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Twenty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Joe Huttenlocker of The Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Together Oh God, we give thanks. Thanks for this new day. Thanks for these men and women who give tirelessly of themselves to serve the people of this great state of Alaska. We thank you for their leadership. We thank you for the heritage and traditions they represent and bring into this chamber. May they be mindful of those who laid the foundation from ages past to bring them to where they are today in serving the people of Alaska. In their positions, may they lead well; mentor these young people who serve them and seek to learn how to serve and lead. Grant them a day of things accomplished. May it be so. Amen.

Senator Davis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated February 5 and received February 6 was read, stating in accordance with article III section 25 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions set out below:

Commissioner - Department of Administration

Annette Kreitzer

Commissioner - Department of Corrections

Joe Schmidt

Commissioner/Adjutant General – Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Major General Craig E. Campbell

Commissioner - Department of Public Safety

Walt Monegan

The appointments were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Commissioner - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Emil Notti

The appointment was referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

Commissioner - Department of Environmental Conservation

Larry Hartig

Commissioner - Department of Fish and Game

Denby Lloyd

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

Commissioner - Department of Health and Social Services

Karleen Jackson

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Commissioner - Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Clark "Click" Bishop

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Attorney General – Department of Law

Talis Colberg

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Commissioner – Department of Revenue

Patrick Galvin

The appointment was referred to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner – Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Leo von Scheben

The appointment was referred to the Transportation Committee.

In accordance with AS 44.19.040 and article III, section 13 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following name for legislative confirmation of the appointment set out below:

Lieutenant Governor Designee

Talis Colberg

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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

Communications

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

2006 Salary and Business Expense Report
from the Legislative Affairs Agency
in accordance with AS 24.10.120

Special Committee Reports

Report dated February 7 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 14.40.150, the Senate Special Committee on Education reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Timothy C. Brady
Fuller Cowell
Patricia A. Jacobson
Kirk Wickersham

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senators Davis, Huggins, Wilken.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SJR 1**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR DAVIS,

Relating to reauthorization of federal funding for children's health insurance; and encouraging the Governor to support additional funding for and access to children's health insurance.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 75**

SENATE BILL NO. 75 BY SENATOR ELTON, entitled:

"An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 76

SENATE BILL NO. 76 BY SENATORS ELLIS, McGuire, Davis, entitled:

"An Act establishing a higher education savings program for eligible children who were placed in out-of-home care by the state; and providing for confidentiality of identifying information of a beneficiary under the program."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Captain Robert L. Lachowsky on the Occasion of His Retirement

Senator(s) Stevens, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

In Memoriam – Marjorie Linder

Representative(s) Meyer, LeDoux

Senator(s) Cowdery, Stevens, Green, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

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

Reconsideration of Senate Bills**SB 46**

Senator Therriault requested that the reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(RES) be taken up. The bill was before the Senate on reconsideration.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(RES) "An Act relating to the Alaska coastal management program; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 45, ch. 24, SLA 2003, as amended by sec. 21, ch. 31, SLA 2005; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 46(RES)

Third Reading - On Reconsideration

Effective Date

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wielechowski, Wilken

Nays: Bunde, Wagoner

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(RES) passed the Senate on reconsideration.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Unfinished Business

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 9. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

Senator Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 15 through evening plane time, February 18 and from morning plane time, Feb 20 through evening plane time, February 25. Without objection, Senator Bunde was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from February 9 through evening plane time, February 11. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 9 through morning plane time, February 12. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 16. Without objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

President Green announced the following Vice Chairs, who were not identified on the Committee on Committees Report adopted by the Senate January 16 (page 10):

Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Senator Kookesh, Vice Chair

Health, Education and Social Services Committee

Senator Thomas, Vice Chair

Judiciary Committee

Senator Huggins, Vice Chair

Labor and Commerce Committee

Senator Stevens, Vice Chair

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 46**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(RES) "An Act relating to the Alaska coastal management program; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 45, ch. 24, SLA 2003, as amended by sec. 21, ch. 31, SLA 2005; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 9, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:31 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

