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Eighty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 4:06 p.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senator McGuire was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson were absent.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senators Cowdery, Dyson be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Cowdery, Dyson were excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Beverly Smith of the Christian Science Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord, our Shepherd,

Thank You for giving us the opportunity to serve You and the people of this state. You are the Giver of all good, and for this reason we shall not want.

When we listen and follow Your guidance we trust that You will lead us to the green pastures and still waters that provide sustenance, comfort and peace.

Thank You for restoring to us the spiritual intuition with which to discern the right path, and for giving us the courage to act righteously for the benefit of all Alaskans.

At times the way may be dark and the problems may appear unsolvable, but we are confident that Your infinite wisdom knows the answer, and Your law and loving guidance will lead us to the light of understanding.

If those around us are expressing discouragement, despair, dislike, ingratitude, we will remember Your promise to pour forth Your Spirit, to overflow our cup, blessing those concerned, and bringing satisfaction to all.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us today and every day, for we know that we dwell in Thy house, in the consciousness of Thy love, now and always. Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated April 10 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 210

HOUSE BILL NO. 210 BY REPRESENTATIVES DAHLSTROM, Fairclough, Roses, Buch, Lynn, Kerttula, Guttenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to the appointment and qualifications of the adjutant general."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 103**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 103 "An Act authorizing the transfer of land from the Alaska Railroad Corporation to Eklutna, Inc.; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Huggins, Chair; Senators Green, Stevens, Stedman, Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 137

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 137 "An Act authorizing two exchanges of land between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Kookesh, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 8

The Transportation Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 8 "An Act naming the law enforcement training facility in Fairbanks the J. Kevin Lamm Law Enforcement Training Facility." Signing do pass: Senator Kookesh, Chair; Senator Olson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 152**

SENATE BILL NO. 152 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act relating to charter school funding."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 4**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) am "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; amending medical income eligibility provisions for persons under 19 years of age and for pregnant women; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senators Wielechowski, Elton, Kookesh, Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) am "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; amending medical income eligibility provisions for persons under 19 years of age and for pregnant women; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 4(FIN) am

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Nays: Therriault, Wagoner

Excused: Cowdery, Dyson, McGuire

Absent: Bunde

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) am passed the Senate.

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

SB 130

SENATE BILL NO. 130 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to the registration of certain vehicles owned by ranchers, farmers, or dairy workers" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 130

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Cowdery, Dyson, McGuire

Absent: Bunde

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 130 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Nicole Leman, Miss Alaska Junior National Teenager
Senator(s) Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

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

Honoring – Sydney Michelle Cain

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

In Memoriam – Sgt. Daniel Woodcock

Representative(s) Samuels

Senator(s) Cowdery, Green, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, 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.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 4

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) am "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; amending medical income eligibility provisions for persons under 19 years of age and for pregnant women; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 130

SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to the registration of certain vehicles owned by ranchers, farmers, or dairy workers" 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 11:00 a.m., April 11, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Apr 10	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ = SB 136	MUNICIPAL ROAD SERVICE AREAS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Apr 12	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ = SB 3	COMMUNITY DIVIDEND PROGRAM		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE

Apr 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	- Recessed to 15 Minutes after Session -		
	-- Time Change --		
+ = HB 95	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+ = HB 96	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	Public Testimony Schedule		
	3:00 - 4:00 pm: Juneau		
	4:00 - 5:30 pm: Sitka, Wrangell, Homer,		
	Petersburg, Dillingham & Cordova		
	5:30 - 7:00 pm: Fairbanks		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)**Apr 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

+ SB 125 PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY
<Bill Hearing Postponed>

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

+ SB 89 ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF GANG PROBATIONER

Apr 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

+ HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

+ Public Testimony Schedule

1:00 - 2:30 pm: Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow,

Nome, Delta Junction, Off-Nets

2:30 - 4:00 pm: Anchorage

5:00 - 6:30 pm: Kenai, Valdez, Kodiak,

Ketchikan, Seward, Mat-Su, Glennallen, Tok

Apr 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 61 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

+ HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Committee Amendments

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM

+ HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Committee Amendments

Apr 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Committee Amendments

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM

+ HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Committee Amendments

FINANCE (continued)

Apr 14 Saturday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Committee Amendments
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 12 Thursday Capitol 106 4:00 PM
 -- Day, Time, and Location Change --
 Joint w/ (H) Health, Education, and
 Social Services
 Overview: Reclaiming Futures Project

Apr 13 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 11 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Invited Testimony --

Apr 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Invited Testimony --

Apr 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 Public Testimony 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Apr 13 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Invited Testimony --

JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 13 Friday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Invited Testimony --

Apr 14 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 -- Testimony from Industry --

Apr 15 Sunday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 10 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 12 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 117 WORKERS' COMP: DISEASE PRESUMPTION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 = SB 124 ALASKA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BD ALLOCATION
 = SB 115 GIFT CARDS
 = HB 34 SALES BY WINERY LICENSEE
 Overview: Affordable Housing
 Dan Fauske, Executive Director of the
 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

RESOURCES

Apr 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 91 POLLUTANT DISCHARGE PERMITS
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 44 APPROP: FIRE ISLAND WIND FARM
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Presentation: Natural Gas Pricing and
 Trends
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Apr 13 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 96 ESTABLISHING A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 109 OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 16 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Enstar

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 10 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 12 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + HB 171 ACCOMMODATE 90-DAY SESSION
 += SB 135 ACCOMMODATE 90-DAY SESSION
 + SB 40 LONGEVITY BONUS REAPPLICATIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 HB 8 J. KEVIN LAMM TRAINING FACILITY
 SB 137 LAND TRANSFERS ALASKA RR & DOTPF

Apr 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 SB 139 LIABILITY FOR AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Apr 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (continued)**

Apr 13 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 SCR 5 CIVICS EDUC/ CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

JOINT COMMITTEES**AK CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION**

Apr 12 Thursday Anch Lio Conf Rm 10:00 AM
 + -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 + -- Open Public Testimony --
 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Apr 13 Friday Anch Lio Conf Rm 8:30 AM
 + -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
 + -- Open Public Testimony --
 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Apr 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 -- Teleconference --
 Full Committee: Open Session
 Election of Committee Chairs
 Public Comment
 Chair/Staff Report
 Budget
 Legislation

Apr 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:00 PM
 Senate Subcommittee: Executive Session
 Public Comment
 Executive Session
 Public Session

OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Apr 24 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
+ Presentation by The Alaska Trafficking in Persons Task Force
Dealing with Child Prostitution in Alaska

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

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"

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Apr 13 **Friday** **Speaker's Chamber** **12:00 PM**
Presentation on Russia by Masha Mozgovaya