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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**January 21, 2011**

**Fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:01 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Giessel, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Bob Stevens of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly God, Creator God,

I thank you for this day. Help us all make a difference today in someone's life, by what we say or what we do. I pray Lord that you protect all the members here today from any concerns that keep their minds from the important decisions they may make.

May you bless them with your peace. Bless our families and keep them safe and for those that travel this weekend keep them safe and may they return rested. Help us remember those in need, the homeless, the hungry, and all those with limitations.

I pray that we honor the gifts you have given us. I thank you Lord for the good work this body does and may they all be blessed as I have by the abundance Alaska offers us and by the wonderful people we share this land with.

All this I pray in your name.

Amen.

Senator Davis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the second and third legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated January 19 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-seventh Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24 for the purpose of hearing U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski's annual message to the Alaska State Legislature.

Senator Meyer 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 dated January 19 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-seventh Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti's annual State of the Judiciary message.

Senator Meyer 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 reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority 2010 Annual Report  
from Andrew J. Niemiec, Executive Director and  
Michael L. Foster, Chairman of the Board  
in accordance with AS 19.75.111

Oil & Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund  
Fiscal Years 2009 - 2010; Biennial Report  
from Larry Dietrick, Director  
Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
in accordance with AS 46.08.060

A Proposal to Make the Spill Prevention and Response Fund  
Sustainable  
from Larry Dietrick, Director  
Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
in accordance with ch. 41, SLA 10

Connections: Families First; Annual Report 2010  
from William H. Hogan, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Social Services

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:

A Sunset Review of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, October 16, 2010 (short digest also available)

A Special Report on the Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Coastal Management Program, Part 1, November 26, 2010 (short digest also available)

Unabridged 2010 Annual Report of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

Condensed 2010 Annual Report of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 56**

SENATE BILL NO. 56 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending by one year the date the Alaska coastal management program will be subject to termination under the statute establishing a procedure for evaluation of agency programs and activities; providing for an effective date by delaying the effective date of the repeal of the program; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **SB 57**

SENATE BILL NO. 57 BY SENATOR MENARD, entitled:

"An Act relating to the municipal property tax exemption on residences of certain seniors and others; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **SB 58**

SENATE BILL NO. 58 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act increasing the number of superior court judges designated for the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 59**

SENATE BILL NO. 59 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 60**

SENATE BILL NO. 60 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act creating the Stampede State Recreation Area."

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

**Unfinished Business**

Senators French, Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 24, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senators French, Paskvan were excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 28. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, January 28 through plane time, January 29. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Engrossment and Enrollment**

#### **SR 1**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:24 p.m., January 20, 2011.

Senate Resolve No. 1

### **Adjournment**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 24, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:16 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**

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Joint with House Education		

<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ SB 3	FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Dept of Revenue, Commissioner Bryan Butcher FY12 Revenue Forecast		

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	FY12 Budget Overview & Fiscal Summary Office of Management and Budget, Director Karen Rehfeld		
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	FY12 Budget Overview & Fiscal Summary Legislative Finance Division, Director David Teal		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Joint w/Senate Judiciary Presentation: 2010 Alaska Victimization Study Andre B. Rosay, Director, UAA Justice Center Lauree Morton, Interim Executive Director, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**JUDICIARY**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Joint w/Senate Health & Social Services Presentation: 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey Andre Rosay, Director, UAA Center for Justice Lauree Morton, Interim Director, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Overview: Alaska Department of Corrections		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		



**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
	Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce Overview of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
	Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce Overview of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
	Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce Continued overviews as needed Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Department of Labor & Workforce Development		

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner: Department of Natural Resources Presentation: Ormat Technologies, Inc. - Mt. Spurr Geothermal Project Committee Process Information		
<b>Jan 26</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Alaska Energy Report -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Kevin Banks, Director: Alaska Division of Oil and Gas		

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 31	COUNTING OF WRITE-IN VOTES		
+ SB 33	DISPOSITION OF SERVICE MEMBERS' REMAINS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Jan 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 18 DURATION OF REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS  
 + SB 26 FEE/TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 25 Tuesday Barnes 124 1:00 PM**  
 Joint with House Transportation  
 + DOT/PF Overview - Marc Luiken, Commissioner,  
 Department of Transportation/Public Facilities

**Jan 27 Thursday Barnes 124 1:00 PM**  
 Joint with House Transportation  
 + Alaska State Railroad Overview - Christopher  
 Aadnesen, President and CEO, Alaska State  
 Railroad; Bill O'Leary, Chief Financial Officer,  
 Alaska State Railroad; Tom Brooks, Chief  
 Engineer, Alaska State Railroad  
 + Port of Anchorage - Governor Bill Sheffield,  
 Director, Port of Anchorage

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Feb 08 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Presentation: Update on Alaska's Military, by  
 Lt. General Dana Atkins, Commander: Alaskan  
 Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace  
 Defense Command Region, Joint Task Force Alaska,  
 and Eleventh Air Force  
 Maj. General Thomas Katkus, Adjutant General,  
 Alaska National Guard; Commissioner, Department  
 of Military and Veterans' Affairs  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti		
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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	School District Legislative Fly-in Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		