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FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

July 24, 2008

Sixteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 4:05 p.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senator Cowdery was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bunde, Davis, McGuire, Stevens, Wilken were absent.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator McGuire be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

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

O God,

Give to us and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill us with the love of truth and righteousness, and make us ever mindful of our calling to serve the people of this great state. Grant that we be guided by your providence and dwell secure in your peace. Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the first through fifteenth legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 6, Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 17 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 18 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor**HB 332**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on July 23 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 332(FIN)(title am) "An Act defining an elementary school to include certain pre-elementary programs and relating to counting pre-elementary students in a school's average daily membership."

Chapter 117, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 10/21/08

HB 75

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on July 23 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75(STA) "An Act relating to driver's licenses and to alcohol and drug awareness and safety testing."

Chapter 118, SLA 2008
Effective Date: 10/21/08

SJR 11

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Supporting federal funding for veterans' health care and urging the United States Congress to ensure adequate funding for veterans' health care.

Legislative Resolve No. 32

SJR 12

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(STA) Requesting that Alaska be exempt from changes to the interpretation of the Passenger Vessel Services Act of June 19, 1886, proposed by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, affecting cruise itineraries of foreign-flagged vessels transporting passengers to ports in Alaska; or, if Alaska is not exempted, opposing the proposed changes to the interpretation of that Act.

Legislative Resolve No. 34

HJR 29

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to fulfill the federal obligation to provide adequate funding for special education in public schools.

Legislative Resolve No. 38

HJR 34

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34 Urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA backlog grant program.

Legislative Resolve No. 39

HJR 32

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

Legislative Resolve No. 44

SJR 17

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently sharing, on an ongoing basis, revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf with all coastal energy-producing states to ensure that those states develop, support, and maintain necessary infrastructure and preserve environmental integrity.

Legislative Resolve No. 48

HJR 31

Message dated July 23 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.
31(RES) Opposing the enactment of the Protect
America's Wildlife Act of 2007 that intends to
prohibit aerial hunting of wildlife, which is essential
for predator control in Alaska.

Legislative Resolve No. 70

Messages from the House

Message dated July 23 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 3001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 3001(efd fld) BY THE HOUSE RULES
COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act approving issuance of a license by the
commissioner of revenue and the commissioner of
natural resources to TransCanada Alaska Company,
LLC and Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., jointly as
licensee, under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee
on Energy.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 4005**

SENATE BILL NO. 4005 BY THE SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act authorizing, as a temporary rebate of state resources to certain state residents, payments to assist in meeting heating costs under the federal and state heating assistance programs; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 4006

SENATE BILL NO. 4006 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act amending the power cost equalization program, repealing the exclusion from eligibility for power cost equalization for certain power projects that take their power from hydroelectric facilities, and amending the definition of 'eligible electric utility' as it applies to the power cost equalization program and the grant program for small power projects for utility improvements; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

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

Citation Calendar

Honoring - Richard & Eva Carroll 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

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

Representative(s) Salmon

Honoring - Dallas Massie

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

Representative(s) Stoltze

Honoring - Juneau-Douglas High School Boys Soccer Team

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

Honoring - Steve Love - Alaska Pioneer and Alaska Railroad Legend

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Roger Phenix

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Lane Brannen

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Greg Zumbahl

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Vic Killian

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Rick Stickle

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Joe Tremarello - UAF Nanook Hall of Fame Inductee

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Randy Pitney - UAF Nanook Hall of Fame Inductee

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Matt Emmons - UAF Nanook Hall of Fame Inductee

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Milo Griffin - UAF Nanook Hall of Fame Inductee

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Colonel Michael X. Garrett

Representative(s) Dahlstrom

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

Honoring - Lieutenant Colonel Stephen E. Hughes

Representative(s) Dahlstrom

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

Honoring - Father Tom Moffatt

Representative(s) Lynn, Buch

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

Honoring - Service High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team, 2008 State Champions

Representative(s) Meyer

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

Honoring - *USS Juneau*

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

In Memoriam - William Henry Devon

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 - Michael Lawrence Zagars, Sr.

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

In Memoriam - Emma G. Widmark

Representative(s) Doll, Kerttula

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

In Memoriam - Richard Urion

Representative(s) Kerttula, Doll

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

In Memoriam - Alex Duff Combs

Representative(s) Holmes

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

In Memoriam - Clark Andrew Gudmundson, Sr.

Representative(s) Joule

Senator(s) Olson, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, 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

HB 152

President Green made the following appointments:

Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force

Senator Huggins

Senator Stedman

Senator Thomas

Renewable Energy Project Advisory Committee

Senator Hoffman

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., July 28, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Liz Clark
Assistant Senate Secretary

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE**Jul 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

+ SB4002 RESOURCE REBATE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS
Heard & Held

+ SB4003 APPROP: ENERGY RELIEF/REBATE/FUEL TAX
Heard & Held
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jul 25 Friday Senate Finance 532 11:00 AM

+ SB4005 RESOURCE REBATE FOR HOME HEATING
+ SB4006 PCE:ELIGIB;AMT;ELIGIBLE UTILITY DEFINED
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY****Jul 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 2:00 PM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --
-- Time Change --

+ SB3001 APPROVING AGIA LICENSE

+ HB3001 APPROVING AGIA LICENSE
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jul 25 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

+ SB3001 APPROVING AGIA LICENSE

+ HB3001 APPROVING AGIA LICENSE
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Jul 28

Monday

Senate Finance 532

1:00 PM

Nomination of the Chair

Other Business