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Eighty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 2:48 p.m.

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

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

Our Most Precious Heavenly Father,

We thank thee for bringing us together here today.
We thank thee for thy guidance and for thy blessing
as we continue to move forward and over this period
behind us here recently. As we address the different
issues facing our state and our nation, we thank thee
for thy guidance and blessing.

And today we would like to give a special thanks to
you for delivering two people from the other body,
Representative Richard Foster and Representative
Lindsay Holmes, who have had some recent physical
setbacks, but you have delivered them safely back to
their families, to this body and to that body. We
thank thee for that. And Father, we realize that we are
just mere humans as we move forward. We ask you
to bless us, to guide us, and forgive us.

In Jesus Name, I pray.

Amen.

Senator Elton led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

HB 285

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the time for reconsideration on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(CRA) "An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of widows and widowers of certain members of the armed forces of the United States" be extended to April 7. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

HB 310

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the Speaker granted limited powers of free conference to the House conferees considering

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am S(brf sup maj fld S) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

on the appropriations and language that are not identical in the House and Senate versions of HOUSE BILL NO. 310.

HB 312

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the Speaker granted limited powers of free conference to the House conferees considering

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(FIN)

on the appropriations and language that are not identical in the House and Senate versions of HOUSE BILL NO. 312.

The presence of Senator Dyson was noted.

HB 13

Message dated April 4 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 13(FIN) "An Act relating to prepayments of accrued actuarial liabilities of government retirement systems; relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the state bond committee; establishing the Alaska Pension Obligation Bond Corporation; permitting the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority or a subsidiary of the authority, a subsidiary of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the state bond committee, and the Alaska Pension Obligation Bond Corporation to assist state and municipal governmental employers by issuing bonds, notes, commercial paper, or other obligations to enable the governmental employers to prepay all or a portion of the governmental employers' shares of the unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of retirement systems; authorizing a governmental employer to issue obligations to prepay all or a portion of the governmental employer's shares of the unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of retirement systems and to enter into a lease or other contractual agreement with a trustee, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority or a subsidiary of the authority, a subsidiary of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the state bond committee, or the Alaska Pension Obligation Bond Corporation in connection with the

issuance of obligations for that purpose, and relating to those obligations; relating to revision of the employer contribution rate in connection with financed prepayment of unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of government retirement systems; and providing for an effective date" thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 13(FIN) "An Act relating to prepayments of accrued actuarial liabilities of government retirement systems; relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the state bond committee; establishing the Alaska Pension Obligation Bond Corporation; permitting the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority or a subsidiary of the authority, a subsidiary of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the state bond committee, and the Alaska Pension Obligation Bond Corporation to assist state and municipal governmental employers by issuing bonds, notes, commercial paper, or other obligations to enable the governmental employers to prepay all or a portion of the governmental employers' shares of the unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of retirement systems; authorizing a governmental employer to enter into a lease or other contractual agreement with a trustee, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority or a subsidiary of the authority, a subsidiary of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the state bond committee, or the Alaska Pension Obligation Bond Corporation in connection with the issuance of obligations by a state entity for the purpose of prepaying all or a portion of the governmental employer's share of the unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of retirement systems, and relating to those obligations; relating to revision of the employer contribution rate in connection with financed prepayment of unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of government retirement systems; and providing for an effective date." (Title change SCR 20)

HB 61

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(FIN), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(FIN) "An Act relating to tax credits for cash contributions by taxpayers that are accepted for certain educational purposes, including vocational education programs and courses at the secondary school level and to tax credits for cash contributions by tax payers that are accepted by a state-operated vocational technical education and training school; and providing for an effective date."

HB 125

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(FIN), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(FIN) "An Act relating to budget planning and a fiscal plan for the State of Alaska."

HB 193

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 193(STA) "An Act relating to the composition of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and providing for an effective date."

HB 330

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(RES), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330(FIN) "An Act relating to noxious weed, invasive plant and agricultural pest management and education; and providing for an effective date."

SCR 14

Message dated April 4 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14
Proclaiming February 4 - 10, 2008, as Perianesthesia Nurses Week.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

SCR 20

Message dated April 4 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 13, relating to prepayments of accrued actuarial liabilities of government retirement systems; relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority; permitting the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority or a subsidiary of the authority to assist state and municipal governmental employers by issuing bonds, notes, commercial paper, or other obligations to enable the governmental employers to prepay all or a portion of the governmental employers' shares of the unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of retirement systems; authorizing a governmental employer to issue obligations to prepay all or a portion of the governmental employer's shares of the unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of retirement systems and to enter into a lease or other contractual agreement with a trustee or the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority or a subsidiary of the authority in

connection with the issuance of obligations for that purpose, and relating to those obligations; and providing for an effective date.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

SB 158

Message dated April 4 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

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."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

SB 164

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(JUD) "An Act relating to disclosures required for the sale of a used motor vehicle, including a trailer, by a motor vehicle dealer."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

SB 209

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 209 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Messages dated April 4 and April 5 were read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions**HCR 27**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27 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. 214, relating to hunting
licenses and tags for nonresident members of the
military service or the United States Coast Guard and
their dependents.

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 200**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 200(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the presumption of coverage for a
workers' compensation claim for disability as a result
of certain diseases for certain fire fighters."

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

HB 294

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
294(TRA) am BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Marine
Transportation Advisory Board and setting out its
powers and duties; making conforming amendments;
and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 368

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 368(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE
FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act amending the Legislative Ethics Act to modify the limitation on political fund raising by legislators and legislative employees during legislative sessions, to allow legislators and legislative employees to accept certain gifts from lobbyists, to clarify the Legislative Ethics Act as it relates to legislative volunteers and educational trainees, to reduce the frequency of publication of summaries by the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, and to revise procedures and fines related to the late filing of disclosures required by the Legislative Ethics Act."

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

HB 383

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 383(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR
AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing an exemption from the dentist licensing exam for certain persons."

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

Concur Messages**SB 214**

Message dated April 5 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) "An Act relating to hunting licenses and tags for nonresident members of the military service or the United States Coast Guard and their dependents; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) "An Act relating to hunting licenses and tags for nonresident members of the military service or the United States Coast Guard and their dependents; providing for free hunting and sport fishing licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves; and providing for an effective date."
(Title change HCR 27)

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

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

HCS CSSB 214(FIN)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House

Amendment to CSSB 214(FIN)? Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Bunde

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN).

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 27

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to take up HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 2662). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 214, relating to hunting licenses and tags for nonresident members of the military service or the United States Coast Guard and their dependents, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 27

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Bunde

and so, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Communications

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated April 3 was received, stating the monetary terms of the arbitration award as a result of a dispute between the State and the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots Association in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Green referred the report to the Finance Committee.

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated April 4 was received, stating the monetary terms of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Green referred the report to the Finance Committee.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 280**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 280 "An Act requiring health care insurers to provide insurance coverage for medical care received by a patient during certain approved clinical trials designed to test and improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or palliation of cancer; directing the Department of Health and Social Services to provide Medicaid services to persons who participate in clinical trials; relating to experimental treatments; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 2429. Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Davis. Signing do not pass: Senator Stevens.

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.

HB 50

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 50(JUD) "An Act relating to the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children; establishing an interstate commission for the placement of children; amending Rules 4 and 24(b), Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Therriault, Huggins, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 163

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 163(JUD) "An Act relating to real property foreclosures, to the sale of property on execution, and to deeds of trust" and recommended it be replaced with

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

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 268

The Judiciary Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 268 "An Act relating to damaging a vehicle on public land by starting a fire or causing an explosion." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Huggins, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senator Therriault.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 286

The Judiciary Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 286 "An Act relating to impersonating a public servant" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(JUD)

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

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 Rules Committee.

HB 331

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 331(L&C) "An Act relating to motor vehicle insurance, license suspensions, and notices relating to motor vehicles and notices relating to driver's licenses." Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 359

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 359(FIN) "An Act relating to the term of probation for persons convicted of minor consuming or in possession or control of alcohol or repeat minor consuming or in possession or control of alcohol; and relating to termination of probation for certain persons convicted of minor consuming or in possession or control of alcohol or repeat minor consuming or in possession or control of alcohol." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Therriault, Huggins, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Judiciary Committee

Fiscal Note No. 2, Alaska Court System

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 400

The Judiciary Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 400 "An Act relating to a person who seeks medical assistance for a person experiencing a drug overdose." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Therriault, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Huggins.

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HJR 37

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37(JUD) Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to correct obsolete references to the office of secretary of state by substituting references to the office of lieutenant governor. Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senators Therriault, Huggins.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

Special Committee Reports**HB 310**

April 4, 2008

Madam President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee considering CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date"

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 310(FIN) am S(brf sup maj fld S) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date"

respectfully requests limited powers of free conference on the appropriations and language that are not identical in House and Senate versions of HB 310.

Signing the report: Senator Hoffman, Chair, Senators Stedman, Dyson; Representative Chenault, Chair, Representatives Meyer, Joule.

A breakdown of identical allocations in section 1 and a table of language not subject to conference was attached.

President Green granted the Senate members limited powers of free conference as requested.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

HB 312

April 4, 2008

Madam President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee considering CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date"

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 312(FIN)

respectfully requests limited powers of free conference on the appropriations and language that are not identical in House and Senate versions of HB 312.

Signing the report: Senator Hoffman, Chair, Senators Stedman, Dyson; Representative Chenault, Chair, Representatives Meyer, Joule.

A breakdown of identical allocations in section 1 and a table of language sections not subject to conference was attached.

President Green granted the Senate members limited powers of free conference as requested.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 24

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 BY THE
SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE,

Relating to establishing a Joint Legislative Certificate
of Need Task Force.

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

SCR 25

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25 BY THE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning House Bill No. 285, relating to an
optional exemption from municipal property taxes for
residences of widows and widowers of certain
members of the armed forces of the United States.

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 149

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 149(RES) "An Act relating to the
authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to require
certain monitoring, sampling, and reporting and to require permits for
certain discharges of pollutants; relating to criminal penalties for
violations of the permit program; and providing for an effective date"
was read the second time.

President Green stated CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 149(RES) will advance to third reading on the April 7 calendar.

House Bills in Second Reading

HB 233

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) "An Act relating to giving notice of unclaimed net margin distributions made by electric and telephone cooperatives" was before the Senate in second reading.

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 CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) "An Act relating to giving notice of unclaimed net margin distributions made by electric and telephone cooperatives" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 233(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Bunde

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**SJR 18**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Requesting the President of the United States to direct the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to test the materials used in children's toys and other children's products for toxicity and to make the results publicly available, was read the second time.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Requesting the President of the United States to direct the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to test the materials used in children's toys and other children's products for toxicity and to make the results publicly available, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 18

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Bunde

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of House Resolutions**HJR 32**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry, was read the second time.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Objections were heard and Senator Wielechowski was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 32

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Nays: Elton, French, Thomas

Excused: Bunde

and so, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring – John William Bennett, Sr.

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

Honoring – Peter "Paniguaq" Jacobs

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

Honoring – Darrel W. Hess

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

Representative(s) Gara

Honoring – Michelle Dewitt

Representative(s) Nelson

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

Honoring – Bev Hoffman

Representative(s) Nelson

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

Honoring – Kelly and Greg Lincoln

Representative(s) Nelson

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

Honoring – Raymond "Ray" R. Redington Jr., Winner of the Fred Meyer Sportsmanship Award

Representative(s) Neuman

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

Honoring – Buckland School

Representative(s) Joule

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

Honoring – Haines High School Cheerleading/Dance Team

Representative(s) Thomas

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

Honoring – John S. MacKinnon

Representative(s) Olson

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

Honoring – Duane Anthony Bannock

Representative(s) Olson

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

Honoring – Pier One Theatre

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 – Kiana School Lady Lynx

Representative(s) Joule

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

In Memoriam – Jamaal Jaques Martin Barras

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

In Memoriam – Joseph James Cahill

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

In Memoriam – Bertha Davis

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

In Memoriam – Madie Watts

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

In Memoriam – Darnell Jones, Jr.

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

In Memoriam – Pervis L. Fly

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

In Memoriam – Carmella Furnace

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

In Memoriam – Christine Thomas-Rocquemore

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

In Memoriam – Eric B. Quinn

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

In Memoriam – Richard C. Pope

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

Representative(s) Neuman

In Memoriam – James "Jim" Ruotsala

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

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

In Memoriam – Don Collinsworth

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

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

In Memoriam – Sam Pitka, Sr.

Representative(s) Kawasaki

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

In Memoriam – Guy Daniel Guy

Representative(s) Nelson

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

In Memoriam – Kenton Hanscom

Representative(s) Kawasaki

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

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

SCR 24

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Relating to establishing a Joint Legislative Certificate of Need Task Force, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 2671). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Objections were heard and Senator McGuire was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Relating to establishing a Joint Legislative Certificate of Need Task Force, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 24

Final Passage

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

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

Nays: Wagoner

Excused: Bunde

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SCR 21

Senator Huggins, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Resources Committee referral be waived on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 Establishing the Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force as a joint legislative task force. Senator Wagoner objected.

The question being: "Shall the Resources Committee referral be waived?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 21

Waive from Resources Committee?

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Dyson, Elton, Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Excused: Bunde

and so, the Resources Committee referral was waived.

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from May 5 through May 9. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from June 25 through July 7. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

HJR 28

Senators McGuire, Wagoner, Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28(FIN) Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the budget reserve fund, and to appropriations to and transfers from the fund; and dedicating a portion of the petroleum production tax to the fund. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Engrossment**HB 233**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(L&C) "An Act relating to giving notice of unclaimed net margin distributions made by electric and telephone cooperatives" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

SJR 18

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Requesting the President of the United States to direct the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to test the materials used in children's toys and other children's products for toxicity and to make the results publicly available, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SCR 24

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Relating to establishing a Joint Legislative Certificate of Need Task Force, 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., April 7, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Apr 07 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 231 LOW-INCOME HOUSING; HOMELESSNESS
 + HB 419 STATE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS
 + HB 319 DENTISTS & DENTAL ASSISTANTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 07 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ HB 207 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES AND SURVEYS
 <Pending Referral>
 + HB 332 PRE-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS
 + SB 113 NURSING MOTHERS IN WORKPLACE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 06 Sunday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM

-- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 07 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 196 HANDLING MATTERS AFTER A PERSON'S DEATH
 + HB 354 CHILD IN NEED OF AID/ADOPTIONS
 + HB 331 MOTOR VEHICLES:LICENSES/INSURANCE/NOTICES
 + HB 333 COMPUTER PERSONS REPORT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 08 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + HB 297 PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
 + HJR 24 OPPOSING FEDERAL INSURANCE REGULATION

RESOURCES

Apr 06 Sunday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Apr 07 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Apr 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

RULES

Apr 07 Monday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + HB 165 BIG GAME GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 08 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 Confirmation Hearing:
 State Commission for Human Rights
 + HB 305 CAMPAIGN FUND RAISING DURING SESSIONS
 <Pending Referral>
 + HB 414 CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND
 + HJR 40 ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ATTACK DEFENSE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Apr 08 Tuesday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
 Audit Requests
 Other Committee Business

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Apr 10 Thursday Capitol 106 5:00 PM
 Agenda TBA

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 310 & HB 312**

Apr 07 Monday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 = HB 310 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 = HB 312 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (continued)**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 310 & HB 312
(continued)**

Apr 09 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
= HB 310 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
= HB 312 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Apr 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
= HB 310 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
= HB 312 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET