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Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Johnson be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Tom Matthews of Douglas Island Bible Church. Representative Buch moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With respect for the various beliefs represented here, I would ask you to join me in this opening prayer for today's session.

Lord, I thank you for the opportunity to come and offer a prayer for this assembly of legislators today. Thank you for each person who is here: Men and women who have been entrusted by their districts to represent them in the affairs of this state.

I pray as they have various bills and information passed in front of them that you would grant the representatives wisdom beyond themselves. I ask you to enable them to evaluate and assess each piece of legislation fairly and justly.

I want to lift up those in authority over us Lord. I bring before you our governor. I ask for your wisdom and guidance in her life as well. And for our new president, Lord, I pray that you would help him to lead us in the right paths as a nation. He has a hard road ahead of him and will need your help and your leading to turn our nation from some of the difficulties we find ourselves in.

God of our fathers, may we be a nation who calls on you for help in our time of need. Remind us of our roots, of our heritage, that we are "one nation under God." The Psalmist says it so clearly in Psalms 33:12: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*

I ask for your blessing then in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Fairclough.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated January 23, 2009, was read stating that the Governor appointed Mr. David Jones of Soldotna to the Education Funding District Cost Factor Commission (Legislative Resolve No. 62, SLA 2008).

A letter dated January 23, 2009, was read stating that, in accordance with AS 14.40.150, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the board noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Mary K. Hughes - Anchorage

Appointed: 7/9/2002

Reappointed: 1/23/2009

Term Expires: 2/1/2017

Kenneth J. Fisher - Juneau

Appointed: 1/23/2009

Term Expires: 2/1/2017

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 22, 2009, was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 11 to hear the State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Dana Fabe.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority

2008 Annual Report

(as required by AS 19.75.111)

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Allan Tesche

By Senator Ellis; Representative Gara

Commemorating - Black History Month

By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Albert Sanford

By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Jerome Kenney
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Carol Bernice Barnes
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - John Milton Miller, Jr.
By Senator Davis

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HJR 8

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representative Kelly:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska limiting appropriations from certain mineral revenue, relating to the balanced budget account, and relating to an appropriation limit.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS**

HB 85

HOUSE BILL NO. 85 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 86

HOUSE BILL NO. 86 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 87

HOUSE BILL NO. 87 by Representatives Millett, Dahlstrom, and Gara, entitled:

"An Act waiving payment of premiums for major medical insurance under the defined benefit retirement plan for public employees for disabled peace officers who have at least 20 years of credited service as peace officers."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

HB 88

HOUSE BILL NO. 88 by Representative Ramras, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Randy Killian

By Representatives Guttenberg, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen,

Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Thomas

Honoring - Bob Ritchie and ABR, Inc.

By Representatives Guttenberg, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Thomas

Honoring - Dr. Norm Eck

By Senator Olson; Representatives Joule, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Stoltze – from evening plane time, February 5 to evening plane time, February 8

Representative Neuman – from evening plane time, February 20 to morning plane time, February 23

Representative Tuck – from afternoon plane time, February 20 to morning plane time, February 23

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the date for completion of the report summarizing and reviewing grant applications for the Renewable Energy Grant Fund (Ch. 31, SLA 2008) by the Alaska Energy Authority be extended until March 3, 2009. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 7

Representative Chenault added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

HB 10

Representative Olson added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

"An Act authorizing a borough to charge a city for costs of collecting certain taxes; relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of certain widows or widowers, and to optional exemptions from municipal property taxes for property of certain fraternal organizations, for certain college property, and for certain residential property; and providing for an effective date."

HB 40

Representative Tuck removed his name as joint prime sponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 40

"An Act relating to mining licenses, to the mining license tax, and to production royalties on minerals and rents for property involved in mining; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., January 28, 2009. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk