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Thirty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Huggins at 11:03 a.m.

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

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, Reverend Bobby Lewis of the New Light Baptist Church, New York City. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"God Bless America"

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
(Irving Berlin)

Senator Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

The presence of Senator Stedman was noted.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 16**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act relating to the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors and to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development." Signing do pass: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Stedman, Ellis, Micciche. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 24

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board." Signing do pass: Senator Egan, Chair; Senators Bishop, Dyson, Fairclough. Signing no recommendation: Senator French.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 38

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 38 "An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Ellis, Stedman, Micciche. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 40

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 40 "An Act making special appropriations for new engineering buildings for the University of Alaska in Anchorage and Fairbanks; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senator Gardner. Signing amend: Senators Dunleavy, Huggins.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 60**

SENATE BILL NO. 60 BY SENATOR STEDMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to sea otter population management."

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

SB 61

SENATE BILL NO. 61 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the board, loans, records, and lobbying contracts of the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 31**

SENATE BILL NO. 31 "An Act naming the runway at the state-owned airport in Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway" was read the second time.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 31 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 31 "An Act naming the runway at the state-owned airport in Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 31

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, French, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 31 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 6

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the United States Congress not to relinquish to the office of the President of the United States the legislative duty to safeguard our most fundamental right; and urging the President of the United States to refrain from any further efforts to restrict ownership of firearms, was read the second time.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the United States Congress not to relinquish to the office of the President of the United States the legislative duty to safeguard our most fundamental right; and urging the President of the United States to refrain from any further efforts to restrict ownership of firearms, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 6

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Nays: French

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Delta Elementary School 2012 National Title I Distinguished School

Representative(s) Feige

Senator(s) Bishop, Huggins, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Honoring - Mary Jane Fate

Representative(s) Wilson, T

Senator(s) Coghill, Huggins, Bishop, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Hazel Rosendahl

Representative(s) Isaacson, Wilson, T

Senator(s) Coghill, Huggins, Bishop, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Senator Coghill 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 Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 22 through evening plane time, February 24. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Dunleavy moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 22 through evening plane time, February 24. Without objection, Senator Dunleavy was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 31

SENATE BILL NO. 31 "An Act naming the runway at the state-owned airport in Akhiok the Jim Andie and Robin Starrett Memorial Runway" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SJR 6

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the United States Congress not to relinquish to the office of the President of the United States the legislative duty to safeguard our most fundamental right; and urging the President of the United States to refrain from any further efforts to restrict ownership of firearms, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 21, 2013. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation on Local Government		
	Kathie Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League		
+	HB 40	MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION: FARM STRUCTURES	

EDUCATION

Feb 20	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Presentation: Center for Alaska Education Policy Research, UAA		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
=	SB 40	APPROP: UNIV. ENGINEERING BUILDINGS	

Feb 22	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 20	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Dept. of Administration on Contract Negotiations, Commissioner Becky Hultberg		
+=	SB 18	BUDGET: CAPITAL	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+	Dept. of Commerce, Community & Economic Dev.		
	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:30 AM

-- Please Note Time Change --
 + SB 7 CORPORATE INCOME TAX
 + SB 12 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 37 EXTEND SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL
 + SB 17 EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ HB 88 STATUTORY REFS TO MENTAL RETARDATION

Feb 22 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 20 Wednesday Capitol 106 1:30 PM

+ Joint w/ House Judiciary
 Report by Task Force on Sex Trafficking
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 22 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ SB 43 PROPERTY CRIMES
 += SB 22 CRIMES; VICTIMS; CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May be Set> --

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 21 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 21 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 Major Producers
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SJR 3 ENDORSING ANWR LEASING
 -- 5:15 p.m. Public Testimony on SB 21 --

Feb 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 21 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX
 Consultants
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 36 MISSING VULNERABLE ADULT RESPONSE PLAN
 + HB 67 VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

Feb 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 + Overview: Teaching and Learning Support Division
 Dr. Susan McCauley, Director
 Mr. Paul Prussing, Deputy Director

FISH & GAME

Feb 20	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 21 +	Thursday	House Finance 519	5:00 PM
	Joint w/ House Fish & Game Matanuska Susitna Fishery Issues Other Dept. of Fish & Game Budget Items -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 25	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 27	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 04	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 06	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 11	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 21 +	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
	-- Agenda and Location Change -- Medicaid -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 28 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
 -- Location Change --
 + Other Issues within the Budget, Question and
 Answer Session
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 14 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM
 -- Location Change --
 + Budget Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 26 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 + Other Issues within the Budget, Question and
 Answer Session
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 + Budget Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 20 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 2:00 PM
 Budget Overview

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SENATE SPECIAL COMM ON IN-STATE ENERGY**

Feb 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 7:30 AM
 + Overview: Alaska Independent Power Producers
 Mike Craft, Duff Mitchell

SENATE SPECIAL COMM ON TAPS THROUGHPUT

Feb 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Feb 22 Friday House Finance 519 8:00 AM
 Audits - EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - State of Alaska Single Audit for FY12
 - DOT/PF Knik Arm Bridge & Toll Authority
 + Other Committee Business
 - Alaska Statewide System for Employee Time
 (ASSET) Audit Update
 - Consideration of Audit Request

LEGISLATIVE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Feb 20 Wednesday Capitol 106 4:00 PM
 + Update on Events Planned for Centennial Week

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 26 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM
 + FULL COMMITTEE
 Public Comment
 Chair/Staff Report
 Budget: FY13 & FY14
 Office Allowance Funds
 Disclosure Waiver
 Board of an Organization
 Procedure to Address Recommendations for Changes
 to AS 24.60
 2013 Legislation Update

Feb 26 Tuesday Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb 1:00 PM
 + JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE
 Public Comment
 Executive Session
 Public Session

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 21	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
Mar 04	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

Feb 20	Wednesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch and Learn: "Chinook Bycatch" Presenters - Alaska Marine Conservation Council Sponsored by Sen. Micciche		