

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chief Clerk announced that the following bills were delivered to the office of the Governor at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 1964:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 319  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 326  
HOUSE BILL NO. 403

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance		
April 5, 1964-Joint meeting with Judiciary	1:00 p.m.	Room 320
Rules (April 5, 1964)	1:00 p.m.	Room 314
Judiciary		
April 5, 1964-Joint meeting with Finance	1:00	Room 320

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Binkley moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 5, 1964. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Patricia R. Slack  
Chief Clerk

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ADDRESS BY CONGRESSMAN RALPH J. RIVERS

Mr. President of the Senate, Mr. Speaker of the House, Members of the legislature, friends:

I speak to you today with mixed emotions of sadness and pride; sadness at the loss of life and at the loss of property and economic security inflicted by the earthquake upon great numbers of our fellow Alaskans in the stricken areas of our State, and great pride at the courage and resolute spirit and determination and united action taken by them in their respective communities, which I have witnessed in Anchorage, and Seward, and Kodiak, and elsewhere in my travels through the disaster area in the past five days. I must also acknowledge that Alaskans throughout the state, stunned at the unbelievable magnitude of the destruction which was wrought, avoided panic and rallied to the assistance and support of those caught in the midst of the devastation. This is, of course, in keeping with the tradition of our great frontier and is matched only by the will to survive and the courage and strength to rebuild and rise again on sounder foundations to meet the challenge of the future. I wholeheartedly agree with the eloquent speech given yesterday by Governor Egan, with particular reference to his remarks about the multiplicity of the unsung heroes among the people of Alaska, and of the valiant services rendered by the personnel of our civil defense organization and the Red Cross, and state and local officials and police and fire departments and civilian volunteers from all walks of life, and of the tremendous assistance and cooperation given by all branches of the Armed Services, and let me say, by other groups and persons too numerous to mention.

Speaking as Alaska's representative in the United States Congress, I can tell you that the Federal Government is mustering a great program of financial and engineering and economic assistance to cope with this appalling misfortune. The President has expressed his personal concern and support of large scale constructive measures, and immediately sent to Alaska his director of the Office of Emergency Planning, Mr. Edward McDermott, who flew to Anchorage in one of the presidential jet planes, accompanied by Senators Bartlett and Gruening the day after the earthquake occurred. I joined this group the following day and then stayed on after they went back to Washington to wrestle with the problem on that end. You have all heard of the move to make fifty million dollars available immediately, to proceed with the restoration of community services and other purposes. This will hit the floor of the House of Representatives on Monday under an unanimous consent request for immediate consideration. I can only hope that no member will object. I am leaving Juneau today at noon for Washington, D. C., to make sure of being present when the House convenes on Monday, and I can say, not only for myself, but for our distinguished Senators, Bob Bartlett and Ernest Gruening, that the Alaska Congressional Delegation will do all

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in its power to obtain needed results in behalf of the people and the Government of our 49th State.

Generally speaking, the reaction of the people of the United States as a whole, and of the people of the world for that matter, has been warmly sympathetic, which I am sure bolsters the courage of all of us. Along this line I wish to read two telegrams containing messages for the people of Alaska.

The first is from our beloved Speaker of the House of Representatives John W. McCormack, which reads as follows:

"I extend to you and through you my deep sympathy to the people of Alaska. In the catastrophe that has taken place and to the bereaved ones of those who have been killed. If there is anything I can do to help out let me know by wiring or contacting me Federal Building, Boston. John W. McCormack, Speaker".

The second telegram received from my office today reads as follows:

"Speaker McCormack called personally from Boston to advise that Chairman Cannon of Appropriations Committee will introduce Monday a special fifty million dollar supplemental appropriation for restoration of damaged facilities. Legislation is requested by President Johnson. Bill will not be referred to committee, but will be brought to floor directly if unanimous consent is obtained. Senate action is also expected on Monday. Carl Albert called personally to be sure you would be here. State Department has sent over copies of cablegrams and messages received by it and by President Johnson from world leaders expressing sympathy, including Russia, Belgium, Ecuador, Ghana, Ireland, Portugal, Great Britain, France, Venezuela, Mexico, Jamaica, Chile, Bolivia, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of China, Korea, Turkey, Finland, Austria, Secretary General of the UN, U-Thant, Nepal, Iran, Jordan, India, Israel, Laos, Guinea, Kenya, Tunisia, Liberia, Canada, Trinidad, Poland, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Iraq, Indonesia, Australia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Greece, Lebanon, Thailand. Don Greeley".

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Seventieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment, the House was called to order by Speaker pro tempore William K. Boardman at 3:15 p.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Messrs. Kendall and Strandberg (excused on State business), Johnson and Holm (absent).

Prayer was offered by Representative James C. Parsons.

The Chief Clerk certified as to the correctness of the journal for the sixty-ninth day, and it was accepted without objection.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SENATE BILL NO. 351 was read the second time with the first reading as appears on page 471, Second Session House journal.

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The Committees on Judiciary and Finance have had Senate Bill 351 under consideration and a majority of each committee recommends that the bill do pass, with the attached amendment. The committees also recommend that this report be spread on the Journal.

Senate Bill 351, introduced at the request of the Governor, is an emergency measure designed to make manifest the sense of purpose within Alaska and the determination of the State of Alaska to rebuild and reconstruct after the tragic losses incurred in the recent earthquake and tidal wave disaster. Your committee believes that prompt approval of the measure will demonstrate to the Congress and to the American people that, within the limitations of our ability, Alaskans are bending every effort for self-help. Failure to approve Senate Bill 351 as an emergency measure might jeopardize the efforts now in progress before the Congress of the United States where the Governor is seeking massive amounts of federal assistance. Members of the Congress can rightfully expect that the people of Alaska will spare no reasonable effort of their own to reconstruct and rebuild the disaster areas.

At the same time, your committees are deeply concerned about the ramifications of Senate Bill 351, especially with respect to the possibility of expenditures by the executive branch of government without adherence to the legislative appropriation procedure, or the establishment of statutory standards for the disbursement of funds by the legislature. Section 13, Article IX of the Constitution of Alaska provides that "No money shall