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Juneau, Alaska **Monday** **January 28, 2008**
Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:06 a.m.

The roll showed thirteen members present. Senators Cowdery, Dyson, French, Kookesh, Olson, Stevens, Therriault were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Thomas Weise of the Cathedral of the Nativity. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

From Psalm 19 (excerpted from *Psalms for Praying*
by Nan C. Merrill)

The heavens declare the glory of the Creator;
The firmament proclaims the handiwork of Love.

The law of Love is perfect, reviving the soul;
The testimony of Love is sure, making wise the simple;
The precepts of Love are right, rejoicing the heart;
The authority of Love is pure, enlightening the eyes;
The spirit of Love is wondrous, enduring forever;
The rites of love are true, awakening compassion. ...
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart find favor in your Heart
O my Beloved, my strength and my joy!

Gracious God, you created us and placed us within families to learn how to love and be loved. We praise you for your goodness, we thank you for your gifts. Bless our State with your love. Raise up in Alaska good and holy families, loving husbands and wives, devoted parents and children. Raise up from our families and friends dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as models in our communities. Amen.

Senator Wagoner led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 11 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 101

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 101 "An Act relating to private professional conservators and private and public guardians" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 101(2d L&C) "An Act relating to private professional conservators, private and public guardians, and court hearings on the issue of incapacity; and establishing uniform adult guardianship and conservator jurisdiction and procedures."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 107

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 107 "An Act relating to naturopaths and to naturopathic practice; establishing a Naturopathic Advisory Committee and an Alaska Naturopathic Formulary Council; amending the duties of the State Medical Board and the Board of Pharmacy relating to naturopathic practice; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 107(L&C) "An Act relating to naturopaths and to the practice of naturopathy; establishing an Alaska Naturopathic Council; amending the duties of the Board of Pharmacy relating to naturopathic practice; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senators Davis, Hoffman.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Bunde.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

SB 212

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 212 "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children and pregnant women; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Elton, Thomas. Signing no recommendation: Senator Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

HB 151

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 151(JUD) "An Act requiring an indemnification, defense, and hold harmless provision in construction-related professional services contracts of state agencies, quasi-public agencies, municipalities, and political subdivisions" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
151(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senator McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senators Huggins, Wielechowski, Therriault.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 251**

SENATE BILL NO. 251 BY SENATORS OLSON, Hoffman, Stedman, Elton, entitled:

"An Act repealing the termination date of the vessel permit system for the Bering Sea hair crab fishery and the weathervane scallop fishery; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 252

SENATE BILL NO. 252 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain persons licensed by the State Medical Board to document an infant's prenatal exposure to alcohol in the infant's medical file."

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

SB 253

SENATE BILL NO. 253 BY SENATOR HUGGINS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Game; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 254

SENATE BILL NO. 254 BY SENATOR HUGGINS, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Matanuska-Susitna College Fiftieth Anniversary

Representative(s) Gatto, Keller

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

In Memoriam – Geraldine Ivy

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

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 8 through February 10. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Announcements

Senator Huggins, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived in order to hold a Resources Committee meeting on February 2 at 11:00 a.m. for a presentation on ANS Gas Development. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 30, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:21 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

Jan 29 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 += SB 161 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 31 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SB 182 CLEAN ELECTIONS
 + SB 204 MUNI TAX EXEMPTION: COMBAT DEATHS
 + SB 235 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 05 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 += SB 182 CLEAN ELECTIONS
 += SB 204 MUNI TAX EXEMPTION: COMBAT DEATHS
 += SB 235 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 07 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 28 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 29 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Jan 30 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 119 SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANTS
 + SJR 14 BUDGET RESERVE FUND VOTE REQUIREMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 31 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 242 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX DATES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 28 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 231 LOW-INCOME HOUSING; HOMELESSNESS
 + SB 233 TEACHERS/HEALTH CARE PROFESS HOUSING LOAN

Jan 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 160 MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Feb 01 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 28 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 30 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 247 MISSING PERSONS
 + SB 226 VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 01 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 211 AGGRAVATING FACTOR: HOMELESSNESS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 29 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 183 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + SB 196 PRESCRIPTION DATABASE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 31 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 153 PEACE OFFICERS/FIRE FIGHTER RETIREMENT
 + SB 187 ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE
 + SB 197 PAYMENT DATE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS
 + HB 226 REPEAL TERMINATION OF STEP PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Jan 28 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 Drue Pearce, Federal Coordinator, Alaska
 Natural Gas Transportation Projects
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SCR 13 AMICUS BRIEF REGARDING RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS
 Presentation: Gasline Update
 Pat Galvin Commissioner, Dept of Revenue
 Tom Irwin Commissioner, Dept of Natural Resources
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 01 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Backbone II of Alaska
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 02 Saturday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived
 + Presentation: ANS Gas Development
 David Keane, VP Government Affairs, BG Group
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 29 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 31 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + HB 37 ESTABLISHING SUSAN BUTCHER DAY
 + SB 201 PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE
 + SB 215 REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE/I.D.
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 29 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 + SB 218 CHILD SAFETY SEATS & SEAT BELTS
 + SB 236 TRANSPORTATION FUND

