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Monday

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Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Olson was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Phil Campbell of Northern Light United Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Spirit of Life and Source of Goodness, I give thanks that you have returned the Senate safely to this place for another week of work. May the prayers offered this day set the stage for wise, compassionate and productive decisions. Grant to each one gathered here the capacity to attend to their responsibilities with dedication and skill.

May the aspirations of all Alaskans, from the least to the greatest, be taken into consideration as deliberations unfold, and may the needs and the dreams of all parties be taken into account. O Gracious One, give those who speak the gift of clarity and grant all in this chamber a spirit of wisdom. May discussion and debate be undertaken with vigor, reason and civility, and may your great gifts of justice, mercy and peace fill this place and guide and uphold all herein. Spirit of Life and Source of Goodness, receive these and all our prayers. Amen.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Meyer 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.

The presence of Senator Olson was noted.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 3

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 3 "An Act providing for funding for school lunch and breakfast" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 3(EDC)

Signing do pass: Senators Meyer, Thomas, Cochairs; Senator Davis.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens.

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 75

SENATE BILL NO. 75 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act relating to voluntary deduction of dues for
membership in certain retiree organizations; and
providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business**Citations**

Senator Meyer 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

In Memoriam - Howard Pollock

Representative(s) Doogan

Senator(s) Stevens, Coghill, Davis, 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 citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 4 through evening plane time, February 6. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 2 through evening plane time, February 3. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 1:00 p.m., February 10 through plane time, February 14. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, February 11 through evening plane time, February 13. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, February 4 through plane time, February 7. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

SB 39

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 39 "An Act ratifying an interstate compact to elect the President and Vice-President of the United States by national popular vote; and making related changes to statutes applicable to the selection by voters of electors for candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States and to the duties of those electors." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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., February 2, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:29 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 01	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	DCCED Overview with Commissioner Bell		
	Denali Commission - "Sustainable Rural Communities" with Joel Neimeyer		
Feb 03	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Jan 31	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+= SB 3	FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS		
+ SB 1	BD OF ED./EARLY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 02	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+ SB 43	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 04	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+= SB 43	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE

Jan 31	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview by Department of Revenue: State Savings Account and Budget Reserves		
Feb 01	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 02	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	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		
Feb 03	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Senate Bill: AN ACT MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS <Pending Introduction & Referral>		
Feb 04	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 31	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 01	Tuesday	Capitol 106	3:00 PM
	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		
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		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

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

JUDICIARY

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

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

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

RESOURCES

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> --		

FISH & GAME (continued)

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

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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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 16 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
 + Budget Close Out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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 IN-STATE GAS CAUCUS**

Feb 01 **Tuesday** **H Conf Rm 102 Tsb** **12:30 PM**
 Organizational Meeting

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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		

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		