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Thirty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 10:04 a.m.

The roll showed thirteen members present. Senators Bunde, Ellis, Huggins, Stedman, Stevens, Wilken were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Kookesh was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Mike Rose of the Juneau Christian Center. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this day, a day that you have made that we might rejoice and be glad in it. Lord, thank you for the privilege we have to live in this great nation and state. As we are instructed by scripture that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men. For kings and all who are in authority, that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness.

Lord, we pray for the leaders in our state, our Governor, her cabinet, the Senate and the House and ask that your Kingdom come, your will be done in the decisions made by our leaders today. I pray that we will be in alignment with your purpose and your plan for our great state.

I ask for your provision and protection over the Senate, their families, and their staff. Thank you for your favor today in hearing and answering this prayer. In your wonderful name I pray.

Amen.

Senator McGuire led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Olson, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the thirty-eighth legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

HB 69

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on February 20 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(JUD) "An Act relating to executive clemency."

Chapter 1, SLA 2007 Effective Date: 5/21/07

SB 46

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on February 20 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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."

Chapter 2, SLA 2007 Effective Date: 2/21/07

Messages from the House

Message dated February 22 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 120

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, 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 Finance Committee.

Communications

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

2006 Annual Report from William F. Large, Chairperson Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, Department of Revenue in accordance with AS 44.85.100

General Reserve Bond Certificate from William F. Large, Chairperson Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, Department of Revenue in accordance with AS 44.85.270(g)

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 22 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Community and Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner - Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Emil Notti

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

Signing the report: Senator Olson, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Thomas.

SB 7

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 7 "An Act relating to the voting rights of felons" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7(STA)

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

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 35

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 35 "An Act making an appropriation to the public education fund; making an appropriation to the earnings reserve account of the Alaska permanent fund; making an appropriation to the Alaska housing finance revolving fund; making an appropriation to the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35(STA) "An Act making an appropriation to the public education fund; making an appropriation to the earnings reserve account of the Alaska permanent fund; making an appropriation to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; making an appropriation to the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 36

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 36 "An Act relating to sentencing for the commission of certain offenses influenced by alcohol and to the offense of consumption of alcohol in violation of sentence" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 36(STA)

and further recommended the adoption of the following State Affairs Committee Letter of Intent:

Letter of Intent

The legislature recognizes that laws alone may not achieve the same level of behavioral correction that counseling and treatment are designed to provide. It is therefore the intent of the legislature that the courts, when addressing those who are first time violators of AS 12.55.015(a)(13) in this act, use when available, Therapeutic Court in lieu of a standard sentencing.

If openings in the Therapeutic Court are not available, the legislature intends that standard sentencing for a class A misdemeanor be carried out as set out in AS 11.56.768(b)&(d) of this Act.

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Alaska Court System

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 43

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 43 "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to community foundations, to certain educational organizations, and to certain other charitable organizations that provide a positive youth development program, workforce development, aid to the arts, or aid and services to the elderly, low-income individuals, individuals in emergency situations, disabled individuals, or individuals with mental illness; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(STA)

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

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HJR8

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(L&C) am Opposing the enactment by the Washington State Legislature of a bill proposing to impose a fee on the processing of shipping containers in the State of Washington because of the negative impact of the fee on the people and the economy of this state. Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senators Davis, Hoffman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 94

SENATE BILL NO. 94 BY SENATOR ELLIS BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act establishing a division of blind services within the Department of Health and Social Services; and relating to the administration of the vocational rehabilitation program."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 26 to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator French was excused.

HB 18

Senator Davis, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Health, Education and Social Services Committee referral be waived on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(HES) "An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants." Without objection, the bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 80

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 80 "An Act relating to allowable lease expenditures for the purpose of determining the production tax value of oil and gas for the purposes of the oil and gas production tax; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Olson, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 26, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Kirsten Waid Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- + indicates teleconference
- = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

	COMMUNITIA	REGIONAL AFFAIRS	
Feb 27 +	Tuesday Overview - Local Boun Bills Previously Heard/		3:30 PM
Mar 01 += SB 16	Thursday EXTEND REGULATO Bills Previously Heard/	Beltz 211 DRY COMMISSION OF AL. Scheduled	
	FIN	ANCE	
Feb 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 75	EXTENDING COUNCEXTENDING COUNC	Senate Finance 532 PLATES: STATEHOOD AN IL ON DOMESTIC VIOLE IL ON DOMESTIC VIOLE IEDICAL & OTHER EDUC	NIV. NCE NCE
Feb 27 += SB 83 +	Tuesday SUPPLEMENTAL APP Testimony <invitatio <="" bills="" heard="" previously="" th=""><th>n Only></th><th>9:00 AM</th></invitatio>	n Only>	9:00 AM
Feb 28 +	Wednesday Bills Previously Heard/		9:00 AM

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 01 +	Thursday Joint w/ (H) Finance Alaska Permanent Fund Presentation; APFC Boa Testimony <invitation< th=""><th>rd of Directors</th><th>9:00 AM</th></invitation<>	rd of Directors	9:00 AM	
Mar 02 +	Friday Bills Previously Heard/SHEALTH, EDUCATION	Senate Finance 532 Scheduled N & SOCIAL SERVICES	9:00 AM	
Feb 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM	
Feb 26 += SJR 1	Monday MEDICAL ASSISTANG SEED: Ready to Read, F AEYC; AK Child Care I Network; Alaska Head S Presentation: Economic Education & Child Care Panel Discussion	Ready to Learn; Resource & Referral Start Directors Impact of Early	1:30 PM	
Feb 28 + = SB 40	Wednesday Strengthening Families I LONGEVITY BONUS Bills Previously Heard/S	REAPPLICATIONS	1:30 PM	
Mar 02	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM	
	JUDICIARY			

Feb 26	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+= SB 13	BAN CONSULTING CONTRAC	CTS WITH LEGIS	SLATORS
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Feb 28	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	Teleconference <listen only=""></listen>		
+	Confirmation Hearing: Talis Coll	oerg	
	Attorney General - Department of	Law	

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 01 +	Thursday Bills Previously Heard/So	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	LABOR & C	OMMERCE	
Feb 27 + SB 84 += SB 68	Tuesday BURNING CAPABILIT Bills Previously Heard/So MOTOR VEHICLE INS	cheduled	1:30 PM
Mar 01 +	Thursday Confirmation of Governor Alcoholic Beverage Cont Shirley A Gifford Alaska Workers' Comper Commission - Stephan T Alaska Workers' Comper Mark A Crutchfield Gloria O'Neill Janet L Waldron William K Williams	rol Board - nsation Appeals Hagedorn	1:30 PM
	RESOU	JRCES	
Feb 23 + +	Friday MEETING CANCELE Bills Previously Heard/So Presentations Previously	cheduled	3:30 PM
Feb 26 +	Monday Presentation: Agrium Ke Operations: Agrium US I Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc Testimony <invitation< td=""><td>nc, Alaska RR,</td><td>3:30 PM</td></invitation<>	nc, Alaska RR,	3:30 PM
Feb 28 +	Wednesday Joint w/ (H) Resources Mining Industry Briefing Alaska Producers Testimony <invitation bills="" heard="" previously="" so<="" td=""><td>Only></td><td>12:00 PM</td></invitation>	Only>	12:00 PM

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 28	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 80	OIL & GAS PRODUCTION	ON TAX: EXPENDITURES	S

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ HB 25 RECREATIONAL LAND USE LIABILITY/ADV. POSS

+ Confirmation Hearings:

Department Commissioners:

Tom Irwin, Larry Hartig, Denby Lloyd Big Game Commercial Services Board:

Richard A Roher, Leif Wilson

Board of Game:

Robert Bell, Ben Grussendorf

Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission:

Cathy P Foerster

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Presentations Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 27	Tuesday	Beltz 211	9:00 AM
+	Overview: Impacts of the 90-D	Day Session	

Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM + Overview: Impacts of the 90-Day Session

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 27	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM

Department Budget Overview

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

Mar 05	Monday Department Budget Deta	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Mar 12	Monday Department Budget Deta	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Mar 19	Monday Department Budget Deta	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	COURT	SYSTEM	
Mar 01 +	Thursday Budget Closeout	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
	EDUCATION & EAR	RLY DEVELOPMENT	
Mar 07	Wednesday Meeting Canceled FY'08 Proposed Budget	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Mar 14	Wednesday Postsecondary Education FY'08 Proposed Budget		8:00 AM
Mar 16	Friday Dept of Education & Ear FY'08 Proposed Budget	Butrovich 205 Ply Development	8:00 AM
Mar 21	Wednesday Dept of Education & Ear FY'08 Proposed Budget	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	FISH &	z GAME	
Feb 27	Tuesday Time Change Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

FISH & GAME

Mar 01	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM		
Mar 13	Tuesday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM		
	HEALTH & SOC				
Mar 08	Thursday Department Budget Deta	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM		
Mar 22	Thursday Department Budget Deta	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM		
Apr 05	Thursday Department Budget Close	Fahrenkamp 203 e-Out	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		
	MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS				
Mar 14	Wednesday Overview by Major Gene FY'08 Proposed Budget		12:00 PM		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 06	Tuesday MEETING CANCELED FY'08 Proposed Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 13	Tuesday FY'08 Proposed Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 20	Tuesday FY'08 Proposed Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 22	Thursday FY'08 Proposed Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	PUBLIC SA	AFETY	
Mar 05	Monday Meeting Canceled Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 06 +	Tuesday Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 19	Monday Meeting Canceled Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 20 +	Tuesday Department Budget Detail	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Apr 02	Monday Meeting Canceled Department Budget Close-	Beltz 211 Out	8:00 AM
Apr 03 +	Tuesday Department Budget Close-	Beltz 211 Out	8:00 AM
	REVEN	NUE	
Mar 01	Thursday Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

REVENUE

Mar 08	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
		& PUBLIC FACILITIES	
Mar 15	Thursday DOT/PF Budget	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 29	Thursday DOT/PF Budget	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	UNIVERSIT	Y OF ALASKA	
Mar 01	Thursday Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 08	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
	SPECIAL C	OMMITTEES	
	SPECIAL COMMIT	TEE ON EDUCATION	
Feb 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM

8:00 AM

Mar 02

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (continued)

Feb 28 Wednesday **Butrovich 205** 8:00 AM Consideration: Repeal of requirement that 70% of education funds to be spent on instruction.

Butrovich 205

Overview: Truancy and Dropouts

SB 31 TRUANCY

Friday

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 05 Monday **Senate Finance 532** 5:00 PM Agenda TBA

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Mar 21 Wednesday **Butrovich 205** 12:00 PM "Filling the Need: Complimentary Medicine Workforce"

Apr 18 **Butrovich 205** 12:00 PM Wednesday "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 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