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Monday

February 1, 2010

Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Patrick Brayton of Valley Chapel. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, to pray for the wellbeing of those who work in these chambers for the betterment of the people of Alaska. I thank you for them, and for the sacrifices they and their families are willing to make for the good of our state.

Please give them your great wisdom so they may always arrive at those decisions that are truly best for all of us. Where there are differences, give them the humility and grace to find common ground solutions. May they yield to one another when it is appropriate and may they stand resolute when the principles of true righteousness are at stake. Let us all be truly blessed by their courage, integrity and leadership. Guard and keep them by your grace as we move together into this new decade.

May your peace abound to them and to all who live under their authority. Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message received January 29 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-sixth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti's annual message to the Legislature.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message received January 29 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-sixth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 for the purpose of hearing U.S. Senator Mark Begich's annual message to the Legislature.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 221

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 221 "An Act establishing an advisory task force on higher education in the legislative branch of government; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 221(EDC) "An Act establishing an advisory task force on higher education and career readiness in the legislative branch of government; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Meyer, Thomas, Cochairs; Senators Davis, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early

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Fiscal Note No. 2, Legislative Agency
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Education and Early

Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 237

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 237 "An Act extending the deadline for authorizing school construction debt reimbursed by the state." Signing do pass: Senators Thomas, Meyer, Cochairs; Senator Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 249

SENATE BILL NO. 249 BY SENATOR ELLIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to official action by electronic transmission, to records, and to public records."

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

SB 250

SENATE BILL NO. 250 BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the treatment required for those disorders; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 251

SENATE BILL NO. 251 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to an interstate compact on nurse licensure."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Commemorating Black History Month 2010 Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

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Honoring - Nancy Lord, Alaska State Writer Laureate 2008-2010 Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski Representative(s) Seaton

In Memoriam - Father Hugh F. Hall Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski Representative(s) Austerman

In Memoriam - Darren Skonberg Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski Representative(s) Austerman

In Memoriam - Mitch Demientieff Sr. Senator(s) Kookesh, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski Representative(s) Salmon

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.

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

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Maurice "Mo" Bailey Representative(s) Gatto, Keller, Neuman Senator(s) Huggins, Menard, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 11 through evening plane time, February 15. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

SB 138

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 138 "An Act relating to a corporation income tax credit for contributions by a person owning or operating a commercial passenger vessel to a qualified trade association that was awarded a contract by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, and used for planning and executing a destination tourism marketing campaign." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 3, 2010. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Kirsten Waid Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb	02	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb	04	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+=	SB 43	SECOND VERSE OF AL	ASKA'S STATE SONG	
		<bill canceled="" hearing=""></bill>		
+=	SB 212	MUNICIPAL ENERGY I	MPROVEMENTS PROGR	AM
+	SB 120	MUNICIPAL PROPERT	Y TAX EXEMPTION	
+	SB 232	MUNICIPAL RESIDENT	TIAL PROPERTY TAXES	

EDUCATION

Fel	o 01	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	SB 237	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT REIMBURSEMEN		ENT
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Fel	o 03	Wednesday	Barnes 124	8:00 AM
		Location Change		
		Joint w/(H) Education		
+		Overview: Governor's Performa	ance Scholarship	
+	SB 224	POSTSECONDARY SCHOLA	ARSHIPS	

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION (continued)

	Friday TAX CREDITS FOR ED Bills Previously Heard/So	Beltz 105 (tsbldg) UCATIONAL CONTRIBUT cheduled	8:00 AM TIONS		
	FINA	NCE			
Feb 01 +	Monday Overview by Dept of Rev Savings Accounts and Bu		9:00 AM		
Feb 02	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM		
Feb 03 +	Presentations: Patrick Gamble, CEO, Al	Commissioner of Aviation ager, Ted Stevens	9:00 AM		
Feb 04	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM		
Feb 05 +	Friday Overview of State Bondin Instruments	Senate Finance 532 ng and Debt	9:00 AM		
	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES				
Feb 01 + SB 238		Butrovich 205 CAL & INTERMEDIATE CA	1:30 PM Are		
Feb 02 +	Tuesday Please Note Location (Joint w/ (H) H&SS Presentation: Children's J	Capitol 106 Change ustice Task Force Report	3:00 PM		

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 03	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	Joint w/ (H) H&SS		
	Presentations: United Way -	211 Project	
	Presentation; Alaska Health	Care Commission Report	
+= SB 172	ALASKA HEALTH CARE	COMMISSION	

Feb 05	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

+ HB 186	MondayBeltz 105 (tsbldg)1:30 PMUNIFORM PROBATE CODE; TRUSTS, WILLS5 AK FIREARMS EXEMPT FROM FED. REGULATION ALCOHOL: MINOR CONSUMING/LOCAL OPTION Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Feb 03 +	WednesdayBeltz 105 (tsbldg)1:30 PMOverview: U.S. Supreme Court Decision:Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
Feb 05	Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb	o 02	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	2:00 PM
+=	SB 175	INTERNET ACCESS AUT	HORITY/TASK FORCE	
		Overview of Broadband in t	he State of Alaska	
		Testimony <invitation or<="" th=""><th>nly></th><th></th></invitation>	nly>	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Sche	eduled	

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 04	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	2:00 PM
+	Overview of Econo	mic Development in the State o	f Alaska
	Testimony <invit< td=""><td>ation Only></td><td></td></invit<>	ation Only>	

RESOURCES

Feb 01MondayButrovich 2053:30 PM+Pipeline Progress by TransCanada: FERC
Filings UpdateFERC

Feb 03	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

- += SB 220 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
- + SB 104 STAN PRICE STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
- + SB 195 MAKE GOLDSTREAM PUBLIC USE AREA PERMANENT
- + HB 20 FISHERIES LOANS:ENERGY EFFICIENCY/AMOUNT
- Feb 04ThursdayButrovich 2053:30 PM+Update by the Administration ACES and
Its Effect on Oil and Gas Investment3:30 PM

STATE AFFAIRS

	Tuesday CONST. AM: INCREAS U.S. PRESIDENTIAL E	Beltz 105 (tsbldg) SE NUMBER OF LEGISLA LECTION COMPACT	9:00 AM Ators
Feb 04	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	9:00 AM

- + SB 216 GRANTS TO DISASTER VICTIMS
- + SB 217 GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS FOR VETERANS
- + SB 63 TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS ON TRUSTS

TRANSPORTATION

 Feb 02
 Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled
 Butrovich 205
 1:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Feb 04 + HB 114 +	Thursday USE STATE TRANS FA Bills Previously Heard/Sc	CILITY FOR DISASTER	
	FINANCE SUBC	COMMITTEES	
	ADMINIST	TRATION	
Feb 03	Wednesday Division of General Servic Division of Motor Vehicle Public Communications S Public Defender Agency	ces es	3:30 PM
Feb 10	Wednesday Division of Finance Division of Personnel & L Office of Public Advocacy Violent Crimes Compensa	у	3:30 PM
Feb 17	Wednesday Oil & Gas Conservation C Public Offices Commissio	*	3:30 PM
Feb 24	Wednesday Enterprise Technology Se	8	3:30 PM

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 02	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM
	DCCED Budget Overvie	w by Commissioner	
	Emil Notti		
	Department Overview		
	Introduction of Division	Directors,	
	Commissioner's Office, A	Administrative Services	

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV (continued)

- Feb 09
 Tuesday
 Fahrenkamp 203
 11:00 AM

 Division Overviews with Directors
 Division Overviews with Directors
 11:00 AM
- Feb 11
 Thursday
 Fahrenkamp 203
 11:00 AM

 DCCED Overview Continued Other Items of
Interest or Concerns (if necessary)
 11:00 AM

CORRECTIONS

Feb 18	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
	FY2011 Budget Overview		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 11 +	Thursday Overview	Room 103 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Feb 18 +	Thursday FY11 Budget Request	Room 103 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Feb 26 +	Friday FY11 Budget Request	Room 103 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
Mar 10 +	Wednesday FY11 Budget Request	Room 103 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM
Mar 17 +	Wednesday Closeout	Room 103 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 16	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
	FY2011 Budget Overview		

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FISH & GAME

Feb 01	Monday Ho Joint w/(H) Fish & Game FY11 Budget Overview Division of Sport Fish Commercial Fisheries Entry	ouse Finance 519 Commission	5:00 PM
	HEALTH & SOCIA	L SERVICES	
Feb 02 +	Tuesday Department Budget Overvie Testimony <invitation on<="" th=""><th></th><th>8:00 AM</th></invitation>		8:00 AM
Feb 04 +	Thursday Department Budget Overvie Testimony <invitation on<="" td=""><td></td><td>8:00 AM</td></invitation>		8:00 AM
Feb 09 +	Tuesday Mental Health Trust Program Testimony <invitation on<="" td=""><td></td><td>8:00 AM</td></invitation>		8:00 AM
Feb 11 +	Thursday Medicaid, FMAP, Provider I KidCare Update Testimony <invitation on<="" td=""><td></td><td>8:00 AM</td></invitation>		8:00 AM
Feb 16 +	Tuesday Public Assistance (PA) prog Approach, Adult PA Senior Payments, Child Care Assist Heating Assistance Testimony <invitation on<="" td=""><td>Benefit ance, and ly></td><td>8:00 AM</td></invitation>	Benefit ance, and ly>	8:00 AM

