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Second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend George Silides of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God of Grace and Peace, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we thank you for this new day. Bless this Body, we pray with your Peace; put far from us every anxiety which steals our attention from the tasks and opportunities at hand. Make us ever thankful for the blessings obvious to us, and mindful there are more still awaiting to be discovered. Shed your blessing upon those we have left at home; keep them from all harm today. Keep us ever mindful of the needy, the poor, the addicted, the orphans and widows, and those in prison. As much as it is within our power, assist to lessen their suffering, and work to build a society where opportunity of every kind abounds: for economic advancement, for healing, for reconciliation, for recovery from life's misfortunes of every kind. We thank you for every mentor and inspiration which has led us to this responsibility, for their wisdom and courage. We thank you for our own heritage which has shaped us, which informs us still,

and is our sacred trust; and for the mix of lives and histories in which ours is placed, which make up this Body, and make it a greater, more vital whole. Bless, we pray, those who support our work; every staff and aide and officer. May they know the value of their contribution, the satisfaction of work well done, and the appreciation of all who depend upon them. And we remember the suffering people of the world, especially our sisters and brothers in Haiti. May the fearful complexity of their plight not prevent our making what contribution we can - in prayer, in person, in material. In the frailty of their human condition, help us by your Grace to respond from the strength of ours. May your Peace be upon us all, evermore. Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Annual Report on Activities of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
from Deborah E. Behr, Alaska Uniform Law Commissioner, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law

Alaska Railroad Corporation Report to the State of Alaska, January 2010
from Pat Gamble, President and CEO
in accordance with AS 42.40

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, FY
2009 Annual Reports and Statistical Overviews
from Lynne Smith, Director

Report Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the Attorney
General Construing Alaska Statutes
from MaryEllen Duffy, Special Assistant, Division of Legal and
Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency
in accordance with 24.20.065

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Pat
Davidson, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and
are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Public Safety, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,
Sunset Review, July 27, 2009

University of Alaska Unit Cost Analysis and Other Selected Issues,
Part 3, January 16, 2009

Department of Administration, Follow-up of Information System
Control over Alaska Data Enterprise Reporting, September 21, 2009

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Ted Stevens
Anchorage International Airport Capital Projects Review, September
4, 2009

Department of Corrections, Selected Health and Safety Issues, Part 1,
July 21, 2009

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
Board of Marital and Family Therapy, Sunset Review, September 21,
2009

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
Board of Social Work Examiners, Sunset Review, September 30, 2009

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development,
Board of Professional Counselors, Sunset Review, September 30,
2009

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Gravina Island Access, October 30, 2009

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, Sunset Review, October 30, 2009

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Board of Pharmacy, Sunset Review, November 12, 2009

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, Sunset Review, October 28, 2009

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 26

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 BY SENATOR DYSON,

Relating to support for the Parental Rights Amendment; and urging the United States Congress to submit the Parental Rights Amendment to the states for ratification.

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - The Boy Scouts of America, 100 Years of Scouting
Representative(s) Munoz

Senator(s) Huggins, Egan, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring - Kyle Wentz

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring - Tyler Wentz

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring - Kevin DeVaney

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, 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

HB 162

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to HOUSE BILL NO. 162 "An Act establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Resources, then Finance Committees.

SB 127

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 127 "An Act establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Resources, then Finance Committees.

HB 19

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(L&C) "An Act exempting the state and its political subdivisions from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Community and Regional Affairs, Labor and Commerce, then Finance Committees.

SB 192

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 192 "An Act relating to the tax applicable to the production of natural gas used in the state as fuel or feedstock in producing a manufactured end product."

The bill was referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy, Resources, then Finance Committees.

SB 201

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 201 "An Act relating to the municipal property tax exemption on residences of certain seniors and others; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 203

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 203 "An Act relating to a tax credit for a facility to store Cook Inlet gas for sale and delivery in the state; relating to an exemption from the oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property tax for a facility that stores Cook Inlet gas for sale and delivery in the state; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 21 through morning plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Senators Meyer, Dyson, McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from the morning of January 22 through morning plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senators Meyer, Dyson, McGuire were excused.

President Stevens made the following appointments:

Fishery Industrial Technology Center Policy Council

Senator Stevens, ex officio member

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Senator McGuire, ex officio member

Senator Ellis, ex officio member

Alaska Commissioners for Education Commission of the States

Senator Davis

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council

Senator Dyson

Senator Ellis

Education Funding District Cost Factor Commission

Senator Meyer

National Conference of State Legislatures

Education Committee

Senator Davis

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:23 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Senator Stedman and Representative Austerman to escort Governor Parnell to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Emily Peyton, announced Governor Parnell's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Sean Parnell was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Governor Parnell delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 9.

Governor Sean Parnell received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Representative Austerman and Senator Stedman.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 7:38 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., January 22, 2010. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 21	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Jan 20	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 22	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Jan 20	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 21	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 22	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 20	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 22	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 25 + SB 199	Monday MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DENTURES	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 27	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 29	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JUDICIARY

Jan 20	Wednesday -- Location Change -- + Overview: Cost of Crime ISER Recommendations and Update Stephanie Martin, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) Joe Schmidt, Commissioner, Department of Corrections Dwayne Peeples, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections Bryan Brandenburg, Deputy Director of Institutions, DOC -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 21	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
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RESOURCES

Jan 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
Overview: Senate Omnibus Energy Bill &
Proposed Alaska Energy Policy
SB 220 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
Continuation of Overview & Consideration
of Senate Omnibus Energy Bill
= SB 220 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 21 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 9:00 AM
-- Location Change --
Overview by Department of Corrections
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 21 Thursday Barnes 124 1:00 PM
+ Joint with House Transportation
Presentation on Port of Anchorage by
Governor Sheffield
<Above Item Removed from Agenda>
DOT Update by Frank Richards, Deputy
Commissioner
Draft Report from the Governor's
Community Transportation Task Force

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Jan 27	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Office of Public Advocacy Commissioner Departmental Overview Office of Administrative Hearings Division of Retirement & Benefits Office of Risk Management Public Defender Agency <Above Item Removed from Agenda> Office of Public Advocacy <Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
Feb 03	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Division of General Services Division of Motor Vehicles Public Communications Services Public Defender Agency Office of Public Advocacy <Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
Feb 10	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Division of Finance Division of Personnel & Labor Relations Office of Public Advocacy Violent Crimes Compensation Board Division of Retirement & Benefits <Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
Feb 17	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Public Offices Commission		
Feb 24	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Enterprise Technology Services -----		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 02	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

Feb 04 +	Thursday Department Budget Overview Continuation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 09 +	Tuesday Medicaid, FMAP, Provider Rates -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 11 +	Thursday To Be Determined -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 16 +	Tuesday To Be Determined -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 04 +	Thursday Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Feb 11 +	Thursday Status of VPSO Program and Recruitment Efforts for Them and the State Troopers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Feb 25 +	Thursday To Be Determined -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Feb 02 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **11:30 AM**
+ Briefings from Alaska Marines; Updates on VA Health Care,
Education Benefits, Alaska Territorial Guard, and Fisher
House; Veterans Summit and PTA Report Summaries.
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 04 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **11:30 AM**
+ Briefings from Alaskan Command and Alaska
Army National Guard
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 29 **Friday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **12:00 PM**
Update - Campaign Year Restrictions and
Prohibitions

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Jan 21 **Thursday** **Capitol 106** **12:00 PM**
+ Marine Advisory Program Presenter: Paula Cullenberg,
Program Leader, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program
Catered seafood lunch provided.

JOINT SESSION

Jan 20 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **7:00 PM**
Annual State of the State by the Honorable Sean Parnell,
Governor of Alaska

Feb 18 **Thursday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Annual Address by the Honorable
Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 08	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		
Mar 29	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		