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Friday

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Eleventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:00 a.m.

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Stedman were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Davis, Kookesh, Olson were absent.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be excused from a call of the Senate to evening plane time, on January 28. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

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

Holy and Eternal God,

You are the fount of wisdom, and the author of all knowledge, but you also gave us an intellect to use here on earth. You gave us brains because you expect us to think for ourselves.

There are things we know, O Lord, and help us to act on those with wisdom. Help us to act on the courage of our convictions. And there are things we do not know. Help to open our minds to learn.

The problem, O Lord, is that we don't see our own blind spots. There are things outside of our scope of knowledge, things we don't even know that we don't know. There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our own experiences and knowledge. Help us to see our own blind spots, O Lord. Help us, O Lord, to broaden these wonderful minds that you have given us.

And that is why you surround us with others, O Lord, so we can both learn from them, as well as teach others what we know. If we don't know, then it is our job to learn. If we do know, then it is our job to teach.

Today, may we teach at least one new thing to one of our colleagues, and may we learn at least one new thing from one of our colleagues. Amen.

Senator Ellis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the ninth and tenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senators Kookesh, Olson was noted.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 31

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 31 "An Act relating to the counting of write-in votes" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 31(STA) "An Act relating to the counting of ballots."

Signing do pass: Senator Wielechowski, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, Meyer, Giessel.

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

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 33

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the military if the member dies while in a duty status" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(STA) "An Act relating to the disposition of remains of a member of the armed forces if the member dies while in a duty status."

Signing do pass: Senator Wielechowski, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, Meyer, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 5

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature providing that the 2010 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 73**

SENATE BILL NO. 73 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act increasing the special needs funding and base student allocation for public schools, and extending the adjustment for student transportation funding; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74 BY SENATORS ELLIS, French, Wielechowski, entitled:

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

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Bill Legere

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

Honoring - 2010 Eagle Scouts

Representative(s) Pruitt

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

Senator Meyer 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

Senators French, Ellis, Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 31, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senators French, Ellis, Wagoner were excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 31, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Feb 04	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+= SB 43	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE

Jan 28	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 31 +	Monday Overview by Department of Revenue: State Savings Account and Budget Reserves	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 01	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 02 +	Wednesday Presentation on Statewide Transportation Economic Indicators: Bill O'Leary, Chief Financial Officer for the Alaska Railroad Corp. Steve Hatter, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation, Dept. of Transportation	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 03 +	Thursday Senate Bill: AN ACT MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS <Pending Introduction & Referral>	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 04 +	Friday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 28	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 31	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 01	Tuesday Joint with House HSS Continuation of Dept. of Health & Social Services Overview Presentations by: - Alaska Statewide Independent Living Council - Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education - Governor's Statewide Suicide Prevention Council	Capitol 106	3:00 PM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 02 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 12 EXTEND BOARD OF NURSING
 + SB 21 EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Presentation: Denali Family Services - Little
 Steps Preschool

Feb 04 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 28 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 31 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 31 COUNTING OF WRITE-IN VOTES
 += SB 33 DISPOSITION OF SERVICE MEMBERS' REMAINS

Feb 02 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 58 INCREASING NUMBER OF SUPERIOR CT JUDGES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 04 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 28 Friday Barnes 124 3:15 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce
 Continued overviews as needed
 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
 Development
 Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Feb 01 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + EO 115: REALIGNING THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF
 THE ALASKA AEROSPACE CORPORATION
 + SB 59 EXTEND BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 03 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 34 SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING FUND

RESOURCES

Jan 28 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Presentation: Kevin Banks, Director: Alaska
 Division of Oil and Gas

Jan 31 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Cora Campbell, Commissioner,
 Department of Fish & Game

Feb 02 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Follow-Up to Alaska Sustainable
 Energy Act (SB220, 26th Alaska State Legislature)
 Remarks by Senator McGuire and
 Senator Wielechowski
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 04 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Larry Hartig, Commissioner,
 Department of Environmental Conservation

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 01 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 39 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION COMPACT
 + SJR 4 HONORING RONALD REAGAN
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 03 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 7 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE OR BE JURORS
 + SB 30 RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 01	Tuesday	Barnes 124	1:00 PM
+	Joint with House Transportation		
	1. Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority Overview		
	2. Mobility Coalition Overview		
	3. Point McKenzie Rail Extension Overview		
Feb 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
+ SB 41	SUSPENDING MOTOR FUEL TAX		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**CORRECTIONS**

Feb 01	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	5:00 PM
+	Joint with House COR Finance Subcommittee		
	FY2012 Budget Overview		

FISH & GAME

Feb 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Department Budget Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Department Budget Overview Continuation		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 24	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	**To be determined**		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Other topics of interest to the committee not covered previously, Budget Amendments, Q&A		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Budget Close Out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 14 +	Monday Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 16 +	Wednesday Public Health -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 21 +	Monday Behavioral Health - System wide including implications in other areas, not just the Behavioral Health budget component, focus on API. -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 23 +	Wednesday Medicaid, possible Affordable Care Act and impact on Medicaid and the Division of Public Assistance, Home and Community Based Rates, Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center Rates, CMS moratorium, Division of Senior and Disability Services Corrective Action Plan -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 09 +	Wednesday Other topics of interest to the committee not covered previously, Q&A, Governor's Budget Amendments -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 16 +	Wednesday Budget Close Out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

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> --

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 03 Thursday House Finance 519 11:00 AM
 Agenda Forthcoming

Feb 17 Thursday Tba 11:00 AM
 Agenda Forthcoming

Mar 17 Thursday House Finance 519 11:00 AM
 Agenda Forthcoming

Apr 07 Thursday House Finance 519 11:00 AM
 Agenda Forthcoming

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 24 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

Mar 09 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti

Mar 22 Tuesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator

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MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

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