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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 11:02 a.m.

Roll call showed 34 members present. Representatives Joule and Olson had been excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Edgmon, Foster, Gara, and Seaton were absent and their presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend George Silides of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious traditions of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer.

God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we give you thanks for the land and sea and sky and for the promise of this new day. Help us to see the abundance all about us and to distinguish between what we want and what we need. We give you thanks for the strength we have with which to strive and for the strength we do not have which keeps us humble and more willing to receive help at others' hands.

We ask your blessing upon these servants of the people and upon all who support them in their work. May wise counsel free of vanity or pettiness instruct them. Trusting in you, may we fear not the arrows of ill-fortune that fly by day or the

pestilence which stalks by night. Grant us courage to meet the challenges of our life and work with hearts undismayed and with faith that does not waver. And where injustice or calamity befalls another, give us the same ardor to right their cause as we would our own. May we then, by your grace, consecrate ourselves anew to the work our forebears began with a constant aim and effort to bring ever nearer the day of liberty and justice for all. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Gatto.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 39th, 40th, and 41st legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 147

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act repealing the minimum expenditure for instruction requirements for public schools."

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

Do pass (3): Wilson, Buch, Seaton

Do not pass (2): Keller, Gardner

No recommendation (1): Munoz

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Education Committee

HB 147 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Maribeth Buechel
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Edgmon

In Memoriam - Ruth Tatqavin Sampson
By Representative Joule; Senator Olson

**The presence of Representative Seaton was noted.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 22

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 by Representatives Seaton and Gruenberg:

Urging the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the Law of the Sea Treaty).

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 105

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105 by Representative Coghill, entitled:

"An Act relating to the state training and employment program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 162

HOUSE BILL NO. 162 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 25, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State Forest. This legislation is one important piece of our overall strategy to revitalize the timber industry and expand wood energy in Southeast Alaska.

This bill designates approximately 25,291 acres of state land as the Southeast State Forest. These lands are presently used for timber harvest, but they are designated "General Use" land, and there is no certainty that they will continue to be available for forest management in future decades. Establishing a Southeast State Forest enables the division of forestry in the Department of Natural Resources to manage this land to increase long-term timber supply for local processors and wood energy needs, provide near-term jobs in thinning, and retain the land in state ownership for multiple uses.

In Southern Southeast (SSE) Alaska, demand for state timber exceeds supply. Most SSE timber is on federal land, but federal timber sales have declined drastically. Local mills now depend heavily on state

timber for survival. The state is committed to finding long-term solutions through cooperative efforts to increase economically feasible federal timber sales, and maximizing the sustainable supply of timber from the small state timber base.

Second-growth stands that have been thinned have higher volumes per acre, less impact on wildlife, and shorter rotations. However, thinning is a long-term investment, and is only cost-effective if the land will continue to be available for forest management. A Southeast State Forest will retain the land for long-term forest management, and provide 8 - 10 jobs annually during the thinning season.

The proposed Southeast State Forest includes 20 parcels totaling approximately 25,291 acres. Parcels are General Use lands on Prince of Wales (8,708 acres), Tuxekan (200 acres), Kosciusko (2,680 acres), Heceta (2,010 acres), Revilla (324 acres), and Gravina islands (5,878 acres), and on the mainland at Crittenden Creek and Bradfield Canal (5,490 acres).

This land would be managed under the State Forest statutes located at AS 41.17.200 - 41.17.230. It would continue to be open for multiple use, including wildlife harvest and recreational activities. Current Department of Natural Resources area plans will continue to direct management until a specific plan, involving interagency and public review, for the forest is adopted. Of these designated lands, approximately 655 acres will be offered for harvest in the near term (within the next two years). The remainder will be scheduled for harvest later, in accordance with the adopted management plan.

Because the City and Borough of Wrangell has not yet selected its full municipal entitlement, and some of the designated lands fall within its municipal boundaries, the bill provides that selections may still be made from those lands. If new municipalities are recognized, this bill will not affect their entitlement amounts, but will prevent these designated lands from being selected.

This bill is an important part of Alaska's effort to maintain timber as part of the southeast economy. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 163

HOUSE BILL NO. 163 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act clarifying the purpose of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority; and relating to definitions of certain terms in AS 41.41."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Resources and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 27, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill clarifying the purpose of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority; and relating to definitions of certain terms in AS 41.41.

The Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) is a corporation that was established in 2003 through a 2002 ballot initiative. The authority was created with the intent of "developing, constructing, managing, and operating a gas pipeline from the North Slope of Alaska and a spur line to the Southcentral Alaska natural gas distribution grid" (Section 1, 2002 Ballot Measure No. 3).

The current law could be interpreted to limit ANGDA's primary mission to a pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to serve overseas export markets, with the possibility of a spur line to service Southcentral Alaska. Given Alaska's energy needs, the bill would clarify ANGDA's mission to include providing for natural gas from sources anywhere within the state to markets within Alaska. Amendments to the definition of "project" and the addition of a definition for "North Slope" would make it clear that a pipeline can extend from recent finds in the Brooks Range foothills and other regions within the state and that the gas may broadly serve Alaskan markets.

With more flexibility regarding a pipeline's source of natural gas and the markets for the gas, ANGDA will be in a better position to fulfill its mission of developing an in-state gas line that best serves the people of Alaska. This proposed legislation, together with a separate submittal today proposing to amend how rights-of-way for oil and gas pipelines are regulated, will form the initial statutory framework for the development of in state gasline for use by Alaskans. Additionally, the key action to bring a long term stable supply of Alaska gas to Alaska consumers will be an action plan, and the people that implement that plan to jump start work immediately on an instate gas pipeline.

The action plan will include evaluation of options for routes, gas resources and potential industrial and residential users; commencement of right-of-way and permitting work; preliminary engineering; and a firm timetable for accomplishing this work. We will provide details of this action plan in the next week.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on the bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin

Governor"

HB 164

HOUSE BILL NO. 164 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to noncompetitive leases of state land and for rights-of-way for oil or natural gas pipelines that originate and terminate within the state and to the regulation and certification of those pipelines; relating to conditional certification for certain new natural gas pipelines; relating to definitions of "common carrier" and "firm transportation service" in the Pipeline Act."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Resources and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 27, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to noncompetitive leases of state land and for rights-of-way for oil or natural gas pipelines that originate and terminate within the state and to the regulation and certification of those pipelines; relating to conditional certification for certain new natural gas pipelines; and relating to definitions of "common carrier," and "firm transportation service" in the Pipeline Act, AS 42.06. The major provisions of the bill relate to covenants attached to state right-of-way leases by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), certification by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), and expanding the definition of "common carrier" with respect to North Slope natural gas pipelines to include carriers that offer both firm and interruptible transportation service.

Under current law, natural gas pipelines that cross state land, and require a state right-of-way under the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act, AS 38.35, are subject to the covenants listed in AS 38.35.120. The covenants include a requirement that those pipelines operate as "common carriers." Generally, common carrier pipelines must accommodate all shippers upon reasonable request, may not show undue preference or discrimination among similarly situated shippers,

and, if shippers' requests for service exceed the capacity of the pipeline, must prorate shipper nominations. These requirements can foreclose pipeline carriers and shippers from fashioning long-term capacity commitments.

Allowing common carriers to offer firm transportation service that is not subject to prorated reductions can stimulate pipeline development under certain circumstances. The assurance of unimpeded access to capacity is a strong inducement to shippers, and will anchor pipeline construction and expansion. Conversely, the lack of assurance to access may discourage development.

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill are technical conforming amendments.

Section 3 of the bill would require that natural gas pipelines that originate and terminate in the state, and that require a state right-of-way lease, will meet conditions that favor expansion, and offer expansion rates that promote new entrants into the line. This section is modeled on many of the conditions required of applicants under AS 43.90.130 of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA). For example, lessees would have to commit to periodic binding open seasons, commit to expanding on commercially reasonable terms, and commit to rolled-in rates on expansions, subject to a ceiling of 15 percent of negotiated rates. Lessees would also have to agree to hire Alaska residents and contract with Alaska businesses to the extent permitted by law, and commit to negotiate a project labor agreement to the extent permitted by law.

Section 4 of the bill contains definitions of "commercially reasonable terms" and "reasonable engineering increment" in order to make more precise the expansion terms in sec. 3 of the bill.

