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Sixtieth Day

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Kookesh was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Dan Wanders of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious god of all peoples, we are thankful for the wisdom and experience that come from the diverse paths that have brought the members of this senate to this time and place in the history of Alaska.

We pray that these senators can so work together that public attitudes toward government are elevated, and constituents, especially the voiceless and overlooked, will know that they have been attended to.

We are thankful for the abilities and dedication of the support staff and ask your peaceful blessing upon all of them. May what the pages experience here sustain and guide them in their fulfilling their life goals.

In this senate, let truth be spoken, camaraderie be nourished, mutual respect be deserved, and nobility thrive.

We pray your watchful care upon senators and constituents as
they travel. Amen.

Senator Elton led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Messages dated March 12 and 13 were read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HCR 24

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 BY THE HOUSE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning Senate Bill No. 72, relating to the
community revenue sharing program.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 289

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FSH) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, entitled:

"An Act exempting employers from paying unemployment tax for temporary services provided by fishing vessel crewmembers and related to emergency oil spill training and response activities; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 351

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 351(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to submission of fingerprints by applicants for a concealed handgun permit; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 379

HOUSE BILL NO. 379 BY REPRESENTATIVES HAWKER, Doogan, Gara, Holmes, Kerttula, Dahlstrom, entitled:

"An Act relating to educational requirements for licensure as a certified public accountant."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Concur Messages**SB 72**

Message dated March 12 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(FIN) "An Act relating to the community revenue sharing program; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendments:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.
72(FIN) am H "An Act relating to the community
revenue sharing program; repealing certain programs
providing state payments to municipalities and other
entities; and providing for an effective date."
(Title Change HCR 24)

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

Senator Therriault objected, then withdrew his objection.

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

HCS CSSB 72(FIN) am H
Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendments
to CSSB 72(FIN)? Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Kookesh

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendments, thus adopting
HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(FIN) am H "An
Act relating to the community revenue sharing program; repealing
certain programs providing state payments to municipalities and other
entities; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Ellis 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.

HCR 24

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to take up HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35,
41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,

concerning Senate Bill No. 72, relating to the community revenue sharing program. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 72, relating to the community revenue sharing program, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 24

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Kookesh

and so, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 160

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 160 "An Act establishing an Alaska health care program to ensure insurance coverage for essential health services for all residents of the state; establishing the Alaska Health Care Board to define essential health care services, to certify health care plans that provide essential health care services, and to administer the Alaska health care program and the Alaska health care fund; establishing the Alaska health care clearinghouse to administer the Alaska health care program under the direction of the Alaska Health Care Board; establishing eligibility standards and premium assistance for persons with low income; establishing standards for accountable health care plans; creating the Alaska health care fund; providing for review of actions and reporting requirements related to the health care program; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 160(L&C) "An Act establishing an Alaska health care program to ensure insurance coverage for essential health services for residents of the state; establishing the Alaska Health Care Board to administer the Alaska health care program and the Alaska health care fund; establishing the Alaska health care clearinghouse to administer the Alaska health care program under the direction of the Alaska Health Care Board; establishing eligibility standards and premium assistance for persons with low income; creating the Alaska health care fund; providing for review of actions and reporting requirements related to the health care program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Stevens, Hoffman. Signing amend: Senator Davis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Commerce,
Community and Economic Development

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.

SB 164

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 164 "An Act relating to disclosures required for the sale of a used motor vehicle, including a trailer, by a motor vehicle dealer" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(JUD)

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

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 289

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 289 "An Act relating to home energy conservation and weatherization for purposes of certain programs of the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation." Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Huggins, Olson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Dyson.

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

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 293

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 293 "An Act relating to electronic communication devices and to personal information" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 293(L&C) "An Act relating to electronic communication devices and to personal information and making certain violations related to electronic communication devices unfair trade practices."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 165

The Judiciary Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 165 "An Act relating to providing field accommodations for big game hunters." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senator Therriault.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 267

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 267(RES) "An Act relating to authorizing the state to join with other states entering into the Wildlife Violator Compact; excluding commercial fishing and big game commercial hunting services from the provisions of the compact; and directing the initiation of civil actions to revoke appropriate licenses in this state based on a licensee's violation of or failure to comply with the terms of a wildlife resource citation issued in another state that is a party to the compact." Signing do pass: Senator Huggins, Chair; Senators McGuire, Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wagoner.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 284

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284(FIN) "An Act relating to participation in certain student fellowships as an allowable absence from the state for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senator Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senators Green, Bunde. Signing amend: Senator French.

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

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

HB 286

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 286 "An Act relating to impersonating a public servant." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Stevens, French.

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

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 296

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 296 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Stevens, Green, Bunde.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 2, House Finance Committee

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SCR 14

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Proclaiming February 4 - 10, 2008, as Perianesthesia Nurses Week. Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Elton, Thomas, Cowdery.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 at this time. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Proclaiming February 4 - 10, 2008, as Perianesthesia Nurses Week, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 14

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Kookesh

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

HJR 16

Forthcoming Labor and Commerce Committee fiscal information (page 2142) for HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Opposing imposition of a milk tax on Alaskans, was published March 13:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Office of the Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 149

SENATE BILL NO. 149 "An Act relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 2003. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) "An Act relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses and to the Board of Dispensing Opticians" was adopted.

