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One Hundred Fifteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:19 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Chris Nelson. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,
Guide these men and women of our legislature in
their duties today. Help them to make the tough
decisions that need to be made.

Thank you for blessing our Great State of Alaska and
providing us with the awesome beauty that we see
every day. We truly live in the promised land.

In your name we pray, Amen.

Senator McGuire led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the one hundred fourteenth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 110**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 110(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act amending the powers and duties of the legislative audit division regarding the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; amending annual report requirements for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; extending the termination date for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

Concur Messages**SB 59**

Message dated May 10 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 59(FIN) "An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote charitable raffles and lotteries and to establishing cabbage classics as a form of charitable gaming" with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 59(FIN) "An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote dog mushers' contests and charitable raffles and lotteries; to the maximum amount of prizes that may be awarded for charitable gaming activities other than bingo; to the use of the proceeds of charitable gaming; and to establishing cabbage classics as a form of charitable gaming."

Senator Stevens moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment and recommended the body vote no.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 59(FIN)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House

Amendment to CSSB 59(FIN)?

YEAS: 0 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, the Senate failed to concur.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House of the Senate's action and request the House to recede from its amendment. In the event the House fails to recede, the President appointed a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee from the House to consider the bills:

Senator Stevens, Chair

Senator Wielechowski

Senator Wagoner

Standing Committee Reports

SB 151

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid classes for initial applicants for driver's licenses and instruction permits" and recommended the adoption of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 1111. Signing no recommendation: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Green. Signing do pass: Senator Bunde. Signing do not pass: Senator Stevens.

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 75

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75(STA) "An Act relating to driver's licenses and to alcohol and drug awareness and safety testing." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators French, Stevens, Bunde. Signing amend: Senator Green.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 132

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 132 "An Act designating the first Tuesday of May as Alaska Agriculture Day." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Stevens, Green.

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 159

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 159(JUD) "An Act relating to the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in a stillbirth." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Green.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 229

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 229 am "An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to participate in a project consisting of the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, or operation of real and personal property, including facilities and equipment, for the Kenai gasification project and Port MacKenzie rail link, authorizing the corporation to issue bonds to finance all or a portion of the project, and identifying these as bonds for an essential public and governmental purpose; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
229(FIN)

Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Dyson, Olson. Signing do pass: Senator Huggins.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill is on today's calendar.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 80**

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" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 1109. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) was adopted.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) "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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 80(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) 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 clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 171

SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act relating to the withdrawal of a candidate from a judicial retention election and the removal of such a candidate's name from the general election ballot; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 171 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act relating to the withdrawal of a candidate from a judicial retention election and the removal of such a candidate's name from the general election ballot; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 171

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 171 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 clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Reconsideration of Senate Bills

SB 27

Senator Davis requested that the reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN) "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, disabled persons, and persons in medical or intermediate care facilities; and providing for an effective date" be taken up. The bill was before the Senate on reconsideration.

Senator Therriault moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1 (Corrected). Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Therriault offered Amendment No. 1 (Corrected):

Page 4, line 6:

Delete "guideline"

Insert "line"

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of Amendment No. 1 (Corrected). Without objection, Amendment No. 1 (Corrected) was adopted.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN) am was automatically in third reading on reconsideration.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN) am "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, disabled persons, and persons in medical or intermediate care facilities; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 27(FIN) am

Third Reading - On Reconsideration

Effective Date

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN) am 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.

Third Reading of House Bills**HB 229**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that HOUSE BILL NO. 229 am "An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to participate in a project consisting of the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, or operation of real and personal property, including facilities and equipment, for the Kenai gasification project and Port MacKenzie rail link, authorizing the corporation to issue bonds to finance all or a portion of the project, and identifying these as bonds for an essential public and governmental purpose; and providing for an effective date" be moved to bottom of the calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Second Reading of House Resolutions**HJR 4**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RLS) Requesting the Federal Subsistence Board to rescind its decisions regarding the subsistence fishery priority given to Ninilchik, Happy Valley, Hope, and Cooper Landing residents, was read the second time.

Senator Huggins, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 1114. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RES) was adopted.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RES) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RES) Requesting the Federal Subsistence Board to rescind its decisions regarding the subsistence fishery priority given to Ninilchik, Happy Valley, Hope, and Cooper Landing residents, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHJR 4(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Green, Huggins, McGuire, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Elton, French, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Wielechowski

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RES) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Reconsideration of House Bills

HB 109

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the time for reconsideration on SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 109(FIN) am S "An Act relating to bribery, receiving unlawful gratuities, and campaign contributions; denying public employee retirement pension benefits to certain legislators, legislative directors, and public officers who commit certain offenses, and adding to the duties of the Alaska Retirement Management Board and to the list of matters governed by the Administrative Procedure Act concerning that denial; relating to campaign financing and ethics, including disclosures, in state and municipal government, to lobbying, and to employment, service on boards, and disclosures by certain public officers and employees who leave state or municipal service or leave certain positions in state or municipal government; restricting representation of others by legislators; relating to blind trusts approved by the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date" be extended to May 11. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Second Reading of House Resolutions (continued)

HJR 20

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 Urging the United States Congress to intervene to eliminate or reduce the planned parcel post and bypass mail rate increases adopted by the United States Postal Service because of the severe effect the rate increases will have on rural Alaska, was read the second time.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 Urging the United States Congress to intervene to eliminate or reduce the planned parcel post and bypass mail rate increases adopted by the United States Postal Service because of the severe effect the rate increases will have on rural Alaska, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 20

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Bunde

and so, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

First Supplemental Calendar

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the First Supplement Calendar be adopted. Without objection, the First Supplement Calendar was adopted.

Citations

Honoring – Central Lutheran Church

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

Representative(s) Gara

Honoring – American Veterans Post #9 of Wasilla

Senator(s) Green, Huggins, 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 citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Recess

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:15 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 5:17 p.m.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate return to messages from the House. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

Messages from the House

HB 215

Message dated May 10 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendments to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 215(HES), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
215(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the establishment
of a task force to review the Council on Domestic
Violence and Sexual Assault."

HB 171

Message dated May 10 was read, stating the Speaker granted limited powers of free conference to the House conferees considering:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 171(STA) am "An Act relating to the date and time for convening regular legislative sessions, certain procedures of the legislature, the date for organizing the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, and deadlines for certain matters or reports to be filed or delivered to the legislature or a legislative committee; prohibiting bonuses for legislative employees; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 171(STA)

on the following requested specific points:

Sections 3, 5, 12, 16, and 17 of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 171(STA) am

and

Sections 3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 18, and 19 of SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 171(STA).

President Green granted the Senate conferees limited powers of free conference May 9 (page 1155).

Messages dated May 10 were read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HJR 12

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(O&G) am BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS,

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 101

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 101(CRA) BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to uniform traffic laws and to operating a vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance."

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

Standing Committee Reports

SB 170

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 170 "An Act requiring that health care insurers provide insurance coverage for well-baby exams" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Davis. Signing amend: Senators Bunde, Stevens.

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 Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

HB 14

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 14(JUD) "An Act relating to the purchase of alcoholic beverages and to access to licensed premises; relating to civil liability

for certain persons accessing licensed premises; requiring driver's licenses and identification cards to be marked if a person is restricted from consuming alcoholic beverages as a result of a conviction or condition of probation or parole and relating to fees for the marked license or card; relating to the information contained on driver's licenses; requiring the surrender and cancellation of driver's licenses and identification cards under certain circumstances; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senators Bunde, Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Alaska Court System

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero Department of Corrections

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 113

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 113(HES) "An Act relating to the prescription and use of pharmaceutical agents, including controlled substances, by optometrists" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
113(L&C) "An Act relating to the prescription and
use of pharmaceutical agents, including controlled
substances, by optometrists; and providing for an
effective date." (technical title change)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Bunde.
Signing amend: Senator Davis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 174**

SENATE BILL NO. 174 BY SENATORS WAGONER, Dyson, Therriault, entitled:

"An Act relating to the oil and gas properties production tax; providing for a reduction in the amount of taxable production; providing for an increase in the tax rate when the average Alaska North Slope crude oil West Coast price per barrel exceeds \$40; providing for tax credits based on expenditures for oil and gas exploration, gas only exploration, and development wells; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 175

SENATE BILL NO. 175 BY SENATORS FRENCH, Wielechowski, Ellis, Elton, entitled:

"An Act providing for the use of petroleum production and other facilities by additional entities; amending the powers of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; relating to oil and gas properties production taxes and credits; providing for production tax adjustments to increase the amount of tax at high oil prices, reduce the amount of tax at low oil prices, and reduce the amount of tax on the production of heavy oil; relating to the determination of the gross value of oil and gas at the point of production; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 176

SENATE BILL NO. 176 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to active game management and to the airborne or same day airborne taking of certain game animals; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Fish and Game

Governor's transmittal letter dated May 10:

Dear President Green:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to active game management. In general, the bill simplifies and clarifies the state's current intensive management law for big game and the state's "same day airborne hunting" law. This bill harmonizes these two currently inconsistent laws, and makes both laws more workable and consistent with other important game management laws, such as the state's subsistence law.

This legislation will provide direction to state regulators and biologists in accordance with the state's constitutional requirements to manage game under the maximum use, maximum benefit, common use, and sustained yield principles. Currently, in almost all cases, the Board of Game (board) must adopt a predatory control program before they can reduce hunting of an identifiable wildlife population, unless the board makes findings or there is an emergency action (both of which are complex and easily challenged.) The bill eliminates that unworkable process.

The bill clarifies statutory language requiring the board to identify moose, caribou, and deer populations that are important for high levels of harvest by humans, so that these important game herds will be managed for both abundant numbers and abundant harvest opportunities. This should assist courts and the public in understanding the goals and requirements of active management programs.

In addition, the bill defines the new term "active management", which is used in place of "intensive management." It also would eliminate several current definitions that have proven to be problematic for both the board and courts.

This legislation eliminates the complex and problematic process the board now has to go through to authorize game management programs involving airborne or same day airborne shooting. It also makes it clear that Department of Fish and Game employees are allowed to shoot animals for public safety, scientific, or other legitimate governmental purposes on the same day that the employees have been airborne.

In summary, the bill takes two laws that were written to achieve almost exactly opposite purposes and rewrites them so that the state's game managers, courts, and public will have better tools to work together. The important principle of limiting use of airborne and same day airborne shooting of large predators is retained, while the process for conducting game management programs critical to meeting several of the state's constitutional mandates is made simpler, more workable, and legally defensible.

I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of the measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of House Bills****HB 229**

President Green stated HOUSE BILL NO. 229 am "An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to participate in a project consisting of the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, or operation of real and personal property, including facilities and equipment, for the Kenai gasification project and Port MacKenzie rail link, authorizing the corporation to issue bonds to finance all or a portion of the project, and identifying these as bonds for an essential public and governmental purpose; and providing for an effective date" will be on the May 11 calendar.

Consideration of the First Supplemental Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 53**

SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 1133. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) "An Act making and amending appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and appropriations to capitalize funds; ratifying certain expenditures; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Green stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) will be on the May 11 calendar.

Unfinished Business

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from August 26 through September 8. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from August 1 through August 12. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from June 2 through June 20. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, June 20 through evening plane time July 7; and from morning plane time, September 15 through evening plane time, October 10. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from July 22 through July 25; from October 3 through October 14; from November 15 through November 17; and from December 5 through December 9. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

Announcements

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 27**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN) am "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, disabled persons, and persons in medical or intermediate care facilities; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 80

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) "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" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 171

SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act relating to the withdrawal of a candidate from a judicial retention election and the removal of such a candidate's name from the general election ballot; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

HJR 4

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RES) Requesting the Federal Subsistence Board to rescind its decisions regarding the subsistence fishery priority given to Ninilchik, Happy Valley, Hope, and Cooper Landing residents, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., May 11, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 5:28 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

May 10 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 += HB 67 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

May 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += HB 229 KENAI GASIFICATION PROJECT; RAILROAD BOND
 + SB 144 TOURISM CONTRACT MATCHING FUNDS
 + HB 238 OIL & HAZARD SUBSTANCE RESPONSE ACCOUNT
 + HB 162 MORTGAGE LENDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Recessed to 6:00 p.m.--
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 11 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
 + HB 87 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMM ON FEDERAL AREAS
 += SB 144 TOURISM CONTRACT MATCHING FUNDS
 += HB 162 MORTGAGE LENDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 11 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 + HB 110 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 + HB 209 REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 + HCR 8 RCA TASK FORCE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

May 11 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Note Schedule Change --
 HJR 23 REUSE GALENA AIR BASE

JUDICIARY

May 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 11 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Time Change --
 HB 217 TOURISM DISCLOSURES AND NOTICES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

May 10 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled from 05/09/07 --
 + HB 113 OPTOMETRISTS' USE OF PHARMACEUTICALS
 + SB 170 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WELL-BABY EXAMS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled,
 Including But Not Limited to:
 HB 14 RESTRICT ACCESS TO ALCOHOL
 + SB 165 TOURISM DISCLOSURES AND NOTICES
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 (HB 217 TOURISM DISCLOSURES AND NOTICES)
 + HB 205 REAL ESTATE BROKERS/SALESPERSONS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 HB 110 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 HCR 8 RCA TASK FORCE
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 HB 209 REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>

RESOURCES

May 11 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

May 10 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
+ SB 171 JUDICIAL RETENTION CANDIDACY WITHDRAWAL
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
+ SB 151 NEW DRIVER'S LIC. /PERMIT:CPR/ FIRST AID
+= HB 132 AGRICULTURE DAY
+ HB 159 STILLBIRTH CERTIFICATE
+= HB 75 DRIVERS LICENSE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS/MINOR
+ HB 184 MOTOR VEHICLES-LICENSE/INSURANCE/IMPOUND
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 12 Saturday Beltz 211 1:00 PM
+ HB 151 INDEMNITY CLAUSE IN PUBLIC CONTRACTS
+ HJR 22 DENOUNCE SALE OF "RAPIST" DOLL
+ HB 45 STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY & FUND
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

May 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

May 11 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
= SCR 5 CIVICS EDUC/ CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 HCR 6 CIVICS EDUC/ CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

May 10 Thursday House Finance 519 7:00 AM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
Final Audits - Recidivism Rates
Preliminary Audits - FY06 Statewide
Single Audit, DOC Community Jail Program,
Alaska Aerospace Development Corp
Other Committee Business

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 95 & HB 96**

May 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
= HB 95 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
= HB 96 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 171

May 10 Thursday Capitol 106 3:00 PM
= HB 171 ACCOMMODATE 90-DAY SESSION/LEG PROCEDURES

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

May 14 Monday House Chamber 11:00 AM
Confirmation of Governor's Appointees