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Thirty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 11:09 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Olson was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Larry Fankhauser of The Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear God,

I want to thank You for this new week and the opportunities it presents to serve the peoples of the great state of Alaska.

Lord, there are many items before this body which need to be addressed. I would pray that the thought, insight and most importantly wisdom and discernment needed would be upon each of these Senators gathered.

Help them to keep focused on what is needful, not spending time on the mundane, peripheral things that can cause us to waste precious time.

Thank you, Lord, for this day.

Amen.

Senator Taylor led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirty-second through thirty-fourth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 21 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions****HCR 6**

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6(FSH) BY
THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES,

Relating to the continuation of the Joint Legislative
Salmon Industry Task Force until 2004.

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

Standing Committee Reports**SB 49**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 49 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 49(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Taylor, Chair; Senators Hoffman, Cowdery, Dyson, Guess.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – Judge Thomas Jahnke
Senator(s) Taylor, Therriault, Ogan, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Guess, Green, Hoffman, Lincoln, Ben Stevens, Wilken, Dyson, Gary Stevens
Representative(s) Williams, Wilson

Honoring – Sheldon Jackson College
Senator(s) Taylor, Therriault, Bunde, Ogan, Guess, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Lincoln, Ben Stevens, Wilken, Dyson, Ellis, Gary Stevens
Representative(s) Wilson

Honoring – Dean Larson, Retirement from the West Coast Hockey League Anchorage Aces
Representative(s) McGuire
Senator(s) Ben Stevens, Therriault, Ogan, Guess, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Lincoln, Taylor, Wilken, Dyson, Gary Stevens

In Memoriam – Sara Elaine Atwood
Senator(s) Ben Stevens, Therriault, Bunde, Ogan, Guess, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green, Hoffman, Lincoln, Taylor, Wilken, Dyson, Gary Stevens
Representative(s) Heinze

Senator Ben Stevens 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 Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring – Representative Jeannette James

Representative(s) Coghill

Senator(s) Therriault, Bunde, Dyson, Gary Stevens, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Ben Stevens, Taylor, Wilken

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, on February 26. Without objection, Senator Taylor was excused.

Senator Seekins moved and asked unanimous consent to extend a prior excusal (page 228) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 4, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Seekins was excused.

SB 9

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 9 "An Act relating to the evaluation and cleanup of sites where certain controlled substances may have been manufactured or stored; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 22

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 22 "An Act limiting the factors that may be considered in making a crime victims' compensation award in cases of sexual assault or sexual abuse of a minor." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 24

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act providing special absentee ballots for voters in remote areas." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 33

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to reporting of donations to and money or other donations spent, given, or paid by political parties." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 34

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 34 "An Act relating to electronic mail activities and making certain electronic mail activities unfair methods of competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices under the Act enumerating unfair trade practices and consumer protections." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 47

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 47 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 65

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 65 "An Act authorizing the Department of Corrections to enter into agreements with municipalities for new or expanded public correctional facilities in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Bethel, and the Municipality of Anchorage." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 26, 2003. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

February 2003

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 24 Monday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 26 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 + SB 38 ADOPTION OF SAFETY CODES
 + SB 62 AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 + SB 63 MUNICIPAL ANNEXATIONS AND DETACHMENTS
 + HCR 2 EXTEND ALASKA RAILROAD TO FT. GREELY
 + HB 58 REINSTATEMENT OF NATIVE CORPS
 + HB 68 OFFICE OF VICTIMS' RIGHTS: INCLUDE MUNIS

Feb 28 Friday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 24 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = SB 75 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 = SB 76 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Feb 25 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = SB 75 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 = SB 76 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Feb 26 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 -- Time Change --
 Key Campaign Presentation

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 SB 51 BONDS OF BOND BANK AUTHORITY
 SCR 1 SUPPORT ROADS/HOT SPRINGS LOOP ROAD
 Adoption Longevity Pay Increment Policy

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 24 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 2 PARENT LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE BY CHILD
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 25 AHFC LOANS TO EDUCATORS

Feb 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 41 MEDICAID COSTS AND CRIMES
 + SB 78 MEDICAID FOR BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER
 + Overview: AK Statewide Suicide Prevention
 Council
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 24 Monday Capitol 122 1:00 PM
 -- Time and Location Change --
 + Joint w/(H) Judiciary
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Select Committee on Legislative Ethics -
 Dennis "Skip" Cook
 Shirley McCoy
 Herman G. Walker, Jr

Feb 26 Wednesday Capitol 122 1:00 PM
 -- Time and Location Change --
 + Joint w/(H) Judiciary
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Judicial Council - Bill Gordon
 Violent Crimes Compensation Board -
 LeRoy Barker, Gerad G. Godfrey
 + Overview: Partners for Progress,
 Therapeutic/Wellness Courts, Electronic
 Monitoring for Alcohol Related Offenders

JUDICIARY (continued)

Feb 28 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 25 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 72 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 SB 47 EXTEND BOARD OF NURSING
 SB 48 EXTEND BOARD OF MIDWIVES

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

Feb 27 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 73 AIDEA AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS
 SB 43 EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 + SB 54 OVERTIME PAY FOR AIRLINE EMPLOYEES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 24 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SCR 3 EXTEND JT LEG SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE
 HCR 6 EXTEND JT LEG SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE
 + SB 74 DISCHARGE PREVENTION & CONTINGENCY PLANS
 + HB 69 REGULATION OF SHALLOW NATURAL GAS
 <No public testimony will be taken/
 sub-committee assignment>

Feb 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Confirmation Hearing:
 AK Oil and Gas Conservation Commission -
 Sarah H. Palin, Randy Ruedrich

Feb 28 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 25	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Feb 27	Thursday Confirmation Hearings: Commissioner, Dept of Administration - Mike Miller Commissioner, Dept of Public Safety - Bill Tandeske State Commission on Human Rights - Grace Merkes Lester Lunceford Robert B. Sawyer, Jr AK Public Offices Commission - Larry D. Wood	Beltz 211	3:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 25 SB 31	Tuesday RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA <Bill Hearing Postponed to 3/11> Confirmation Hearing: Commissioner, Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 27 SB 71	Thursday TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Mar 04	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Mar 06	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Mar 11 = SB 31	Tuesday -- Location Change -- RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA <Bill Hearing Postponed to 3/18/03> Joint w/(H) Transportation Port of Bellingham	Terry Miller 104	1:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

- Mar 13 Thursday Terry Miller 104 1:15 PM**
 -- Time and Location Change --
 Joint w/(H) Transportation
 Airport Bond Issues
- Mar 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 -- Rescheduled from 3/11/03 --
 += SB 31 RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA
- Mar 25 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 += SB 40 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF
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JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Mar 11 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**
 Military Legislative Address:
 Lt General Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler,
 USAF Commander, Alaska Command
 Brigadier General Craig Campbell,
 Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

- Mar 27 Thursday House Finance 519 4:00 PM**
 Audits and Other Committee Business
 Including an Executive Session
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OTHER MEETINGS

FISH CAUCUS

- Feb 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**
 Alaska Seafood Around the World:
 Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
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JOINT SESSION

Mar 05	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Chief Justice Dana Fabe	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Mar 31	Monday Address by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens	House Chamber	11:00 AM