Feb 08	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 07	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 19	EXEC. BRANCH ETHICS:INTERESTS & ACTIONS		
+ SB 20	LEGISLATIVE DISCLOSURES		

Feb 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 09	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Education Foundation Formula Overview		
	Dept of Education		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 07	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 40	LONGEVITY BONUS REAPPLICATIONS		

Feb 09	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 07 Wednesday Capitol 120 1:00 PM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 -- Note Time and Location --
 + Joint w/ (H) Judiciary
 Overviews:
 Department of Law
 Department of Corrections

Feb 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Note Time and Location --
 + SB 64 DISCLOSURES & ETHICS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += HB 69 NOTIFY CRIME VICTIM OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
 += SB 45 PEACE OFFICER CONVICTED OF MURDER
 += SB 69 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
 += SB 5 FAILURE TO REPORT CRIMES

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 08 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 68 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 59 BROADCASTING PROMOTING CHARITABLE GAMING

RESOURCES

Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority:
 Alaska Gas Market System; MOU Between
 ANGDA & AK Gasline Port Authority
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 Upstream Stakeholders: Producers &
 Shippers: Sighting the Horizon
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 08	Thursday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

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		

Feb 15	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
SB 41	REPEAL STUDDERED TIRE FEE		
= SB 15	BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS		
= SB 49	COMMEMORATIVE PLATES: STATEHOOD ANIV.		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**CORRECTIONS**

Feb 07	Wednesday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	Overview		

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 07	Wednesday	Beltz 211	4:00 PM
	Overview		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 09	Friday	Beltz 211	12:00 PM
	Overview		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Feb 08	Thursday Department Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Feb 22	Thursday Department Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Mar 08	Thursday Department Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Mar 22	Thursday Department Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Apr 05	Thursday Department Budget Close-Out	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM

LAW

Feb 27	Tuesday Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 06	Tuesday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 13	Tuesday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 20	Tuesday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 19	Monday Department Budget Overview	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 05	Monday Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)**

Mar 19	Monday Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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Apr 02	Monday Department Budget Close-Out	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
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REVENUE

Mar 01	Thursday Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
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Mar 08	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
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Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
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Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 01	Thursday Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
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Mar 08	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
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Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
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Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Feb 07	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Confirmation Hearing for the University of Alaska Board of Regents: Timothy C Brady Fuller Cowell Patricia A Jacobson Kirk Wickersham		
Feb 09	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
SB 1	INCREASE AMT OF BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION		
Feb 14	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
SB 73	WWAMI MEDICAL SCHOOL		
Feb 16	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Consideration: Requirement of 70% of Funds to be Spent on Instruction		

WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS

Feb 13	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:00 PM
	Presentation by World Trade Center Alaska Greg Wolf, Executive Director: Overview of WTCAL Activities and Alaska Trade Issues		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Feb 14	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
	Presentations by: Lt. General Douglas M. Fraser Transforming Alaska's Military Lt. General Henry A. Obering Missile Defense Overview Major General Craig Campbell Transformation of Alaska National Guard		

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Feb 08	Thursday	House Finance 519	8:30 AM
	Committee Organization		
	Status of Contracts		
	Committee Procedures		
	Request for Audit		

OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE

Feb 13	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Nomination Hearing for Alaska		
	Omsbudsman		

VICTIM'S ADVOCATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Feb 07	Wednesday	Beltz 211	12:00 PM
	Organizational Meeting		
	-- No Public Testimony --		

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Feb 14	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	-- Note Day Change --		
	Alaska Children's Justice Act Task		
	Force: Updates & Trends in Child		
	Maltreatment Issues		

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Feb 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Mid-Level Health		
	Providers"		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS (continued)**

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"		
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		
Mar 19	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 12	Monday	Senate Finance 532	12:30 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In: Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		