Section 5 of the bill would clarify that the "open season" required of North Slope natural gas pipeline carriers by the Pipeline Act applies only to the extent that lease covenants under the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act do not contain "open season" provisions. The RCA is already empowered under AS 42.06.140(a)(2) to enforce lease covenants, including those that contain an "open season" process, so compliance with the "open season" process in AS 42.06.240(f) would be redundant.

Section 6 of the bill would provide for conditional certification by the RCA for pipelines that are in the public interest, and that otherwise meet the requirements for granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity, but that have not yet obtained financing or do not possess firm transportation commitments, or both. This provision could, in some circumstances, provide greater predictability as to the timing and outcome of the regulatory process, and may reduce the cost and facilitate the development of a project by assuring potential shippers and financing partners of ultimate regulatory approval.

Section 7 of the bill would clarify that the RCA can require an exclusively in-state natural gas pipeline carrier to extend or enlarge its facilities under standards found in the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act. This would enable the RCA to enforce access to pipeline facilities for all prospective shippers as required by DNR in the leasing process.

Section 9 of the bill would modify the definition of "common carrier" as it pertains to natural gas pipelines to include firm transportation service and interruptible transportation service. Coupled with sec. 8 of the bill, which would redefine "firm transportation service," this provision would allow, but would not require, natural gas pipeline carriers to offer, and shippers to arrange, for firm transportation service that would not be subject to curtailment except in the case of reduced pipeline capacity. Currently, common carriers may offer firm transportation service, but if total tendered shipments exceed pipeline capacity, shipments by all shippers must be curtailed pro rata.

This proposed legislation, together with a separate submittal today proposing to broaden the responsibilities of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA), will form the initial statutory framework for the development of in state gasline for use by Alaskans. Additionally, the key action to bring a long term stable supply of Alaska gas to Alaska consumers will be an action plan, and the people that implement that plan to jump start work immediately on an instate gas pipeline.

The action plan will include evaluation of options for routes, gas resources and potential industrial and residential users; commencement of right of way and permitting work; preliminary

engineering; and a firm timetable for accomplishing this work. We will provide details of this action plan within the next week.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 165

HOUSE BILL NO. 165 by Representative Coghill, entitled:

"An Act increasing the compensation of members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**The presence of Representative Edgmon was noted.

HB 166

HOUSE BILL NO. 166 by Representatives Thomas, Johansen, Wilson, Kerttula, Austerman, and Munoz, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Southeast energy fund."

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

**The presence of Representative Gara was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 63**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

"An Act relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."

with the:	Journal Page
STA RPT CS(STA) 7DP	243
FN1: ZERO(COR)	244
FN2: (DPS)	244
FIN RPT CS(FIN) 9DP	347
FN1: ZERO(COR)	348
FN2: (DPS)	348
FN3: ZERO(DHS)	348

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63(FIN)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 63(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 63(FIN) was read the third time.

**The presence of Representative Foster was noted.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 63(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 63(FIN)
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 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, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Excused: Joule, Olson

And so, CSHB 63(FIN) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 49

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 27, 2009, calendar (page 356), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 49(JUD)

"An Act relating to the prohibition of the exercise of the power of eminent domain against a recreational structure for the purposes of developing a recreational facility or project."

Representative Johnson moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 49(JUD) be returned to second reading for the specific purpose of considering Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Holmes and Johnson:

Page 1, lines 11 - 14:

Delete "**In this subsection, "recreational structure" means a permanent structure that is used by the owner or beneficiary of a trust holding legal title to the structure as a dwelling for seasonal recreational purposes.**"

Page 2, following line 15:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 3.** AS 09.55.240(h) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) "recreational structure" means a permanent structure that

(A) is used by the owner or beneficiary of a trust holding legal title to the structure as a dwelling for seasonal recreational purposes, as opposed to a rental, storage, or other commercial space; and

(B) may not have been constructed, placed, or occupied for the purpose of avoiding eminent domain proceedings."

