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Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:08 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Cowdery, Wagoner were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators McGuire, Stedman were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. John Zimmerman of Chapel by the Lake. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Sovereign Lord of our Nation; we claim once again our heritage as a nation under God. Graciously continue the commitment of this Senate to lead our state in paths of justice and righteousness. Grant that the members of this Senate, elected by the choice of the people of their districts, may do the people's work well this day.

May they never lose sight of the concerns of all citizens, especially those hidden by distance or circumstance. May they think deeply, speak clearly, listen carefully and discover creative new solutions to the problems confronting our state. Grant that they may discover resources equal to the challenges we face.

At the end of this day may each one rest in the satisfaction that comes when their work is well done.

Amen.

Senator Wilken led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Communications

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

2005 Annual Report

from Jeffrey Davis, Chair, and Cecil Bykerk, Executive Director
Alaska Comprehensive Health Insurance Association
in accordance with AS 21.55.020(f)

Alaska Annual Report on Activities of the National Conference of
Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
from Deborah E. Behr, Alaska Uniform Law Commissioner
Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 4

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 BY SENATORS
WIELECHOWSKI, Ellis, Davis,

Urging the attorney general, the producers of natural gas in the Cook Inlet region, and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to work to secure long-term and affordable supplies of natural gas for the people and businesses of the state.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Resources Committees.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 111**

SENATE BILL NO. 111 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act creating the Kodiak Narrow Cape Public Use Area."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

SB 112

SENATE BILL NO. 112 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses and permitting causes of action for certain sexual offenses that would otherwise be barred by the statute of limitations to be brought during a certain one-year period."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 113

SENATE BILL NO. 113 BY SENATOR ELLIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to break times for employees who nurse a child."

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

SB 114

SENATE BILL NO. 114 BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the substitution by a pharmacist of an equivalent drug product."

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

SB 115

SENATE BILL NO. 115 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to gift certificates and gift cards, and to unclaimed property; and making a violation of certain gift card prohibitions an unlawful trade practice."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Women of Distinction

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

Honoring – Rasmuson Foundation

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

Honoring – Houston High School Hockey Team

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

Representative(s) Neuman

Honoring – The South Anchorage High School Hockey Team

Representative(s) Lynn

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

Honoring – Blake Weiland, Levi Johnston, and Dominick Nickles

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Randy Crawford

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

Representative(s) Chenault

In Memoriam – Jerry Samuel O'Brien

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

In Memoriam – Johnny'ee L. Barney II

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

In Memoriam – Mack Carter, Jr.

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

In Memoriam – Grover Cleveland Davis

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Teresa Bock

Representative(s) Gatto

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

In Memoriam – Milton Souter

Representative(s) Gatto

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

The presence of Senator Stedman was noted.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 14, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:28 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

Mar 13 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 15 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 12 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
-- MEETING CANCELED --

+ SB 81 EXTEND BOARD OF MIDWIVES
+= HB 18 POSTSECONDARY MEDICAL & OTHER EDUC. PROG.
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 59 BROADCASTING PROMOTING CHARITABLE GAMING
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:30 AM
-- Time Change --
+ Senate Bill:
PERS Cost Share
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 15	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Senate Bill:		
	Retirement Systems Technical		
	Clarifications		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
 Mar 16	 Friday	 Senate Finance 532	 9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 12	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 27	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY	
+	SB 87	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY	
=	SB 62	TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE INFECTIONS	
=	SB 76	TUITION FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN	
 Mar 14	 Wednesday	 Butrovich 205	 1:30 PM
+	SB 37	APPROP: BIOSCIENCE FACILITY UAF	
	Confirmation Hearings:		
	Board of Dental Examiners:		
	Dr. David Eichler, Cheryl Fellenberg,		
	Dr. Arne Pihl, Dr. Newell Walther		
	Board of Education & Early Development:		
	Patrick Shier		
	Board of Marital & Family Therapy:		
	Dr. Larry Severson		
	State Medical Board: Dr. Jean Tsigonis		
	Board of Nursing: Beth Farnstrom,		
	Joanne Smith		
	Board of Examiners In Optometry:		
	Dr. Jeffrey Gonnason		
	Board of Pharmacy: Dirk White		
	Professional Teaching Practices		
	Commission: Cindy Lou Aillaud, Jeffrey		
	Hebard, Michael Husa, Eddy Jeans		
	Board of Social Work Examiners: Paulette		
	Schuerch		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 16 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 12 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 += SB 13 BAN CONSULTING CONTRACTS WITH LEGISLATORS
 += SB 64 DISCLOSURES & ETHICS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 78 MOTOR VEHICLE WINDOW TINTING
 += SB 89 ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF GANG PROBATIONER
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 15 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 7 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE
 += SB 36 SENTENCING FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 13 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 99 POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
 + SB 18 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS
 + HB 108 BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 97 ALASKA NATIVE ART IDENTIFICATION SEALS
 += SB 101 GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORS

