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Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:06 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Kookesh were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend George Silides of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God who made the heavens and the earth, we thank you for the return of the sun to our brothers and sisters in the Far North. May its return bring every blessing of the land and the sea, and the renewal of every hope and dream.

May this House be a place of such grand dreams that they cannot be fulfilled without the gifts of many; even gifts not yet known, and a surprise to all. Over all thy people, O Lord, pour thy continual Grace, particularly those whose work is dangerous or difficult or continually in harm's way. Help us to recognize we take our ease at the expense of others' work.

We pray for patience, humor, nimbleness of thought, stability of conscience, humility and appreciation for the opportunity to make a mark in the history of this Great Land. May each member here be given the courage to act upon what they know to be the right, and the courage to withhold from acting until they do.

Bless us, also, who elected these assembled here, with the same balance of patience and fervor; that we might encourage and support leadership from those we have asked to serve. A blessing of peace, we pray.
Amen.

Senator Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the seventh and eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senators Kookesh and Hoffman was noted.

Introduction of Senate Chamber Staff

Senator Thomas introduced Tyler Seay, Senate Page.

Senator Cowdery introduced Emma-Lily Schmitz, Senate Page.

Senator Elton introduced Q Smyth, Senate Page.

Senator Stevens introduced Phaedra McKinnon, Senate Page.

Senator Huggins introduced Carli McDonald, Senate Page.

Senator Kookesh introduced Amanda Omta, Senate Page.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated January 22 and received January 23 was read, stating in accordance with AS 14.40.150, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Timothy C. Brady - Anchorage

Appointed: 5/4/2005 Reappointed: 2/5/2007

Term Expires: 2/1/2015

Fuller Cowell - Anchorage

Appointed: 2/5/2007 Term Expires: 2/1/2015

Patricia A. Jacobson - Kodiak

Appointed: 2/5/2007 Term Expires: 2/1/2015

Kirk Wickersham - Anchorage

Appointed: 2/5/2007 Term Expires: 2/1/2015

The appointments were referred to the Senate Special Committee on Education.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

Messages from the House

Message dated January 22 was 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, April 26 for the purpose of hearing Senator Ted Stevens' 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.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Advisory Opinions 06-01 and 06-03, Volume XXVIII
dated January 16, 2007
from H. Conner Thomas, Chair
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
in accordance with AS 24.60.150 and AS 24.60.160

Standing Committee Reports

SB 49

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 49 "An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 49(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators Stevens, Green.
Signing no recommendation: Senators French, Bunde.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee.

SB 55

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to executive clemency." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Stevens, Green. Signing no recommendation: Senator Bunde.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY SENATORS
MCGUIRE, Ellis,

Relating to establishing March 2007 as brain injury
awareness month.

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social
Services Committee.

Unfinished Business

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused
from a call of the Senate on January 26. Without objection, Senator
Hoffman was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused
from a call of the Senate from January 26 through evening plane time,
January 28. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused
from a call of the Senate from January 26 through January 30. Without
objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused
from a call of the Senate from 8:00 a.m. morning plane time, January
26 through 8:00 p.m. evening plane time, January 28. Without
objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 26 and 27. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 25 through morning plane time, January 29 and from afternoon plane time, February 1 through morning plane time, February 5. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

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 – Barry Perkins

Senator(s) Huggins, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, 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.

SB 19

Senators Stevens, Green, Kookesh, Davis, Olson, Hoffman, Cowdery, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act relating to a public officer's taking official action regarding a matter in which the public officer has a financial interest; and defining 'official action' under the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act and related law." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 20

Senators Stevens, Cowdery, Olson, Hoffman, Kookesh, Davis, Green, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 20 "An Act relating to disclosure to the Alaska Public Offices Commission of information about certain income received as compensation for personal services by legislators, public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, and legislative directors subject to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., January 26, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

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

FINANCE

Jan 24	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 25	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 26	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 26	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 29	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES
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Jan 31	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	Committee Orientation and Introduction		

Feb 02	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Location Change --		
+ SB 5	FAILURE TO REPORT CRIMES		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Jan 26	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 25	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 24	BUSINESS LICENSE FEE		
+ SB 39	BUSINESS LICENSE FEE		
+ SB 41	REPEAL STUDDERED TIRE FEE		

RESOURCES

Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 26	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 25	Thursday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
+ SB 45	PEACE OFFICER CONVICTED OF MURDER		
+ SB 7	FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE		
	<Above Bill Hearing Canceled>		
+ SB 25	STATE PLANNING AND BUDGET		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 25	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	Joint w/ (H) Transportation		
	Overview of the Alaska Marine Highway System		
Feb 13	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	Joint w/(H) Transportation		
	Overview of the Department of Transportation Highway System		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Overview: Alaska Statewide Mentor Project		
Jan 26	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Overview: No Child Left Behind: School Performance and Program Changes		

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		

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 14	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
	Presentation by Admiral Timothy J Keating Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Commander, United States Northern Command		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Jan 30	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
	Agenda TBA		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Doctors, Dentist & Psychiatrists"		
Feb 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Mid-Level Health Providers"		
Mar 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Complimentary Medicine Workforce"		
Apr 18	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Other Forms of Health Care"		

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

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May 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Week of the Uninsured: Alaska's Workforce"		

JOINT SESSION

Feb 22	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual 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		

Apr 26	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 25	Thursday	House Finance 519	3:00 PM
	Open Caucus Discussion of Gasline Basics Representative Samuels, Majority Leader		