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Tuesday

March 16, 2010

Fifty-seventh Day

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Kookesh was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Dyson. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

We are grateful for your grace to our nation, our state, to us as a people and to us as individuals. We ask your blessing on every family that is represented here, every extended family, on our state.

We ask you to superintend our actions here that we might bring glory to you, serve faithfully the people who have given us this privilege of representing them.

And that the people of our state, our liberties, our responsibilities and our future might be blessed by you.

I thank you for these things in Christ's name. Amen.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the fifty-sixth legislative day, Senate Journal Supplement No. 5 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 14 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 15 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 Friday, April 9 for the purpose of confirmation of the Governor's appointees.

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.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Public Offices Commission 2008 - 2009 Biennial Report
from Holly Hill, Executive Director
in accordance with AS 15.13.030

Standing Committee Reports**SB 244**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 244 "An Act providing that, during the governor's term of office, the duty station of the governor is Juneau, and prohibiting payment of certain travel allowances for use of the governor's personal residence." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Coghill, Egan. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, McGuire.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 307

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 307 "An Act relating to residential shelters for runaway minors." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Ellis, Thomas, Paskvan, Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SCR 13

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Supporting senior caregivers and encouraging the Department of Health and Social Services to provide additional education on the effects of aging and the importance of senior caregivers, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 13(HSS)

Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Ellis, Thomas, Paskvan, Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

SCR 14

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Recognizing October 2010 as Filipino American History Month. Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators French, Meyer, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

HJR 24

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to extend the basic housing allowance exclusion to all military families for purposes of the school nutrition program. Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators French, Meyer, Paskvan.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, House Rules Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 270

SENATE BILL NO. 270 "An Act relating to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 270 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 270 "An Act relating to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 270

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 270 passed the Senate.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Matthew B. Jones

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

Representative(s) Edgmon

Honoring - Helmi Blank

Representative(s) Neuman, Stoltze, Gatto, Keller

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

Honoring - Gail T. Voigtlander

Representative(s) Kerttula, Munoz

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

Honoring - Delta Junction Trailblazers Hall of Fame

Representative(s) Salmon

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

Honoring - Capital City Celebrations Committee

Representative(s) Munoz, Kerttula

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

In Memoriam - Frank Dieckgraeff

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

Representative(s) Seaton

In Memoriam - Katherine Peter

Representative(s) Salmon

Senator(s) Kookesh, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, 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.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 270

SENATE BILL NO. 270 "An Act relating to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 17, 2010. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:37 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

Mar 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + HB 19 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 17 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 + HB 110 PSYCHOLOGISTS' LICENSING & PRACTICE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 University
 Dept of Transportation & Public Facilities
 Dept of Natural Resources
 Dept of Environmental Conservation
 Dept of Fish & Game
 Dept of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
 Dept of Administration
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 Dept of Natural Resources
 Dept of Environmental Conservation
 Dept of Fish & Game
 Dept of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
 Dept of Administration
 Dept of Public Safety
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + HB 300 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 + HB 302 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
 -- Statewide Public Testimony --
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM
 += SB 230 BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 193 LICENSING FOR OPTOMETRY
 + SB 295 FLAME RETARDANTS AND TOXIC CHEMICALS
 += SB 172 ALASKA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 17 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Confirmations:
 Public Defender; Boards and Commissions
 += SB 202 HATE CRIMES
 + SB 297 RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 Civil Legal Needs for Victims of
 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 + SB 277 PUB. UTILITY EXEMPTION: RENEWABLE ENERGY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 264 COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK
 + SB 11 DEPENDENT HEALTH INSURANCE; AGE LIMIT
 + SB 261 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BD MEMBERS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Time Change --
 + SB 300 AIDEA LOANS
 + SB 292 PAWNBROKERS
 + SB 304 ENTITY TRANSACTIONS ACT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Joint w/ (S) Energy
 + Overview: SB 143 RAILBELT ENERGY & TRANSMISSION CORP.
 + Overview: Railbelt Integrated Resource Plan
 + AGIA Regulations Presentation from Dept of Natural Resources
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 294 SPORT FISH GUIDE LICENSES
 + SB 287 IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE
 += SB 228 TAX INCENTIVES FOR GAS-TO-LIQUID
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Joint w/ (H) Fisheries Committee
 Preliminary review of the Board of Fisheries request for a comprehensive evaluation of large-mine permitting and standards for protection of fish and game habitat in the Bristol Bay watershed.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM
 + HJR 24 FED. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/MILITARY
 + SCR 14 FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM
 + SB 288 DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS
 += SB 259 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION POWERS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 + SB 152 TRANSPORTATION; TRANSIT AUTHORITIES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 19 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Dept Closeout

CORRECTIONS

Mar 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:00 PM
 -- Rescheduled to 3/20/10 --
 Closeout

Mar 20 Saturday Butrovich 205 3:00 PM
 + Closeout

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 18 Thursday Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb 4:00 PM
 + Closeout

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb** **12:00 PM**
 + Closeout

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 16 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **4:30 PM**
 -- Rescheduled to 3/17/10 --
 Closeout

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **5:30 PM**
 + Closeout

FISH & GAME

Mar 18 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Closeout

GOVERNOR

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Closeout

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:00 PM**
 + Budget Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **5:30 PM**
 Closeout

LAW

Mar 16 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:30 PM**
 Closeout

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
Closeout

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ENERGY

Mar 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
Joint w/ (S) Resources
Overview
+= SB 143 RAILBELT ENERGY & TRANSMISSION CORP.

WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS

Mar 16 Tuesday Capitol 120 9:30 AM
-- Location Change --
Joint w/ (H) Econ. Dev., Trade & Tourism
+ Rural Alaska Honor Institute (RAHI)
Student Documentary Film Debut

Mar 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 12:30 PM
Joint w/ (H) Econ. Dev., Trade & Tourism
+ Rural Alaska Honor Institute (RAHI)
Student Documentary Film Debut
A light lunch provided

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 30 Tuesday House Finance 519 4:30 PM
Executive Session - Audit Review
+ Other Committee Business
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 22 Monday Location Tba 5:00 PM
Agenda TBA

OTHER MEETINGS**BUSH CAUCUS**

Mar 24 **Wednesday** **House Finance 519** **4:00 PM**
 Education Forum: Important Educational Services
 Presentations by Gloria O'Neill,
 President, Cook Inlet Tribal Council
 Abbe Hensley, Director, Best Beginnings

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Mar 24 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
 + The State of the Uninsured: Let's Ensure Their Health

JOINT SESSION

Mar 31 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Mark Begich, U.S. Senator

Apr 09 **Friday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 Confirmation of Governor's Appointees

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

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

UNIVERSITY BOOSTERS CAUCUS

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **House Finance 519** **4:00 PM**
 + Business Leaders to Legislature: We Need
 to Grow Our Own Alaska Workforce