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 05	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Departmental Overview		
	Testimony <invitation< td=""><th>Only></th><td></td></invitation<>	Only>	

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)

Feb 16	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:30 AM
+	Committee Discussion	and Draft Closeout	
	Testimony <invitation< td=""><th>on Only></th><td></td></invitation<>	on Only>	

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 02	Tuesday Location Change Department Overview	Butrovich 205	9:15 AM
Feb 04	Thursday MEETING CANCELED Department Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	10:00 AM
Feb 09	Tuesday Division of Oil and Gas	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
Feb 11	Thursday Gas Pipeline Implementation	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:00 AM
Feb 16	Tuesday Division of Mining, Land, Division of Geological and		1:00 PM
Feb 23	Tuesday Division of Agriculture Office of Project Managem Support Services Division	Fahrenkamp 203 eent & Permitting	2:00 PM
Mar 09	Tuesday Discussion	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
Mar 16	Tuesday CLOSE OUT	Fahrenkamp 203	3:00 PM

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 04 +	Thursday Department Budget (Testimony <invita< th=""><th></th><th>1:30 PM</th></invita<>		1:30 PM
Feb 11 +	Thursday Status of VPSO Prog Efforts for Them and Testimony <invita< th=""><th>1</th><th>1:30 PM</th></invita<>	1	1:30 PM
Feb 25 +	Thursday Domestic Violence & Programs Testimony <invita< th=""><th></th><th>1:30 PM</th></invita<>		1:30 PM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ENERGY

Fe	b 04	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:15 AM
+	SB 223	ENERGY EFFICIENCY BC	NDS; LOANS; FUND	
		Teleconferenced < Public 7	Testimony>	

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 02	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	11:30 AM		
+	Briefings from Ala	ska Marines; Updates on			
	VA Health Care, Education Benefits,				
	Alaska Territorial (Guard, Fisher			
	House, Veterans Summit, and PTA Report Summaries				
	Testimony <invi< th=""><th>tation Only></th><th></th></invi<>	tation Only>			
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Feb 04	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	9:00 AM		

red 04	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 205	9:00 AM
	Time and Location Ch	ange	
+	Briefings from Alaskan C	Command and Alaska	
	Army National Guard		
	Testimony <invitation< th=""><th>Only></th><th></th></invitation<>	Only>	

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 25	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM		
+	RPL's				
	Audits - Executive Session AEA Renewable Energy Project Update				
	Other Committee	Other Committee Business			
	Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>				

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 04	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM	
	Legislature FY09 Audit			
	Sanctioning of Charitable Events			
	Late Per Diem Requests			
	Travel & Per Diem Policy Approval			
	Presentation of State Flag Policy			
	Fosler Law Group Contract Amendment			
	Revisor's Bill			
	90 Day Session Report			
	Building Naming Policy Discussion			
	IT Subcommittee Recommendations			
	Personal Service Contracts/PERS Waivers			
	RFP 505 - Public Relations			
	Consultations - ESA			
	Legislative Space (Executive Session)			
	Other Business			

OTHER MEETINGS

BUSH CAUCUS

Feb 11	Thursday H	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM	
+	Presentation to Full Legislat			
	Economic Impact of the Native			
	Corporations on Alaska's Economy			
Mar 03	Wednesday	Capitol 106	4:00 PM	
+	Presentation to Full Legislatu	ire:		
	Native Education Issues			
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JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Feb 03 **Butrovich 205** 12:00 PM Wednesday -- Rescheduled to 02/10/10 --Health Care Commission Report and Recommendations Feb 05 Friday **Butrovich 205** 12:00 PM "Raising the Dead: Hibernating Animals Give Scientists Clues to Help Victims of Cardiac Arrest" by Dr. Kelly Drew, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Life Sciences Field of Studies Bring your Lunch and Join Us Feb 10 Wednesday **Butrovich 205** 12:00 PM -- Rescheduled from 02/03/10 --Commissioning Healthy, Safe Families _____

JOINT SESSION

Feb 10	Wednesday State of the Judician Chief Justice Walte		11:00 AM
Feb 18	ThursdayHouse Chamber11:00 AMAnnual Address by the HonorableLisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
Mar 31	Wednesday House Chamber Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator 		11:00 AM
Feb 08	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM

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 School District Legislative Fly-In
 Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's
 Public School System

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Mar 29MondaySenate Finance 5321:00 PMSchool District Legislative Fly-In
Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's
Public School SystemPublic School System