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Ninety-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:39 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

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

The prayer with the distinction of being the shortest, most succinct was offered by the late Danny Plotnick, whose prayer consisted of one word - four letters - "Help."

Although that succinct plea that comprised the prayer many years ago is still relevant, and timely, the prayer I offer will be slightly longer.

Please join as we pray.

Lord, please give us the strength and fortitude to make the difficult decisions facing us.

As our judgment, values, and convictions guide us to our decisions, please grant us tolerance and patience with those whose views may differ from our own.

Grant us the ability to pursue our convictions with grace, dignity, and respect for our fellow man.

Give us the strength to demonstrate our best virtues, our best selves, as we strive to represent our respective values. I offer this prayer through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Senator Kelly led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the ninety-fifth and ninety-sixth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Committee Reports

HB 72

The following report was received and distributed at 1:57 a.m., April 26:

April 25, 2015

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considered SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 72(FIN) am S and CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 72(FIN) and recommends

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 72 "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs and capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

be adopted.

A fiscal note packet was attached.

Signing the report: Senator Kelly, Chair, Senators MacKinnon, Olson; Representative Neuman, Chair, Representative Thompson. Representative Gara signed do not support/do not pass.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Conference Committee Report be held to Unfinished Business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 73

The following report was received and distributed at 1:57 a.m., April 26:

April 25, 2015

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considered SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(FIN) and CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(FIN) and recommends

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73 "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

be adopted.

Signing the report: Senator Kelly, Chair, Senators MacKinnon, Olson; Representative Neuman, Chair, Representative Thompson. Representative Gara signed no recommendation.

Senator Coghill moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report.

The question being: "Shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 73

Shall the Senate Adopt the Conference
Committee Report? Effective Date

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

Yea: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

and so, the report was adopted, thus adopting:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73 "An Act
making appropriations for the operating and capital
expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental
health program; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on
the adoption of the Conference Committee Report be considered the
vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Consideration of the Calendar

House Bills in Third Reading

HB 105

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) "An Act
relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial
Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial
Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission
and supply development fund; repealing bond authorizations granted
to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; amending
the definition of 'qualified energy development'; relating to the
financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development
and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and
natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state;
requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to
deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project;
and providing for an effective date" was before the Senate in third
reading.

Senator Coghill moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Coghill offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 6, lines 3 - 4:

Delete ", propane, or propane and air mixture; in this subparagraph,"

Insert "; in this subparagraph,
(i)"

Page 6, following line 7:

Insert a new sub-subparagraph to read:

"(ii) "natural gas" includes propane or propane and air mixture;"

Page 6, line 9:

Delete "in"

Insert "by"

Page 6, line 22:

Delete "or propane"

Page 6, line 24:

Delete "or propane"

Page 6, following line 25:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 10.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted by sec. 11(g), ch. 26, SLA 2013, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) "natural gas" includes
(A) propane; and
(B) propane and air mixture."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 20:

Delete "Section 12"

Insert "Section 13"

Senator Coghill moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Wielechowski objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund; repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; amending the definition of 'qualified energy development'; relating to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 105(FIN) am S
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date

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

Yea: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) am S passed the Senate.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SCR 18

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 1109). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 105, relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; relating to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; amending and repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of the Sweetheart Lake hydroelectric project; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of rebuilding transmission between the Hope substation and Portage, rebuilding transmission between Powerline Pass to Indian, and the Eklutna hydroelectric transmission system upgrade project; and relating to legislative approval for loans from the power project fund to the City of King Cove, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 18
Final Passage

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

Yea: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

HB 73

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate rescind its previous action in adopting the Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 73 (page 1191). Senator Coghill objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, the Senate rescinded its previous action and the Conference Committee Report was before the Senate.

The question being: "Shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 73

Shall the Senate Adopt the Conference Committee Report? Effective Date

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Nay: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Olson, Wielechowski

and so, the report was adopted, thus adopting:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73 "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the adoption of the Conference Committee Report be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate adopt the first supplemental calendar. Without objection, the first supplemental calendar was adopted.

Consideration of the First Supplemental Calendar**Second Reading of House Bills****HB 106**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 106(STA) am "An Act relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, including jurisdiction by tribunals of the state, registration and proceedings related to support orders from other state tribunals, foreign support orders, foreign tribunals, and certain persons residing in foreign countries; relating to determination of parentage of a child; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 106(STA) am be moved to the bottom of today's calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 178

HOUSE BILL NO. 178 "An Act relating to workers' compensation fees for medical treatment and services; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 5, ch. 63, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 178 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 178 "An Act relating to workers' compensation fees for medical treatment and services; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 5, ch. 63, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 178

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

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

Yea: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 178 passed the Senate.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

President Meyer stated in accordance with Uniform Rule 43(b) engrossment may be waived on all bills transmitted to the House on this legislative day.

Recess

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:19 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

Unfinished Business

HB 106

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 106(STA) am "An Act relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, including jurisdiction by tribunals of the state, registration and proceedings related to support orders from other state tribunals, foreign support orders, foreign tribunals, and certain persons residing in foreign countries; relating to determination of parentage of a child; and providing for an effective date" which had been moved to the bottom of today's calendar (page 1197), was not taken up.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 106(STA) am will advance to third reading on the April 27 calendar.

HB 72

The Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 72 which had been held to Unfinished Business (page 1190) was not taken up.

The report is held under Unfinished Business.

Announcements

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

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**HB 105**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund; repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; amending the definition of 'qualified energy development'; relating to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed.

SCR 18

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 105, relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export

Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; relating to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; amending and repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of the Sweetheart Lake hydroelectric project; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of rebuilding transmission between the Hope substation and Portage, rebuilding transmission between Powerline Pass to Indian, and the Eklutna hydroelectric transmission system upgrade project; and relating to legislative approval for loans from the power project fund to the City of King Cove, was engrossed.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., April 27, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Apr 27	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
		Alaska's Fiscal Crisis	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Apr 26	Sunday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
		-- MEETING CANCELED --	
		Medicaid Expansion and Reform Consultant	
		Procurement	
May 08	Friday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	10:00 AM
		Special Audit Requests	
		EXECUTIVE SESSION: Preliminary Audits & Follow	
		Up Review	
		Other Committee Business	
		Subcommittee Executive Session - Dept. of	
		Education & Early Development Performance Review	
		Scope (Will Convene Immediately Following	
		Adjournment of the Regular Meeting)	

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT (continued)

May 13	Wednesday	Anch Lio Conf Rm	3:00 PM
+	Dept. of Health & Social Services Performance		
	Review - Public Input		
	-- Anchorage and Statewide Testimony --		
	Public Comment on the Performance of the Dept.		
	of Health & Social Services in the Delivery of		
	Its Behavioral Health & Long-Term Care Services		
	& on the Department's Overall Organizational &		
	Administrative Structure		
	-- Testimony <Time Limited to 3 min> --		
May 14	Thursday	Fbx Lio Conf Rm	10:00 AM
+	Dept. of Health & Social Services Performance		
	Review - Public Input		
	-- Fairbanks Testimony --		
	Public Comment on the Performance of the Dept.		
	of Health & Social Services in the Delivery of		
	Its Behavioral Health & Long-Term Care Services		
	& on the Department's Overall Organizational &		
	Administrative Structure		
	-- Testimony <Time Limited to 3 min> --		