

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 15, 2008**

**First Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 3:09 p.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Cowdery was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Stedman was absent.

Senator Green cited Uniform Rule 15 and stated Senator Cowdery was excused due to illness. A letter, dated October 22, 2007, from Senator Cowdery's physician is on file in the Senate Secretary's Office.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Hunter Silides, Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

May the God who created us hold us now, granting us quietness of mind and peace of heart. Gracious Lord, I thank you for this moment. I ask that you fill it with your presence that your power and love may be felt in this body.

Sustain these servants of your people. Guard and protect those they left at home, I pray. Give to all those gathered here a sure knowledge that their parents, children and loved ones are secure in your hands, that they may diligently perform the tasks they have been set. May it please you to bless them with wisdom, insight and patience. May they uphold one another and work together for the common good.

Make them brave in defense of justice, and of all the peoples of this blessed land. Keep us all humble in the face of your mighty creation, and make us faithful stewards of the riches you have bestowed upon us in nature. Lord, these my brothers and sisters have a mighty work laid out for them. You have given them a will to do what is best for our people, give them now also the means to do it.

And finally, Gracious One, I ask you to deal gently with them. Hold them tenderly in your mercy as pressures mount that they may deal gently with one another. And whenever in doubt, dear God, remind us simply to return to you and be restored. Amen.

Senator Kookesh led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Green appointed Senator Ellis and Senator Therriault to inform the Governor that the Senate is ready to do business.

President Green appointed Senator Bunde and Senator Kookesh to inform the House that the Senate is ready to do business.

### **Certification**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the thirtieth legislative day of the Second Special Session and the Final Supplement of the Second Special Session be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Introduction of Senate Floor Staff**

Senator Elton introduced the following Senate Pages:

Alida Bus	Jeff Fanning
Stephanie Orsi	Jake Kreuzenstein
April Shoemaker	Lauren Brooks

**Messages from the Governor**

Message dated December 18, 2007, was read, stating:

Under the provisions of article III, section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am hereby requesting the opportunity to address a joint session of the Twenty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. for presentation of the State of the State and State of the Budget Address.

**Messages from the House**

Message dated January 9 was read, stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15 for the purpose of hearing the Governor's State of the State and Budget message.

Follow-up message dated January 15 was read, stating:

At your request, I am asking that the starting time for the joint session to hear the State of the State and Budget message be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The change in time will accommodate the Governor's out of state travel plans for personal reasons.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session at 4:00 p.m. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message dated January 9 was read, stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-fifth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19 for the purpose of hearing Senator Ted Stevens' annual message to the legislature.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

### **Communications**

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

2007 Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes  
from Division of Legal and Research Services  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
in accordance with AS 24.20.065(b)

69<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, Calendar Year 2006 – Fiscal Year 2007  
from Linda S. Hall, Director, Division of Insurance  
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
in accordance with AS 21.06.110

Financial Statements and Schedules with  
Independent Auditors' Report, June 30, 2007 and 2006  
from Alaska Energy Authority  
in accordance with AS 44.83.940

2007 Annual Report, Promoting a Healthy Alaska  
Offering Hope and Opportunity  
from Karleen K. Jackson, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Social Services  
in accordance with AS 18.05.020

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

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Pat Davidson, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Condensed 2007 Annual Report from the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

Unabridged 2007 Annual Report from the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

Department of Education and Early Development, Special Education Service Agency, October 9, 2007

### **Recess**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 3:26 p.m.

### **After Recess**

### **Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Harris called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Green, who called the Joint Session to order at 4:02 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Green appointed Representative Roses and Senator Hoffman to escort the Governor to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Gary Stambaugh, announced Governor Palin's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Sarah Palin was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Green.

Governor Palin delivered her address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 10.

Governor Sarah Palin received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Hoffman and Representative Roses.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Green adjourned the Joint Session at 4:30 p.m.

#### **After Recess**

#### **In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 4:39 p.m.

President Green stated the Senate would move down the calendar to Unfinished Business. Without objection, the Senate proceeded to:

#### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 18. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Senator Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from September 1 through November 30. Without objection, Senator Bunde was excused.

**SB 101**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE BILL NO. 101 "An Act relating to private professional conservators and private and public guardians" be returned to the Labor and Commerce Committee. Without objection, the bill was returned to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

President Green stated that a letter dated January 15 had been received from Senator Cowdery, Rules Committee Chair, resigning his chairmanship of the Rules Committee effective immediately.

The letter is on file in the Office of the Senate Secretary.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., January 16, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:46 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**

<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- Meeting Postponed to 1/22/08 --		
+ SB 161	COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- Meeting Postponed from 1/17/08 --		
+ SB 161	COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Joint with House Finance		
	FY 2009 Budget Overview and Policy		
	Discussion, by Dir. Karen Rehfeld,		
	Office of Management and Budget		
<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Joint with House Finance		
	Overview of Governor's Proposed FY 2009		
	Budget, by Dir. David Teal, Legislative		
	Finance Division		



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## FINANCE (continued)

**Jan 18      Friday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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## JUDICIARY

**Jan 16      Wednesday      Butrovich 205      10:30 AM**  
 + 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Senate Judiciary Committee Crime Summit  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Jan 17      Thursday      Butrovich 205      8:30 AM**  
 + 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Senate Judiciary Committee Crime Summit  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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## LABOR & COMMERCE

**Jan 15      Tuesday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 = SB 28 LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES  
 = SB 107 NATUROPATHS

**Jan 17      Thursday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 147 WORKERS' COMP EMPLOYER LIABILITY  
 <Bill Hearing Postponed>  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 = SB 120 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS  
 = SB 28 LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES  
 = SB 107 NATUROPATHS

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## RESOURCES

**Jan 18      Friday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconference --  
 Gas Offtake, Resource Considerations in  
 the 'Maximum Benefit' Equation  
 Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Jan 19      Saturday      Butrovich 205      11:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconference --  
 -- Note Time Change --  
 Alaska's Gas: How Our Current Fiscal Policies Stack Up;  
 North American and International Regimes  
 Administration: Departments of Revenue and Natural  
 Resources  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Jan 29      Tuesday      House Finance 519      9:00 AM**  
 Denali Commission Presentation  
 Consider Final & Preliminary Audits  
 Audit Software  
 Other Committee Business  
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

**Jan 16      Wednesday      Beltz 211      1:00 PM**  
 FULL COMMITTEE: Open Session  
 Public Comment  
 Chair/Staff Report  
 Budget  
 Advisory Opinions:  
 07-05 Blackberry Use  
 07-08 Legislative Travel & Campaigning  
 Legislative Internship Programs  
 Committee Rules of Procedure  
 Legislation Update  
 Other Business  
 SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE: Executive Session  
 Public Comment  
 Executive Session  
 Public Session  
 HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE: Executive Session  
 Public Comment  
 Executive Session  
 Public Session  
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## TASK FORCE ON THE REGULATORY COM OF AK

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Legislative Resolve 11 - RCA TASK FORCE		
+	Overview with Commissioner Anthony Price		
<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Legislative Resolve 11 - RCA Task Force		
+	Overview with Commissioner Anthony Price		

## OTHER MEETINGS

### JOINT SESSION

<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator		

### VPSO TASK FORCE

<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	-- Rescheduled from 01/04/08 --		
	Findings & Recommendations for Report to		
	Legislature (due in February)		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		