Mar 14 Wednesday Barnes 124 3:30 PM
 -- Note Location & Time Change --
 + Joint w/ (H) Labor & Commerce
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Emil Notti, Commissioner of Commerce,
 Community & Economic Development
 Clark "Click" Bishop, Commissioner of
 Labor & Workforce Development
 Kate Giard, Regulatory Commission of AK

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 15 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 99 POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
 += SB 18 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS
 += HB 108 BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS
 Overview:
 Current Challenges to Women in the
 Workplace

RESOURCES

Mar 12 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Governor's Appointments, Confirmation
 Hearings:
 Department Commissioner: Denby Lloyd
 Dept. of Fish and Game
 Big Game Commercial Services Board:
 Leif Wilson
 SB 109 OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Presentations Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Presentation: Part I by DNR, DOR
 SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 16 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Presentation: Part II by DNR, DOR
 = SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 13 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 State Commission for Human Rights:
 Karen Rhoades
 Alaska Public Offices Commission:
 Shirley Dean
 + SB 92 LIMITED LICENSE IGNITION INTERLOCK
 + SB 33 DNA FROM PERSONS CHARGED WITH FELONIES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 15 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 13 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 15 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 12 Monday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 Department Budget Detail

Mar 19 Monday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 Department Budget Detail

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 13 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 2:30 PM
 Power Cost Equalization Budget Overview
 Sara Fisher-Goad, Deputy Director
 AIDEA/AEA

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**CORRECTIONS**

Mar 15	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:30 AM
+	Corrections Budget Presentation of the Governor's Amendments		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 14	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
	-- Time Change -- Postsecondary Education Commission FY'08 Proposed Budget Overview		

Mar 16	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	-- Time Change -- Dept of Education & Early Development FY'08 Proposed Budget		

Mar 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	Dept of Education & Early Development FY'08 Proposed Budget		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 13	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:00 PM
+	DEC Budget Discussion of Governor's Budget Amendments		

FISH & GAME

Mar 13	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Budget Detail		

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

Mar 13	Tuesday Department Budget Detail	Butrovich 205	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

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 General Craig Campbell FY'08 Proposed Budget	Beltz 211	12:00 PM
Mar 20	Tuesday Budget Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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-Out	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Apr 03 +	Tuesday Department Budget Close-Out	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

REVENUE

Mar 15	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 15	Thursday DOT/PF Budget	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 29	Thursday DOT/PF Budget	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

Mar 14	Wednesday Budget Overview by President Hamilton -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 15	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 22	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 29	Thursday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Mar 13	Tuesday Committee Orientation Geoduck Regulation Report Proposed Regulation Changes by the Local Boundary Commission	Barnes 124	3:00 PM
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 15	Thursday Status of Contracts Procurement Request Executive Session	House Finance 519	8:00 AM
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OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

Mar 21	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	"Filling the Need: Complementary 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

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