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Fifty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:45 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Wagoner were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. Paul Beran, Pastor Emeritus of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious Father, gathering in this hallowed hall, we thank you for the far-reaching responsibilities entrusted to each person. Lift our eyes way beyond partisan politics, the next election, or narrow regionalism. Mold us to be women and men of statesmanship, as faithful stewards before you. As we seek to give wise leadership, grant us that integrity that enables us to hear that still small inner voice, and the courage to heed it. This I pray in the matchless Name of the One Who came, not to be served, but to serve, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Senator Ellis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

The presence of Senator Hoffman was noted.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 7

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 7 "An Act relating to the civil rights of felons." Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, Meyer. Signing do not pass: Senator Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill. The bill was referred to the Judiciary, then Finance Committees.

SB 36

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 36 "An Act relating to an opt-out charitable giving program offered by an electric or telephone cooperative" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 36(STA) "An Act relating to an opt-out charitable giving program offered by an electric or telephone cooperative; and allowing for an electric cooperative to assist persons in acquiring and installing weatherization and energy efficiency products and services."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski, Chair; Senators Meyer, Giessel. Signing do pass: Senators Kookesh, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 37

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 37 "An Act relating to the transportation infrastructure fund, to local public transportation, to motor fuel taxes, and to the motor vehicle registration fee; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Kookesh, Chair; Senators Menard, Thomas, Egan. Signing no recommendation: Senator Huggins.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public
Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 94

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 94 "An Act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song." Signing do pass: Senator Olson, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Wagoner, Ellis, Menard.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Office of the Governor

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill. The bill was referred to the State Affairs, then Finance Committees.

SCR 1

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Designating May 2011 as Lupus Awareness Month, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 1(STA) Designating May of each year as Lupus
Awareness Month.

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The resolution was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

HJR 11

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Urging the United States Congress to refrain from passing legislation that designates land in Area 1002 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. Signing do pass: Senators Paskvan, Wagoner, Cochair; Senators McGuire, Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senators French, Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 96**

SENATE BILL NO. 96 BY SENATOR KOOKESH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Village Safe Water Act."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Ashton Lund

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

Honoring - Zachary Boyd

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

In Memoriam - Paul Robert Kiunya, Sr.

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

Representative(s) Herron

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

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 12:30 p.m. plane time, March 16 through evening plane time, March 19. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator Menard moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 17 through evening plane time, March 20. Without objection, Senator Menard was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 11. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 12 through evening plane time, March 14. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

Recess

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:56 a.m.

Joint Session in the House

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:03 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear the State of the Judiciary address by the Honorable Walter Carpeneti, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative Gruenberg and Senator French to escort Chief Justice Carpeneti to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Zachary Mannix, announced Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti's entrance to the House Chamber.

Chief Justice Carpeneti was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Chief Justice Carpeneti delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4.

The Chief Justice received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator French and Representative Gruenberg.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 11:49 a.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 11:54 a.m.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., March 11, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:56 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 10 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 09 Wednesday Barnes 124 8:00 AM
 + Joint House/Senate Education Committee Meeting
 Presentation: Best Beginnings/Early Childhood Program

Mar 11 Friday Barnes 124 8:00 AM
 + Joint House/Senate Education Committee Meeting
 Presentation: Higher Education and Career Readiness Task Force

Mar 18 Friday Barnes 124 8:00 AM
 + Joint House/Senate Education Committee Meeting
 Presentation: State Board of Education and Early Development

FINANCE

Mar 09 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 34 SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING FUND
 + SB 58 INCREASING NUMBER OF SUPERIOR CT JUDGES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 11 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 09 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Report on Homelessness: Suzi Pearson, Alaska Coalition on
Housing and Homelessness (online)
Dan Fauske - Chair of the Alaska Council on the
Homeless (state appointed council) and CEO of
AHFC and Jim Gurke of AHFC (both online)
Mark Romick, AHFC, and Stacy Schubert, AHFC
(Voucher Program) - Juneau
Deb Mahoney and Michael Courtney, Neighbor
Works Anchorage - Affordable Housing (Juneau)
Kate Burkhart, Alaska Mental Health Board
and the Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug
Abuse - (Juneau)
Kenny Scollan, Rural Cap - (Juneau)
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 09 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
+= SB 61 2011 REVISOR'S BILL
+ Confirmations:
Parole Board
Board of Governors/Bar Association
Police Standards Council
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
+= SB 9 RAISE COMP. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE/TRUANCY
+ SCR 2 UNIFORM RULES: PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 10 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM
 -- Note: Meeting Times Have Changed --
 + SB 65 AIDEA: PROCUREMENT; PROJECTS
 + SB 66 AIDEA: NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 87 GRANTS FOR SENIORS' MEDICAL CARE

Mar 15 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM
 -- Note: Meeting Times Have Changed --
 + SB 40 USE OF RECORDED MESSAGES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 17 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Senate Resources Briefing:
 SDMI - Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative
 Commissioner Mark Luiken (DOT) and
 Deputy Commissioner Fogels (DNR)

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 85 TAX CREDIT FOR NEW OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT
 + SB 49 PRODUCTION TAX ON OIL AND GAS
 Presentation by Sponsor

Mar 11 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 49 PRODUCTION TAX ON OIL AND GAS
 Presentation by Sponsor

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:30 AM
 -- Please Note Delayed Start Time --
 += SB 7 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE OR BE JURORS
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 3/8/11>
 Hearing on Homelessness Among Veterans
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 10	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
+	Confirmation Hearing:		
	Marc Luiken, Commissioner		
	Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 15	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
+	Closeout		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 15	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Closeout		

CORRECTIONS

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
+	Inmate Health Care, Medical Information System		
+	Community Residential Centers, Community Jails		

Mar 17	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:30 PM
+	Closeout		

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 15	Tuesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	3:00 PM
+	Closeout		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
+	FY12 Budget Request		

Mar 15	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
+	Closeout		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 10 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **2:30 PM**
 + Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request

Mar 14 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
 + Department Overview and FY 12 Budget Request

FISH & GAME

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> --

GOVERNOR

Mar 16 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Closeout

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 09 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
 + Other topics of interest to the committee not
 covered previously, Q&A, Governor's Budget
 Amendments
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 09 **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:00 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Budget Overview Continued (if necessary)

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LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Mar 10 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM
Budget: Department Addresses Additional Questions
and Overview of House Budget Actions

Mar 14 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
Budget Closeout

LAW

Mar 15 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
Subcommittee Closeout

LEGISLATURE

Mar 16 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:10 PM
Closeout

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
+ Overview of the Department & FY 12 Budget Request

Mar 15 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
+ Overview of the Department & FY12 Budget Request

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 11 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
Budget - Department Addresses Committee Questions
Overview of House Budget Actions

Mar 17 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 12:00 PM
Budget Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 15 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
+ Budget Close-Out
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

REVENUE

Mar 10 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 -- Agenda Change to Include Alaska PFD Corp --
 Budget Detail Including Perm Fund Dividend Corp

Mar 17 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 Subcommittee Closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 15 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
 Subcommittee Closeout

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 17 Thursday Senate Finance 532 8:30 AM
 Closeout

JOINT COMMITTEES**ALASKA NORTHERN WATERS TASK FORCE**

Mar 14 Monday Capitol 106 12:00 PM
 + Organizational

HIGHER EDUC/CAREER READINESS TASK FORCE

Mar 10 Thursday Terry Miller Gym 9:00 AM
 + Discuss Preliminary (Draft) Recommendations
 to the Legislature:
 -- Public Testimony Available on Request --
 9:00 - Opening Comments by Co-chair Sen. Stevens
 9:10 - "Taking Alaska Tech Prep to the Next Step:
 Alaska School to Careers," by Cathy A. LeCompte,
 Board Member, Alaska Tech Prep Consortium
 10:10 - Discussion & Review of Preliminary
 Recommendations: Slate P
 11:00 - Discussion & Review of Preliminary
 Recommendations: Slate D
 12:00 - Lunch Break

HIGHER EDUC/CAREER READINESS TASK FORCE (continued)

Mar 10 Thursday Terry Miller Gym 9:00 AM
(continued)

1:30 - Discussion & Review of Preliminary

Recommendations: Slate T

2:40 - Discussion & Review of Preliminary

Recommendations: Slate S

3:40 - Wrap Up

Note: Members of the Public Wishing to Testify May Request
to do so at Anytime by Signing-In at the Meeting, or by
Contacting Their Local Legislative Information Office

Mar 11 Friday Terry Miller Gym 8:00 AM

-- Time Change --

+ Discuss Preliminary (Draft) Recommendations
to the Legislature:

-- Public Testimony Available on Request --

8:00 - Roundtable Discussion with both Alaska
State Senate & House Education Committees

10:00 - Break for Legislative Business & Lunch

1:00 - Discussion & Review of Preliminary

Recommendations: Slate S, cont. (or Slate U)

1:45 - Discussion & Review of Preliminary

Recommendations: Slate U

3:15 - Wrap up, Unfinished Task Force Business,
Closing Comments

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Contacting Their Local Legislative Information Office

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 29 Tuesday House Finance 519 8:00 AM

Audits: Executive Session

Other Committee Business

+ -- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 17 Thursday House Finance 519 11:00 AM

Agenda Forthcoming

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (continued)

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

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT IN-STATE GAS CAUCUS**

Mar 09 Wednesday H Conf Rm 102 Tsb 12:30 PM
 --Delayed to 1:00 p.m. Today--
 Debriefing by members who attended Energy Council
 meetings in Washington D.C.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Mar 10 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 12:00 PM
 +
 Highways to Health
 Transportation within Alaska

Mar 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 12:00 PM
 +
 Highways to Health
 Transportation from Alaska

JOINT SESSION

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