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.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) "An Act relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses and to the Board of Dispensing Opticians" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 149(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Kookesh

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 289

SENATE BILL NO. 289 "An Act relating to home energy conservation and weatherization for purposes of certain programs of the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation" 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. 289 was read the third time.

Senators Thomas, Wilken, Wielechowski, McGuire, Stedman, Green, French, Davis 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. 289 "An Act relating to home energy conservation and weatherization for purposes of certain programs of the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 289

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Nays: Wagoner

Excused: Kookesh

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 289 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Mark Dooley

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

Honoring – Sergeant First Class Kristopher Rick

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

Honoring – Clinton James Holbrook, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout

Representative(s) Seaton

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

Honoring – Patricia Wolf

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

Honoring – Art LaRue

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Phil Crouse

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

Representative(s) Stoltze

In Memoriam – Glen Harding Starn

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Jan Porterfield

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – William Thomas "Bill" Ford

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – John Norsworthy

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

In Memoriam – Richard Monroe Swarner

Representative(s) Olson

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

In Memoriam – James E. Carter, Sr.

Representative(s) Olson

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

In Memoriam – Phillip 'Phil' Anthony Turkington

Representative(s) Olson

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

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam – Walter William Dyakanoff

Representative(s) Edgmon

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

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

Unfinished Business**SB 125**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to take up the Free Conference Committee Report on SENATE BILL NO. 125, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 2169). Without objection, it was so ordered.

The following report, which had been received and distributed at 9:34 a.m., March 12, was read:

March 3, 2008

Madam President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Free Conference Committee considered CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125(FIN) "An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the retirement plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the Teachers' Retirement System, to calculations of contributions under those retirement plans, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, the defined benefit plans of those systems; relating to employer contributions to the health reimbursement arrangement plan; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date"

and

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125(FIN) "An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the retirement plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the Teachers' Retirement System, to calculations of contributions under those retirement plans, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, the defined benefit plans of those systems; relating to recovery of an award of damages or other recovery by those systems; relating to employer contributions to the health reimbursement arrangement plan; relating to participation in the public employees' defined contribution plan by certain elected officials; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date" (Title change HCR 11) and recommends

FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the retirement plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the Teachers' Retirement System, to calculations of contributions under those retirement plans, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, the defined benefit plans of those systems; relating to recovery of an award of damages or other recovery by those systems; relating to employer contributions to the health reimbursement arrangement plan; relating to participation in the public employees' defined contribution plan by certain elected officials; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date"

be adopted.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Administration

Signing the report: Senator Stedman, Chair, Senators Stevens, Wilken; Representative Chenault, Chair, Representatives Hawker, Doogan.

Senator Ellis moved that the Senate adopt the Free Conference Committee Report on FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125.

The question being: "Shall the Senate adopt the Free Conference Committee Report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

FCCS SB 125

Shall the Senate adopt the Free Conference Committee Report? Effective Dates

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

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

Excused: Kookesh

and so, the report was adopted, thus adopting:

FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the retirement plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the Teachers' Retirement System, to calculations of contributions under those retirement plans, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, the defined benefit plans of those systems; relating to recovery of an award of damages or other recovery by those systems; relating to employer contributions to the health reimbursement arrangement plan; relating to participation in the public employees' defined contribution plan by certain elected officials; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the adoption of the Conference Committee Report be considered the vote on the effective date clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

SB 149

Senators Davis, Stevens, Green, Ellis, Elton, Wilken, Bunde, Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) "An Act relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses and to the Board of Dispensing Opticians." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 149**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(L&C) "An Act relating to redistribution of used eyeglasses and to the Board of Dispensing Opticians" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 289

SENATE BILL NO. 289 "An Act relating to home energy conservation and weatherization for purposes of certain programs of the Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SCR 14

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Proclaiming February 4 - 10, 2008, as Perianesthesia Nurses Week, 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., March 17, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:27 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

Mar 18 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + SB 304 CFEC AS INFORMATION RESOURCE
 += SB 228 MUNICIPAL LAND USE REGULATION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 14 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 221 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 + Department Presentations: Division of Elections, Law, Administration, Military and Veterans Affairs
 Break
 1:30 pm Meeting will Reconvene
 Commerce, Community & Economic Dev., Corrections, Alaska Court System, Labor & Workforce Development
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += HB 310 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += HB 312 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Operating Budget Close-outs
 + SB 209 EXTEND ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING
 <Bill Hearing Postponed to 03/15/08>
 + SB 243 COMMISSION ON AGING
 <Bill Hearing Postponed to 03/15/08>
 + SB 254 AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 <Bill Hearing Postponed to 03/15/08>

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 14	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+=	SB 221	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS	
+=	HB 310	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
+=	HB 312	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
Mar 15	Saturday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
+=	SB 120	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS	
+=	SB 209	EXTEND ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING	
+=	SB 243	COMMISSION ON AGING	
+=	SB 254	AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 17	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+=	HB 310	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
+=	HB 312	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	
+	Statewide Public Testimony		
	9 - 10 am Juneau		
	10 - 11 am Kenai, Valdez, Ketchikan		
	Kodiak, Seward, Mat-Su, Glennallen, Tok		
	Break		
	1 - 2 pm Fairbanks		
	2 - 3:30 pm Anchorage		
	Break		
	5 - 5:30 pm Sitka, Wrangell,		
	Petersburg, Homer, Dillingham, Cordova		
	5:30 - 6:30 pm Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow,		
	Nome, Delta Junction, Off-nets		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 18	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 265	SEX OFFENDERS & CHILD KIDNAPPERS	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 21 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 28 LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES
 += SB 201 PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 14 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 280 MEDICAID/ INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
 + SB 288 PESTICIDES/BROADCAST CHEMICALS IN SCHOOLS
 <Bill Hearing Postponed>
 + SJR 18 CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 300 HEALTH CARE: PLAN/COMMISSION/FACILITIES

Mar 17 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 206 CHILDREN'S TRUST GRANT FOR ENDOWMENT
 <Bill Hearing Postponed to 03/19/08>
 + SB 210 APPROP: ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
 <Bill Hearing Postponed to 03/19/08>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 107 NATUROPATHS

Mar 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 206 CHILDREN'S TRUST GRANT FOR ENDOWMENT
 += SB 210 APPROP: ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 107 NATUROPATHS

Mar 21 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Mar 14 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Alaska Public Offices Commission
 <Above Hearing will Continue 03/21/08>
- + SB 235 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 17 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 += SB 234 CRIMINAL LAW/PROCEDURE: OMNIBUS BILL
 + SB 293 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES
 <Pending Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 19 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 += SB 234 CRIMINAL LAW/PROCEDURE: OMNIBUS BILL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 21 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 + HJR 34 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DNA TESTING
 += HB 163 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Alaska Public Offices Commission
 <Rescheduled from 03/14/08>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Mar 15 Saturday Beltz 211 4:00 PM**
 -- NOTE: Time Change --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- = SB 294 RCA POSITIONS AND SALARIES
 = SB 297 NONUNION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY & BENEFIT
 = HB 65 PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT
- Mar 18 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 + SB 179 DEPENDENT HEALTH INSURANCE; AGE LIMIT
 + SB 263 ARCHITECTS, ENGRS, SURVEYORS BD/EXEMPTION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 20 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 320 SEARCH & RESCUE: CERTIFICATION/WORK.COMP
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Saturday Beltz 211 10:00 AM
 -- NOTE: Meeting Time --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 14 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: AGIA/Gasline Update
 Steve Porter, LB&A Consultant
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SJR 17 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 15 Saturday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 = SJR 17 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 17 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 214 HUNTING BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Board of Fisheries
 Board of Game
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Mar 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 284 BOARD OF FISHERIES: MEMBERSHIP
 + HJR 14 EXXON PLAINTIFFS; H.R. 2419, SEC. 12801
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 AK Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 21 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearings:
 Big Game Commercial Services Board
 += SB 237 MGMT OF SUSTAINABLE SALMON FISHERIES
 + SB 301 LEASE-PURCHASE: HATCHERY
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Mar 22 Saturday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 18 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 183 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + SB 259 EFFECTIVE DATE: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LAWS
 + SB 260 2008 REVISOR'S BILL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 198 CAMPAIGN FINANCE/ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS
 + SB 203 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS: VOTING & CONFLICTS
 + SCR 12 AMEND UNIFORM RULES: ABSTAIN FROM VOTING
 + SB 199 CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINTS
 + SB 213 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION POWERS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 2:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 SB 298 MARINE TRANSPORTATION: BOARD & DIVISION

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 14 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 1:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 Close-out

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mar 14 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + SB 290 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 15 Saturday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Location and Time Change --
 -- Rescheduled from 03/08/08 --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + Overview & Workshop on Charter Schools

Mar 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 21 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mar 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Address on Veterans' Issues by the
 Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Mar 17 Monday House Finance 519 8:30 AM
Contracts

Mar 25 Tuesday House Finance 519 8:30 AM
Final Audits -
FY08 Statewide Single Audit
Dept. of Admin., AK Data Enterprise
Reporting System
Preliminary Audits -
Dept. of Natural Resources,
Matanuska Maid
Dept. Environmental Conservation,
Div. of Spill Prevention & Response

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 20 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
FY07 Legislature Audit
Cutting Edge Development, Inc. Contract
Amendment
Coldfoot Environmental Services, Inc.
Contract Approval
Goldstein Improvement Co. Lease Renewal
Approval
90 Day Session Subcommittee
Charitable Event Approval - Alaska Youth
Choir Touring Dinner/Fundraiser

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

Mar 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
Measuring Success: Improving Health
Indicators

OTHER MEETINGS (continued)**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS (continued)**

Apr 02	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	High Quality, Low Cost		

JOINT SESSION

Mar 18	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	-- Date Change --		
	Annual Address by the Honorable		
	Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		