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

The question being: "Shall CSHB 49(JUD) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 49(JUD) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Joule, Olson

Absent: Salmon

And so, CSHB 49(JUD) 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 - AWARE Women of Distinction

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

Honoring - Senior Airman James Derrickson Jr., 354th Security Forces Squadron, Eielson AFB Airman of the Year

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

Honoring - Debra Mettelle, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson AFB Civilian Program Manager of the Year

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

Honoring - Staff Sergeant Robert Hammack, 354th Medical Group, Eielson AFB Honor Guardsman of the Year

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

Honoring - Captain Oscar Olipane, 354th Medical Systems Squadron, Eielson AFB Flight Commander of the Year

By Senator Therriault; Representatives Harris, Chenault, Austerman, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg,

Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Honoring - Master Sergeant Brian Fairchild, 354th Medical Operations Squadron, Eielson AFB Senior NCO of the Year

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

Honoring - Technical Sergeant Heath Tempel, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB NCO of the Year

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

Honoring - First Sergeant Michelle Vanderbunt, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson AFB First Sergeant of the Year

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

Honoring - Jimmie Denton, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB Civilian Supervisor of the Year

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

Honoring - Patricia Ward, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson AFB
Civilian Technician of the Year

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

Honoring - Shirl Hafner, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, Eielson
AFB Civilian Specialist of the Year

By Senator Therriault; Representatives Harris, Chenault, Austerman,
Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon,
Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg,
Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller,
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 Crawford – from 2:00 p.m., March 2 to noon, plane
time, March 8

Representative Kawasaki – from morning plane time, March 3 to
morning plane time, March 8

Representative Tuck – from 8:00 a.m., March 3 to noon, plane time,
March 8

Representative Edgmon – from morning plane time, March 3 to
morning plane time, March 9

Representative Buch – from 8:00 a.m., March 3 to noon, plane time,
March 8

Representative Ramras – from 8:00 a.m., March 3 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Holmes – from morning plane time, March 3 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Johnson – from 6:00 a.m., March 3 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Kerttula – from 5:00 a.m., March 6 to 9:30 a.m., plane time, March 10

Representative Millett – from 7:00 a.m., March 3 to 1:30 p.m., plane time, March 9

Representative Wilson – from 2:00 p.m., March 3 to evening plane time, March 11

Representative Johansen – from 7:00 a.m., March 3 to afternoon plane time, March 9

Representative Salmon – from 12:45 p.m., March 4 to morning plane time, March 9

Representative Harris – from evening plane time, March 4 to morning plane time, March 9

Representative Coghill – from 7:00 a.m., March 4 to 2:00 p.m., March 8

Representative Doogan – from afternoon plane time, March 4 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Chenault – from 2:15 p.m., March 4 to 1:30 p.m., March 8

Representative Neuman – from morning plane time, March 4 to afternoon plane time, March 8

Representative Fairclough – from morning plane time, March 4 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Petersen – from 6:00 a.m., March 4 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Gardner – from afternoon plane time, March 2 to afternoon plane time, March 8

Representative Gara – from 5:00 p.m., March 4 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Olson – from afternoon plane time, March 5 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Austerman – from 12:30 p.m., March 5 to evening plane time, March 8

Representative Gatto – from 11:00 a.m., March 5 to evening plane time, March 11

HJR 10

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

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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

HJR 10 was removed from the State Affairs Committee and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

HB 99

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

"An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without charge; relating to a program to honor the memory of a deceased veteran; and providing for an effective date."

HB 99 was removed from the State Affairs Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HCR 10

Representative Kelly added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Urging the Governor to file an action to restrain the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, from intruding on the sovereign right of the state to exercise jurisdiction over navigable water and submerged land and urging the Governor to allocate sufficient resources to the Department of Law, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Fish and Game to defend the state's right to manage the public use of its navigable water.

HB 13

Representative Lynn removed his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

"An Act relating to property crimes."

HB 49

Representatives Lynn and Tuck added their names as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 49(JUD) am

"An Act relating to the prohibition of the exercise of the power of eminent domain against a recreational structure for the purposes of developing a recreational facility or project."

HB 63

Representatives Kerttula, Johnson, Neuman, Millett, Buch, and Tuck added their names as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63(FIN)

"An Act relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."

ENGROSSMENT**HB 49**

CSHB 49(JUD) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 63

CSHB 63(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT**HR 6**

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:55 p.m., February 27, 2009:

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.

House Resolve No. 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 5, 2009, for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk