

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**April 22, 2011**

**Fifth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:07 a.m.

The roll showed twelve members present. Senators Dyson, McGuire, Menard, Wagoner were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Davis, Olson, Stedman, Wielechowski were absent.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that Senators Davis, Olson, Wielechowski be excused from a call of the Senate. Without objection, Senators Davis, Olson, Wielechowski were excused.

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

A few years ago, I traversed the sands of the Northern Sahara with fellow students. During that time, we were overwhelmed with the romanticism of an undiscovered and ancient world. Our eyes were opened to a way of life unknown to our own, and life lessons began to unfold before us. Sitting in Konya, we discovered the home of a man more mystical than our own sage-like surrogate father. For the following four months, we journeyed with echoes of Rumi. Whether traveling in unknown lands or traversing the halls of the Senate, his words demonstrate their relevance. Today, I offer the thoughts of a 13th century Persian. Thank you.

"The Guest House"

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

Senator Paskvan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the fourth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Stedman was noted.

**Messages from the House**

**HB 24**

Message dated April 21 was read stating the House has adopted the report of the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considering SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(FIN) and CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(FIN), thus adopting:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24 "An Act extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

The Senate adopted CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24 on April 21(page 983).

**SB 76**

Message dated April 22 was read stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 76(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**Announcements**

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

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., April 25, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

**Apr 22      Friday                      Senate Finance 532              1:45 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 += HB 106 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
 += SB 46 BUDGET: CAPITAL  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 23      Saturday                      Senate Finance 532              10:00 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**ALASKA NORTHERN WATERS TASK FORCE**

**May 17      Tuesday                                      Bethel              9:00 AM**  
 + Hearing in Bethel on Coastal Erosion and Flooding  
 Location: Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Boardroom

**May 18      Wednesday                      Anch Lio Conf Rm              9:00 AM**  
 Hearings in Anchorage: Current Research on the Arctic Ocean  
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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 108 & HB109**

**Apr 22      Friday                      Senate Finance 532              4:00 PM**

+ = HB 108    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ = HB 109    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

**Apr 23      Saturday                      Senate Finance 532              11:00 AM**

=    HB 108    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

=    HB 109    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET