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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

Anchorage, Alaska

Tuesday

June 26, 2007

First Day

Pursuant to a poll of the legislature resulting in an affirmative vote of more than two-thirds of the membership calling themselves into Special Session, President Green called the Senate to order at 11:09 a.m.

The Secretary read the following Joint Senate and House announcement, stating:

Pursuant to art. II, sec. 9, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and AS 24.05.100(a)(2), the presiding officers of the Senate and the House announced that during the week of May 28 through June 1, 2007, they polled the membership of each house as to whether a special session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska State Legislature should be held in Anchorage on June 26, 2007 to consider the issue of senior care and a senior benefits program. More than two-thirds of the membership responded in the affirmative.

The Senate poll follows:

Alaska State Senate
Special Session Poll
June 1, 2007

"Shall the Alaska State Legislature call itself into special session to address the issue of senior care (benefits program for seniors) to convene in Anchorage on Tuesday, June 26, 2007?"

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 3 DID NOT RESPOND: 1

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

Nays: Bunde, Wagoner, Wilken

Did not respond: Therriault

The roll call of the Senate showed seventeen members present. Senators Ellis, Therriault were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Wilken was absent.

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

"What lies behind us and what lies before us
Are tiny matters
Compared to what lies within us."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Lord,
Please bless us today. Give us a glimpse of your
infinite wisdom. Watch over us and our families and
keep us safe. Amen.

Senator Bunde led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the one hundred twenty-first legislative day, Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 7 and the First Supplement of the First Regular Session be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor**HB 126**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 22 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126(JUD)(title am) "An Act relating to access to criminal justice information for certain employees of the Department of Administration; relating to the procedure for changes to certificates, registration, titles, licenses, permits, and other forms relating to driving and motor vehicles; relating to requirements for, cancellations of, renewals of, reinstatements of, expirations of, disqualifications of, withdrawals of, suspensions or revocations of, and exemptions from commercial and other driver's licenses, permits, or privileges to drive; relating to records concerning motor vehicles and their drivers; relating to penalties for violating commercial driver licensing requirements; relating to the driver's license compact; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 23, SLA 2007
Effective Date: See Chapter

HB 90

Message was received stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 25 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 90(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the reporting of certain crimes; 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; relating to prostitution; relating to the DNA registration system; relating to credit toward service of a sentence of imprisonment; relating to violation of probation and parole conditions by sex offenders; relating to bail; relating to distribution of certain materials to minors; relating to time limitations for prosecution of certain crimes; relating to sex offender registration; relating to the maximum time for probation; relating to certain post-conviction relief applications; relating to good time; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 24, SLA 2007
Effective Date: See Chapter

SB 128

Message was received stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 25 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 128(FIN) am H "An Act relating to the sale, distribution, and purchase of alcoholic beverages; relating to a state database for records of certain purchases of alcoholic beverages; relating to the relocation of a license to sell alcoholic beverages; relating to procedures for local option elections for control of alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 25, SLA 2007
Effective Date: See Chapter

HB 118

Message was received stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 25 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
118(JUD) "An Act relating to underage possession of
alcoholic beverages in a dwelling."

Chapter 26, SLA 2007
Effective Date: 9/23/07

HB 133

Message was received stating the Governor signed the following bill on June 25 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 133(FIN) "An Act
relating to requiring electronic monitoring as a
special condition of probation and parole for
offenders whose offense was related to a criminal
street gang."

Chapter 27, SLA 2007
Effective Date: 9/23/07

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 11:20 a.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 4:38 p.m.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Wilken be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Wilken was excused.

Messages from the House**Concur Messages****SB 4**

Message dated June 26 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration 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" with the following amendments:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.
4(FIN) am H "An Act relating to cash assistance for
seniors; establishing the senior benefits payment
program; and providing for an effective date."
(technical title change)

Senator Stevens moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

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

HCS CSSB 4(FIN) am H

Shall the Senate Concur in the House

Amendments to CSSB 4(FIN) am? Effective Date

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Wagoner

Excused: Ellis, Therriault, Wilken

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendments, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) am H "An Act relating to cash assistance for seniors; establishing the senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date. "

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on concurrence be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Unfinished Business

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from October 5 through October 26. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 1192) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from October 2 through October 18. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from October 1 through October 29. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Enrollment

SB 27

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(FIN) "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, and disabled persons; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:39 p.m., June 20, 2007.

SB 85

SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act extending the termination date for the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:55 p.m., June 22, 2007.

SB 105

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 105(TRA) "An Act extending, for purposes of a program of debt reimbursement to municipalities, the date by which debt must be incurred for a small boat harbor; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:22 p.m., June 21, 2007.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the First Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska State Senate stand in adjournment sine die. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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JOINT COMMITTEES**AK CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION**

Jun 28	Thursday	Kotzebue	9:15 AM
	Location-NW Arctic Borough Assembly Bldg.		
	- Teleconferenced Public Hearing -		
	Invited Testimony from 9:15 - 3:30 p.m.		
	Public Testimony from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.		

JOINT LEGIS EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE

Jul 11	Wednesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Lunch break 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		
Jul 12	Thursday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		
Aug 01	Wednesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session - Determine Recommendations		
	Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		
Aug 02	Thursday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session - Determine Recommendations		
	Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		
Aug 15	Wednesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	-- Teleconference --		
	Work Session - Open Statewide Public		
	Testimony on Recommendations		
	Lunch Break - 12:00pm - 1:30pm		

JOINT LEGIS EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE (continued)

Aug 16	Thursday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session - if needed Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		
Aug 29	Wednesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session Review and Finalize Recommendations Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		
Aug 30	Thursday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Work Session - if needed Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		
Aug 31	Friday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	9:00 AM
	Final Report Completed Lunch Break 12:00pm - 1:30pm		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Jul 10	Tuesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	8:00 AM
	Final Audits: State of Alaska Single Audit, FY2006 DCCED - Alaska Aerospace Dev. Corp. Preliminary Audits: DHSS - Alaska Commission on Aging, Sunset DCCED - Real Estate Commission, Sunset RPL: DOT - Fed Funds Nome Airport Rehab Audit Request		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Jun 26	Tuesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	5:00 PM
	Agenda Items Include: Mat-Su Lease RFP Approval, Eagle River Lease RFP Approval Architect Scottish Rite Temple, RFP Approval Executive Session - Capitol Security Site Survey Security Camera Policy Approval 3-Year Comprehensive IT Plan Other Business		

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OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jun 26	Tuesday	Anch Egan Center	10:00 AM
	25th Legislature - First Special Session		