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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 11:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Cissna be excused from a call of the House from 11:50 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Doctor Douglas Dye of Chapel by the Lake Community Presbyterian Church. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Again I am grateful for the opportunity to pray with you and for the Alaska State House of Representatives. If you share my Christian faith, I invite you to pray with me. And to all of you, I offer this prayer for your blessing and benefit.

Dear God, my Heavenly Father: I thank you for this beautiful day filled with sunshine and the majesty of the Alaskan landscape. It is wonderful, O God, to live in a land of such stunning beauty. The snow-capped mountains, the forested hills, the sea with all its power and life call to mind your creative beauty and love.

I pray you would bless each of these legislators, that you would fill their hearts and spirits with joy. Grant them a profound sense of the way you have blessed their lives. Protect and nurture them and their families. Give them strength of body and mind to do their work well.

Thank you, O God, that you have called these men and women to serve the people of Alaska. We know the demands of service are challenging; the hours are long, the issues are complex, and the demands of their constituents can be difficult. So I pray that you will watch over these men and women this day. Help them to serve with vigor and wisdom. And bless them with a caring and respectful spirit, one for another.

I pray all this in the strong and saving name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Foster.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 35th and 36th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Legislative Affairs Agency
Alaska Legislature 2008 Salary and Business Expense Report
December 31, 2008

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Dr. William Doolittle
Chief Daniel Hoffman
Mary Jane Michael

as members of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees.

The reports were signed by Representatives Stoltze and Hawker, Co-chairs; and Representatives Thomas, Gara, Crawford, Joule, Salmon, Austerman, Kelly, and Fairclough.

HR 6

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Encouraging the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to develop its land and resources to the fullest extent possible consistent with its legal and moral responsibility to provide jobs and protect and enhance the lives of those who benefit from the mental health trust.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6(FIN)

Encouraging the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to develop its land and resources to the fullest extent possible consistent with its legal and moral responsibility to advance mental health services and employment opportunities that protect and enhance the lives of those who benefit from the mental health trust.

The report was signed by Representatives Hawker and Stoltze, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (10): Gara, Crawford, Salmon, Joule, Austerman, Fairclough, Thomas, Kelly, Hawker, Stoltze

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHR 6(FIN):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HR 6 is on today's calendar.

HJR 7

The Resources Committee considered:

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.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Johnson and Neuman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Olson, Edgmon, Tuck, Wilson, Johnson, Neuman

Amend (3): Guttenberg, Seaton, Kawasaki

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 7(RES):

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 7 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HJR 18

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Urging the United States Congress to refrain from passing legislation that designates land in Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(RES)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Johnson and Neuman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Edgmon, Tuck, Wilson, Johnson, Neuman

Amend (1): Guttenberg

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 18(RES):

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 18 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 92

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 92

"An Act relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 92(STA)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Lynn, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Seaton, Gruenberg, Wilson, Petersen, Lynn

Amend (2): Johnson, Gatto

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 92(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
2. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 92 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following report of the Committee on Committees, dated February 25, 2009, was read submitting an amendment to the January 20, 2009, report (page 10). An additional report is on page 92. The amendment follows:

House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, & Tourism: Added Joule and Holmes

The report was signed by Representative Chenault, Chair; and Representatives Coghill, Johansen, Hawker, Stoltze, Kerttula, and Guttenberg.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The House Special Committee on Fisheries reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Judge Peter Froehlich

as a member of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

The report was signed by Representative Edgmon, Chair; and Representatives Johnson, Millett, Kawasaki, Keller, Buch, and Munoz.

HCR 7

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military.

The report was signed by Representative Gatto, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Lynn, Kawasaki, Olson, Harris, Buch, Gatto

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HCR 7 is on today's calendar.

HJR 10

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Urging the United States Congress to improve health care for veterans.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10(MLV)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Gatto, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Kawasaki, Olson, Harris, Lynn, Buch, Gatto

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 10(MLV):

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HJR 10 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HJR 16

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to federal procurement preferences for small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

The report was signed by Representative Gatto, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Kawasaki, Olson, Harris, Lynn, Buch, Gatto

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HJR 16 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Women's History Month, *Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet*

By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Vivian Stoddard Laurie

By Senators Ellis, Davis

In Memoriam - Martha Martin Roderick

By Senator Davis; Representative Holmes

In Memoriam - Marcelle Gloria Phillips

By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - George Ray Poullard

By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Joseph H. Laird
By Senator Davis

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

In Memoriam - Windell Harveston Speer
By Representative Guttenberg; Senator Thomas

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HR 8

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representatives Kelly, Austerman, Gardner, Crawford, Hawker, Tuck, Wilson, Millett, Seaton, Holmes, Johnson, Guttenberg, Keller, Kerttula, Harris, Chenault, Kawasaki, Olson, Dahlstrom, Herron, Buch, Doogan, Stoltze, Edgmon, and Neuman:

Opposing a rule proposed by the Transportation Security Administration that would require certain security measures under a Large Aircraft Security Program for general aviation and commercial aircraft with a gross take-off weight of 12,500 pounds or more.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 9

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9 by Representatives Kelly, Johnson, Keller, and Harris:

Relating to sovereign powers of the state.

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

HCR 9

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9 by Representatives Cissna and Gruenberg:

Relating to home health services for older Alaskans and adults with disabilities.

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

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

HB 45

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 45 by Representatives GARA, GARDNER, PETERSEN, KERTTULA, Guttenberg, and Gruenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, & Tourism and the Labor & Commerce, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

HB 118

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118 by Representatives Gara, Kawasaki, and Buch, entitled:

"An Act expanding, and relating to advertising about, medical assistance coverage for eligible children and pregnant women; relating to the poverty guideline and cost sharing for certain recipients of medical assistance; having the short title of the 'No Child Left Uninsured Act'; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 149

HOUSE BILL NO. 149 by the House Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act allowing appropriations to the civil legal services fund from court filing fees."

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

HB 150

HOUSE BILL NO. 150 by Representatives Austerman, Joule, Edgmon, Wilson, Foster, Munoz, Thomas, Harris, Herron, Kerttula, Salmon, and Johansen, entitled:

"An Act repealing certain provisions relating to modifying the factors that apply to calculate the amount of power cost equalization; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 3, ch. 2, 4SSLA 2008; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 151

HOUSE BILL NO. 151 by Representatives Neuman, Austerman, Kerttula, and Wilson, entitled:

"An Act repealing the termination date of the statewide boating safety and education program; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, and 27, ch. 28, SLA 2000, and sec. 3, ch. 119, SLA 2003; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 152

HOUSE BILL NO. 152 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Legislative Council, entitled:

"An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; providing for an effective

date by repealing the effective date of sec. 33, ch. 122, SLA 1977; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 153

HOUSE BILL NO. 153 by the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee by request, entitled:

"An Act exempting municipal boards, committees, commissions, or other similar bodies from the requirements of conducting meetings open to the public when a meeting is administrative or managerial in nature; and amending the definition of 'meeting' as it relates to public governmental meetings."

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

HB 154

HOUSE BILL NO. 154 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations and capital appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

A spreadsheet from the Office of the Governor, Office of Management and Budget, entitled "Governor's FY2009 Economic Stimulus Bill" and spreadsheets from the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities entitled "Alaska Aviation Stimulus List" and "Alaska Highway and Bridge Stimulus List" accompanied the Governor's transmittal letter and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 24, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

I am transmitting to you today a federal economic stimulus supplemental appropriation bill for Fiscal Year 2009. This appropriation bill will provide \$461.1 million in authorization for aviation, transit, highway, and bridge projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The ARRA was signed into law on February 17, 2009.

The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOTPF) has worked closely with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to understand the requirements of the ARRA and be able to meet the accelerated timelines for receipt and expenditure of the funds. For example, 50% of the funding under the FHWA program must be obligated within 120 days and the remaining must be fully obligated within one year.

In order to be eligible for funding, road and bridge projects must meet all the requirements that are tied to federal funding and the new requirements in the ARRA. In addition, the ARRA imposes requirements that certain categories of projects, such as sidewalks, bike paths, and waysides which qualify as "transportation enhancement" projects must be funded at set minimum amounts. For Alaska, this meant Congress required \$5.2 million be spent on transportation enhancement.

There are specific requirements for stimulus funding for roads and bridges, such as 67% to be used on any highway or road; 19% for state and local projects in communities with populations less than 5,000; 11% for projects in communities with populations greater than 200,000; and 3% for transportation enhancement projects including sidewalks, bike paths, and waysides. The projects must also be in a current State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and DOTPF has proposed amendments to the STIP which is currently out for public comment. The projects submitted for your consideration meet the criteria and timelines in the federal law.

Aviation projects proposed for funding had to meet stringent FAA eligibility requirements and are not in any priority order. With legislative authorization, the DOTPF will work with the FAA to

receive the approval to move forward on projects that are currently ready and a priority. Additional authorization is requested in order to ensure that Alaska will be able to utilize funding available for airport projects that meet the goals of the FAA and the state.

The supplemental bill requests \$45.6 million for FAA approved projects, \$9.1 million for transit projects, and \$302.4 million for FHWA projects, including \$11.6 million of new regular federal funds. A portion of the authorization is requested as contingency to ensure Alaska would benefit from redistribution of funds from other states if they are unable to meet the timing requirements. Additionally, \$115.7 million in fund source changes are requested to fund prior authorization for these projects with economic stimulus funds. This will simplify tracking of projects funded through federal economic stimulus dollars.

The ARRA requires rigorous tracking and reporting for expenditure of stimulus dollars. We are establishing a new federal fund source code for economic stimulus funds. DOTPF is working closely with their funding partners to capture the funds and put Alaskans to work. This is a jobs bill. We will create jobs and address needed Alaskan transportation infrastructure improvements with these funds.

This appropriation is the first in a series of requests that will be necessary for Alaska to participate in the federal economic stimulus package. I appreciate your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 155

HOUSE BILL NO. 155 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the authorization for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to participate in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 24, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to authorization for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to participate in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This bill amends the uncodified law of Alaska to authorize the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to seek funding from the appropriations made to the United States Department of Transportation in Division A, Title XII and to the Department of Homeland Security in Division A, Title VI of the federal economic stimulus bill, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5.

The bill contains intent language in which the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is encouraged to maximize the funding it applies for and receives, while also noting that the United States Department of Transportation has discretion in the manner in which it allocates funds.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 156

HOUSE BILL NO. 156 by Representatives Lynn, Ramras, and Crawford, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 17

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17
Urging the United States Congress to reject H.R. 45, the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009.

with the:	Journal Page
JUD RPT CS(JUD) 6DP	272
FN1: ZERO(H.JUD)	272

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original resolution:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17(JUD)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 17(JUD) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kerttula moved and asked unanimous consent that all members be shown as cosponsors to CSHJR 17(JUD). There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHJR 17(JUD) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 17(JUD) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 17(JUD)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

And so, CSHJR 17(JUD) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**Representative Cissna, who was excused (page 313), left the Chamber.

HCR 7

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be moved to the bottom of the calendar:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military.

HR 6

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Encouraging the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to develop its land and resources to the fullest extent possible consistent with its legal and moral responsibility to provide jobs and protect and enhance the lives of those who benefit from the mental health trust.

with the:	Journal Page
FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 10DP	315
FN1: ZERO(LEG)	315

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original resolution:

CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6(FIN)

Encouraging the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to develop its land and resources to the fullest extent possible consistent with its legal and moral responsibility to advance mental health services and employment opportunities that protect and enhance the lives of those who benefit from the mental health trust.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CSHR 6(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHR 6(FIN)
Second Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Cissna

Absent: Foster

And so, CSHR 6(FIN) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 8

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Oposing a rule proposed by the Transportation Security Administration that would require certain security measures under a Large Aircraft Security Program for general aviation and commercial aircraft with a gross take-off weight of 12,500 pounds or more.

The question being: "Shall HR 8 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 8

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Austerman, Buch, Chenault, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Excused: Cissna

Absent: Gara

And so, HR 8 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HCR 7

The following, which was moved to the bottom of the calendar (page 329), was read the second time:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military.

with the:	Journal Page
MLV RPT 6DP	318
FN1: ZERO(H.MLV)	319

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Dahlstrom and Kawasaki:

Page 1, line 9, following "Karella,":

Insert "Donald Harold Binek, Roy Chichenoff, Edward Demoski, Paul Harris, Samuel D. Inghram, John Baptist Lockwood, Walter L. McLeod Jr., Joe Rogers Jr., Adler Earl Ruddell, John Taylor Thomas, John Byron Whitson Jr., Victor J. Zapata,"

Page 1, line 13, following "Karella,":

Insert "Donald Harold Binek, Roy Chichenoff, Edward Demoski, Paul Harris, Samuel D. Inghram, John Baptist Lockwood, Walter L. McLeod Jr., Joe Rogers Jr., Adler Earl Ruddell, John Taylor Thomas, John Byron Whitson Jr., Victor J. Zapata,"

Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kerttula moved and asked unanimous consent that all members be shown as cosponsors to HCR 7 am. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HCR 7 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 7 am
Second Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 33 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 6

Yeas: Buch, Chenault, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Petersen, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Excused: Cissna

Absent: Austerman, Harris, Herron, Kelly, Olson, Ramras

And so, HCR 7 am passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - University of Alaska Fairbanks Trio Programs

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

In Memoriam - Dr. Roger Gollub

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

In Memoriam - Chief Philip Rounds

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

In Memoriam - Llewellyn "Lew" M. Williams Jr.

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

In Memoriam - Walt Sheridan

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 97

The Speaker waived the State Affairs Committee referral for the following at the request of Representative Lynn, Chair:

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

"An Act authorizing the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to establish and maintain Alaska veterans' cemeteries, establishing the Alaska veterans' cemetery fund in the general fund, and authorizing appropriation of income from fees for special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans to that cemetery fund."

HB 97 was removed from the State Affairs Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

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 Neuman – from 6:30 a.m., February 26 to 10:30 a.m., March 2

Representative Gatto – from 11:00 a.m., February 26 to evening plane time, March 1

Representative Gardner – from afternoon plane time, February 26 to evening plane time, March 1

Representative Ramras – from 7:45 p.m., February 26 to morning plane time, March 2

Representative Joule – from 7:00 a.m., February 27 to 9:30 p.m., February 28

Representative Herron – from morning plane time, February 27 to evening plane time, March 1

Representative Millett – from morning plane time, February 27 to morning plane time, March 2

Representative Keller – from 10:00 a.m., February 27 to 2:00 p.m., February 28

Representative Gara – from 5:00 p.m., February 27 to morning plane time, March 2

Representative Coghill – from 7:00 p.m., February 27 to morning plane time, March 1

Representative Tuck – from 7:45 p.m., February 27 to afternoon plane time, March 2

Representative Chenault – from 7:45 p.m., February 27 to evening plane time, March 1

Representative Johansen – from evening plane time, February 27 to morning plane time, March 2

Representative Edgmon – from evening plane time, February 27 to morning plane time, March 2

Representative Petersen – from evening plane time, February 27 to morning plane time, March 2

Representative Harris – from evening plane time, February 27 to morning plane time, March 2

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to:

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 45

The Speaker removed the House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, & Tourism and the Labor & Commerce Committee referrals for the following:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 45

"An Act relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments."

SSHB 45 was referred to the State Affairs Committee with a further referral to the Finance Committee (page 322).

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Windell Harveston Speer, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Windell Harveston Speer

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HR 6

Representatives Crawford, Tuck, and Wilson added their names as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6(FIN)

Encouraging the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to develop its land and resources to the fullest extent possible consistent with its legal and moral responsibility to advance mental health services and employment opportunities that protect and enhance the lives of those who benefit from the mental health trust.

HJR 7

Representatives Neuman and Petersen added their names as cosponsors 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.

HJR 10

Representative Lynn added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Urging the United States Congress to improve health care for veterans.

HJR 16

Representative Lynn added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to federal procurement preferences for small businesses in the state that are owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

HB 94

Representative Lynn added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 94

"An Act creating a postsecondary scholarship program for Alaska residents based on high achievement and financial need."

ENGROSSMENT**HCR 7**

HCR 7 am was engrossed and signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk.

HJR 17

CSHJR 17(JUD) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 104

Reconsideration of the following, which was held to today (page 308), was not taken up on this legislative day. It was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act adjusting certain fees for treatment or services under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index; 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., February 27, 2009. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk