, 2006

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Sunset Review, October 20, 2006

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
State Medical Board, Sunset Review, October 3, 2006

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 56

SENATE BILL NO. 56 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to security deposits, prepaid rent,
and interest in landlord-tenant transactions."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce,
Judiciary and State Affairs Committees.

Unfinished Business

Citations

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring – Ron Duncan, Junior Achievement Alaska Business Hall of Fame

Senators McGuire, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

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

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered (see page 35).

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 18 to morning plane time, January 22. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, January 19 to noon, January 20. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

The presence of Senator Ellis was noted.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, January 18 to evening plane time, January 21. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from January 19 to plane time, January 20. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from January 25 through January 27. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, January 19 to morning plane time, January 21. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 6:50 p.m.

After Recess

Joint Session in the House

Speaker Harris called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Green, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:02 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Green appointed Senator Therriault and Representative Stoltze to escort Governor Sarah Palin to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Gary Stambaugh, announced Governor Palin's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Sarah Palin was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Green.

Governor Palin delivered her address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 1.

Governor Sarah Palin received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Representative Stoltze and Senator Therriault.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Green adjourned the Joint Session at 7:38 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Engrossment and Enrollment

SR 1

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Education, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 12:02 p.m., January 17, 2007.

SR 2

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 12:02 p.m., January 17, 2007.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., January 19, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Jan 23	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Jan 25	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM

FINANCE

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Jan 22	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 24	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 26	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JUDICIARY

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	1:30 PM

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
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RESOURCES

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
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TRANSPORTATION

Jan 18	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			

JOINT COMMITTEES

AK CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION

Jan 24	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+	Invited Testimony 8:00 am to 5:00 pm		
+	Public Testimony 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm		

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 18	Thursday	Terry Miller Gym	9:00 AM
Legislator Ethics Workshop			
9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Lunch break at noon)			
"Ethical Dimensions of Political			
Leadership" by Michael Josephson,			
Josephson Institute of Ethics			

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Jan 17	Wednesday	House Chamber	7:00 PM
Annual State of the State and State of			
the Budget Address by the Honorable			
Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska			
Feb 22	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Address by the Honorable			
Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator			
Feb 28	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Chief Justice Dana Fabe's			
Annual State of the Judiciary Message			