

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 27, 2008**

**Forty-fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:07 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, President Garth Hamblin of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

With a feeling of spring in the air, we are mindful of the beauty and bounty that surrounds us.

We are thankful for the freedom and privileges we enjoy. We are thankful for those that serve here; for their time and sacrifice that they and their families make as they serve on behalf of all Alaskans.

We pray that thou would bless them. Bless them in their work, bless them with health, strength and energy to accomplish the tasks that are before them.

We again thank thee for what we have and pray that thou would continue to bless us.

In the name of Jesus Christ I pray.

Amen.

Senator Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the forty-second and forty-third legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Hoffman was noted.

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated February 25 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

#### **First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

##### **HB 259**

HOUSE BILL NO. 259(efd add) BY REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Dahlstrom, Lynn, Kerttula, Roses, Nelson, entitled:

"An Act establishing the first week of every March as Alaska History Week; and providing for an effective date."

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

##### **HB 273**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to school funding, funding for student transportation services, the base student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for intensive services and average daily membership calculations; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 119**

Forthcoming fiscal information (page 1915) from the Rules Committee for CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(RLS) "An Act relating to grant programs to support libraries" was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Education  
and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Senate Rules Committee

**SB 149**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 149 "An Act relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) "An Act  
relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses and to the  
Board of Dispensing Opticians."

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

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.

**SB 216**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 216 "An Act designating the Alaska Highway and portion of the Richardson Highway as the Purple Heart Trail" and recommended the adoption of the Transportation Committee Substitute offered on page 1805. Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Huggins, Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public  
Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 243**

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 243 "An Act relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Commission on Aging and the Department of Health and Social Services" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 243(HES)

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, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 260**

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 260(STA) "An Act relating to a State Officers Compensation Commission and establishing how legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and executive department heads shall be compensated; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of certain sections of ch. 124, SLA 1986; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Green. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens. Signing amend: Senator Bunde.

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 315**

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 315 "An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Vice Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Stevens. Signing do pass: Senators Green, McGuire.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 321**

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 321(FSH) "An Act relating to the salmon product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by amending an effective date in sec. 7, ch. 57, SLA 2003, as amended by sec. 4, ch. 3, SLA 2006; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 228**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 228 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to and permitting certain uses and occupancies of real property that do not comply with changes made to municipal land use ordinances."

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

**SB 295**

SENATE BILL NO. 295 BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensing of clinical laboratory science professionals; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 296**

SENATE BILL NO. 296 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the crime victim compensation fund."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Second Reading of Senate Bills**

**SB 158**

SENATE BILL NO. 158 "An Act designating the bridge on the George Parks Highway directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis 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. 158 was read the third time.

Senators Davis, Thomas, Olson, Wilken, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Stedman, Bunde, Wagoner, Stevens, Therriault, Dyson, McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 158 "An Act designating the bridge on the George Parks Highway directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 158

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Cowdery

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 158 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**SB 253**

SENATE BILL NO. 253 "An Act relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Game; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis 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. 253 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 253 "An Act relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Game; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 253

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 1**

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

Excused: Cowdery

Absent: Hoffman

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 253 passed the Senate.

Senator Ellis 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.

### **Citations**

Honoring – Perfect World

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

Honoring – Elizabeth "Pat" Hjellen, Wasilla Pioneer

Representative(s) Keller

Senator(s) Green, Bunde, 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**

Senators Therriault, McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 5 and March 7. Without objection, Senators Therriault, McGuire were excused.

**SB 169**

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 169 "An Act relating to children engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 218**

Senator McGuire, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the State Affairs Committee referral be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 218 "An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts." Without objection, the bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 158**

SENATE BILL NO. 158 "An Act designating the bridge on the George Parks Highway directly north of the Alaska Native Veterans' Honor Bridge as the Shirley Demientieff Memorial Bridge" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SB 253**

SENATE BILL NO. 253 "An Act relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Game; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 29, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:41 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**

**Feb 28 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 254 AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Feb 27 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 236 TRANSPORTATION FUND  
 + HB 321 SALMON PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT  
 + SB 216 PURPLE HEART TRAIL  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += HB 273 EDUCATION FUNDING  
 <Pending Referral>  
 <Above Bill Hearing Postponed to 2/28/08>

**Feb 28 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += HB 273 EDUCATION FUNDING  
 += SB 230 FILM OFFICE/ FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT  
 += HB 61 TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOC ED  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 29 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += HB 13 RETIREMENT SYSTEM LIABILITY/BONDS/CORP.  
 + SB 229 TANANA VALLEY FOREST/MINTO FLATS REFUGE  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 27      Wednesday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 29      Friday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**  
+ SB 191 PUBLIC EDUCATION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 27      Wednesday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
+ SB 185 SEX OFFENDER/CHILD KIDNAPPER REGISTRATION  
+ SB 202 PROHIBIT STATE SPENDING FOR REAL ID ACT  
+ SB 273 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 29      Friday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
+= SB 234 CRIMINAL LAW/PROCEDURE: OMNIBUS BILL  
+ SB 164 USED MOTOR VEHICLE SALES  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 28      Thursday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
+ SB 113 NURSING MOTHERS IN WORKPLACE  
+ SB 258 PAID SICK LEAVE  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
+= SB 160 MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

**Mar 01      Saturday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES**

**Feb 27      Wednesday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**

+ SB 214 HUNTING BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += SB 246 SUSITNA HYDRO WORKING GROUP; REPORT  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 29      Friday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**

+ Presentation: Process & Requirements for  
 Large Mine Permit Applications in Alaska  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 01      Saturday      Butrovich 205      11:00 AM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + SJR 17 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 28      Thursday      Beltz 211      9:00 AM**

+= SJR 12 CRUISE SHIP PORT TIMES: JONES ACT  
 + SB 276 STATE CONSTRUCT'N PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT  
 + SB 208 SEX OFFENSES: 'WITHOUT CONSENT' DEFINED  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 + SB 218 CHILD SAFETY SEATS & SEAT BELTS  
 <Bill Waived from Committee>

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 28      Thursday      Butrovich 205      1:00 PM**

+= SB 190 MINORS TRAVELING ALONE BY AIR  
 += SB 189 APPROP.: BRIDGES, SERVICE ROADS, TRAILS  
 += SB 265 SEX OFFENDERS & CHILD KIDNAPPERS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Budget Close-out		

<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Budget Close-out		

**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	FY09 Budget Overview		

<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	FY09 Budget Overview		

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	FY09 Budget Overview		

**GOVERNOR**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Close-out Meeting		

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Department Budget - Questions & Answers		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
+	Department Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****LAW**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Budget Detail	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Close-out	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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**LEGISLATURE**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Close-out Meeting	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Friday</b> FY09 Budget Close-out	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
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<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> -- MEETING CANCELED -- FY09 DMVA Budget Close-out	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> -- MEETING CANCELED -- FY09 Budget Close-out	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
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<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> FY09 Budget Overview	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Mar 04</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Department Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****REVENUE**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Budget Detail		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Budget Detail		
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Close-out		

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ SB 285	STATE INTERVENTION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	-- Location Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 285	STATE INTERVENTION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Workshop on Charter Schools		

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEES****CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 59**

<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
SB 59	GAMING: BROADCASTING/CABBAGE CLASSICS		

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Maximizing Access Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> -- MEETING CANCELED -- Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> High Quality, Low Cost	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>

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**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> -- Date Change -- Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
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**SENATE BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Open Caucus on Energy Costs	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b> -- Rescheduled to 03/13/08 -- Open Caucus on Affordable Housing	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Open Caucus on Affordable Housing	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>