Jan 31 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 + SB 224 G.O. BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 06 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 + Joint with House
 FY09 Budget Overview

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Jan 28 Monday Senate Finance 532 12:15 PM
 -- Location Change --
 Joint with House
 Department Overview
 FY09 Budget Request

Feb 01 Friday House Finance 519 12:15 PM
 Joint with House
 FY09 Budget Request

Feb 08 Friday House Finance 519 12:15 PM
 Joint with House
 FY09 Budget Request

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV (continued)**

Feb 15	Friday	House Finance 519	12:15 PM
	Joint with House FY09 Budget Request		

CORRECTIONS

Jan 28	Monday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
	Joint with House FY09 Dept of Corrections Budget		

COURT SYSTEM

Jan 31	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	Commission Judicial Conduct FY08 Update Court System FY09 Requests		

Feb 04	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	Court System Budget		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Jan 29	Tuesday	House Finance 519	5:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Joint with House		

Jan 31	Thursday	House Finance 519	5:00 PM
	Joint with House		

Feb 05	Tuesday	House Finance 519	5:00 PM
	Joint with House		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Jan 29	Tuesday	House Finance 519	3:30 PM
	Joint with House Review of FY08 Initiatives, Programs & Supplemental Spending		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Jan 28	Monday Joint with House FY09 Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:15 PM
Jan 30	Wednesday Joint with House FY09 Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:15 PM
Feb 04	Monday Joint with House FY09 Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:15 PM
Feb 06	Wednesday Joint with House FY09 Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:15 PM
Feb 11	Monday Joint with House FY09 Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:15 PM
Feb 13	Wednesday Joint with House FY09 Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:15 PM

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Feb 07 +	Thursday Joint with House Budget Overview Presentation by General Campbell -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Jan 29	Tuesday FY09 Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Feb 05	Tuesday FY09 Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 12	Tuesday FY09 Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Feb 19	Tuesday FY09 Budget Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 04	Tuesday FY09 Budget Closeout	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Jan 31	Thursday Department Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Jan 30	Wednesday + SCR 15 AMEND UNIFORM RULES: STANDING COMMITTEES + SB 240 EDUCATION FUNDING	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 01	Friday + SCR 16 EDUCATION FUNDING/COST FACTOR COMMISSION + SB 241 UNIV. REPORT: TEACHER TRAINING/RETENTION	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 02	Saturday + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	10:00 AM

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 12	Tuesday Presentations by: Lt. General Douglas M. Frasier Alaska Army National Guard Alaska Air National Guard	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
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JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

- Jan 31** **Thursday** **Capitol 106** **5:00 PM**
 + Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 -- Public Testimony --

- Feb 01** **Friday** **Lt Gov Conf Rm** **3:00 PM**
 + Pat Davidson, Legislative Audit
 Audit Findings -
 Council's Relationship & Consultation with other State Agencies
 Appt Process for Members of the Council
 + Continuing at 5:00 pm:
 General Task Force Meeting
 Finalize Recommendations on above Audit Findings

- Feb 02** **Saturday** **Lt Gov Conf Rm** **8:30 AM**
 + CDVSA Overview by Chris Ashenbrenner
 Continuing at 1:30 pm:
 + General Task Force Meeting
 Statutory Responsibilities & Priorities
 Council's Mission & Mission's Focus

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

- Jan 29** **Tuesday** **House Finance 519** **9:00 AM**
 Denali Commission Presentation
 Mat Maid Audit Scope Revision
 Consider Final & Preliminary Audits
 Audit Software
 Other Committee Business

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

- Jan 31** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **12:00 PM**
 Agenda to be Announced

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OTHER MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

Jan 29 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
+ Presentation by Children's Justice Act Task Force:
 - Sexual Exploitation of Children via the Internet
 - Report on Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC)

JOINT SESSION

Feb 06 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Dana Fabe

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

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 11 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **2:00 PM**
 SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN
 Informal Q & A Session Regarding Alaska's
 Public School System