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Friday

February 7, 2003

Eighteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 10:12 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Austerman, French, Hoffman, Lincoln were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Rob Bruschi of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Senator Green led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the sixteenth and seventeenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

SR 1

Message dated February 3 and received February 6 was read, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations.

Senate Resolve No. 1

Messages from the House

Message dated February 5 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 45**

HOUSE BILL NO. 45 BY REPRESENTATIVES WEYHRAUCH, Gruenberg, Morgan, Anderson, Joule, Cissna, Kerttula, Stevens, Seaton, Moses, Wilson, Harris, Guttenberg, Croft, Meyer, entitled:

"An Act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song."

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

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 5 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner - Department of Community and Economic Development

Edgar Blatchford

There were no stated objections to the confirmation of the named individual by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against him during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Wagoner, Chair; Senators Austerman, Taylor, Elton, Lincoln.

Report dated February 5 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Board of Game

Pete Buist
Michael R. Fleagle
Cliff Judkins
Sharon McLeod-Everette
Ron Somerville
Ted Spraker

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Ogan, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Dyson, Seekins, Stevens, Lincoln, Elton.

Report dated February 5 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner - Department of Environmental Conservation

Ernesta Ballard

There were no stated objections to the confirmation of the named individual by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the individual during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Ogan, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Dyson, Seekins, Stevens, Lincoln, Elton.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SCR 3**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Extending the termination date of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until 2005.

was read the first time and referred to the Resources Committee.

SJR 7

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS,

Expressing support for Vancouver, British Columbia's, bid for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and State Affairs Committees.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 60 BY SENATOR GUESS, entitled:

"An Act relating to adoption and use of a unified permit application form by the natural resource agencies; and repealing the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act."

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

SB 61

SENATE BILL NO. 61 BY SENATOR WAGONER, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial fishing permit brokers; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Resources Committees.

SB 62

SENATE BILL NO. 62 BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 63

SENATE BILL NO. 63 BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal property taxation in annexed and detached areas; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 64

SENATE BILL NO. 64 BY SENATORS FRENCH, Ellis, Elton, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain consumer reporting agencies to provide individuals with certain information without charge."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Resolutions****SJR 4**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production, was read the second time.

Senators Taylor, Ogan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stevens 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. 4 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 4

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Green, Guess, Ogan, Olson, Seekins, Stevens B, Taylor, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Elton

Excused: Austerman, French, Hoffman, Lincoln

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 passed the Senate.

Senator Elton gave notice of reconsideration.

Unfinished Business

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 10, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., June 10, 2003. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

June 2003

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 07	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Feb 10	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Feb 12	Wednesday -- Time and Location Change -- + Joint w/(H) Community & Regional Affairs Local Boundary Commission Annual Report	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
Feb 12 + SB 51	Wednesday BONDS OF BOND BANK AUTHORITY	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Feb 14	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE

Feb 07	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 11	Tuesday Accountability in Govt: Measuring Results Craig Holt, Government Consultant	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 11	Tuesday	House Finance 519	1:30 PM
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H) Finance		
	Denali Commission		
	Jeff Staser, Federal Co-Chairman		

Feb 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Presentation:		
	Permanent Fund Corp Board of Trustees		

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 10	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	Confirmation Hearing:		
	Commissioner, Dept of Health and Social		
	Services- Joel Gilbertson		
SB 25	AHFC LOANS TO EDUCATORS		

Feb 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Joint w/(H) Health, Education and Social		
	Services and (H) Special Committee on		
	Education		
	Alaska School District Cost Study		
	Jay Chambers,		
	American Institute for Research		

JUDICIARY

Feb 07	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 10	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Location Change --		
	Joint w/(H) Judiciary		
	Confirmation Hearing:		
	Attorney General- Gregg D. Renkes		

JUDICIARY (continued)

Feb 12 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Overview: Dept of Corrections
 Marc Antrim, Commissioner
 Portia Parker, Assistant Commissioner
 Overview: Office of Public Advocacy
 Brant McGee, Director
 Overview: Public Defender Agency
 Barbara Brink, Public Defender

Feb 14 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 11 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 13 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 = SB 20 EXTEND BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS

Feb 26 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:15 PM
 -- Time and Location Change --
 Joint w/(H) Labor and Commerce
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska-
 Dave Harbour
 Mark Johnson

RESOURCES

Feb 07 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 10 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Confirmation Hearing: Commissioner, Dept of Natural Resources- Tom Irwin Overview: Dept of Environmental Conservation		
Feb 14	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 17	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	-- Time and Location Change -- Joint w/(H) Resources Mining Industry Overview		
Feb 21	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 11	Tuesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	SB 9	CLEANUP OF ILLEGAL DRUG SITES	
	SJR 6	CONST AM: 90 DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION	
	SCR 1	SUPPORT ROADS/HOT SPRINGS LOOP ROAD	
	SJR 5	DESTROY BRADY BILL RECORDS	
Feb 13	Thursday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 11	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 31	RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA	

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Feb 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 40 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF
 SB 53 REVOKE DRIVER'S LIC. FOR FATAL ACCIDENT

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**FISH & GAME**

Feb 11 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 Budget Overview: Dept of Fish and Game

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 13 Thursday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 Budget Overview:
 Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 12 Wednesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 -- Rescheduled to 2/20/03 --
 Budget Overview:
 Dept of Natural Resources

Feb 20 Thursday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 -- Rescheduled from 2/12/03 --
 + Budget Overview:
 Dept of Natural Resources

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 18 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 Joint w/(H) Public Safety Budget Subcmte
 Budget Overview: Dept of Public Safety

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**REVENUE**

Feb 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
	-- Rescheduled to 2/19/03 --		
	Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue		

Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 2/10/03 --		
	Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Feb 19	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:30 AM
	Discussion of Central Panels to create independent hearing office functions		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 19	Wednesday	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
	Audits and Other Committee Business		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Mar 05	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	State of the Judiciary Chief Justice Dana Fabe		