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Forty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 10:08 a.m.

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senators Davis, Guess, Hoffman, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Taylor was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend C. Ronald Covey of the Douglas Community United Methodist Church. Senator Elton moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. President, Honorable Senators, members of the staff, distinguished guests and visitors, let us take this moment for prayer and reflection.

O Living Spirit, Your presence is very real, for You fill every fiber of our being. Our hearts and minds bear faint reflections of Your love and wisdom. We need not search for You, for You are here. Today, we would ask of You a vision: a vision that is good and noble, a vision that sees what can be done for our great land instead of what cannot, a vision that captures the wisdom of the elders and the spirit of the pioneers who found that cooperation is better than opposition and working together more productive than working alone. Give us a big vision, Creator, for this is a big land with big possibilities. Then, with the vision before us, be our guiding Spirit and grant us the strength and resolve of heart and mind and soul and body to turn that vision into reality. Amen.

Senator Cowdery led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the forty-fifth legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 43

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 43 "An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(FIN)

Signing do pass: Senators Green, Wilken, Cochairs; Senators Taylor, Olson, Ben Stevens, Bunde.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 125

SENATE BILL NO. 125 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act relating to protests of state contract awards, to claims on state contracts and to hearings under the State Procurement Code; making conforming amendments in the State Procurement Code; and providing for an effective date."

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

The presence of Senator Taylor was noted.

SB 126

SENATE BILL NO. 126 BY SENATORS ELLIS, French, Davis, Guess, Elton, Lincoln, entitled:

"An Act requiring that the cost of contraceptives be included in certain health care insurance coverage."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Health, Education and Social Services Committees.

SB 127

SENATE BILL NO. 127 BY SENATOR OGAN, entitled:

"An Act authorizing priority treatment of certain permit applications."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74 "An Act extending the renewal period for oil discharge prevention and contingency plans; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Ogan, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 381. Senator Ellis objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objections, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(RES) was adopted.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Senator Ellis objected. Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be allowed to withdraw his motion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Therriault stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(RES) will be on the March 10 calendar.

Citations

Honoring – Ketchikan High School, Host of the State Wrestling Championships

Representative(s) Williams

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

In Memoriam – Agnes Elizabeth Hoffman Charles

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

Representative(s) Kapsner

In Memoriam – Ole Haynes

Representative(s) Williams

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

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

Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 20, through plane time. Without objection, Senator Cowdery was excused.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that President Therriault be excused from a call of the Senate on March 10, through plane time. Without objection, President Therriault was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to return to introduction of guests. Without objection, the Senate returned to

Introduction of Guests

Senator Dyson introduced the following members of a delegation from British Columbia, Canada: The Honorable Greg Halsey-Brandt, Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations; C.C. "Bud" Graham, Acting Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; Keith Ogilvie, Senior Advisor to Minister Halsey-Brandt on International Relations; and Jeff Hansen, Executive Assistant to Minister Halsey-Brandt.

Adjournment

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

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

March 2003

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 07	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 10	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 12	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 14	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE

Mar 07	Friday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Mar 10	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Mar 11	Tuesday SB 71 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS = SB 25 AHFC LOANS TO EDUCATORS = HB 101 APPROP: GRANT TO ARCTIC POWER FOR ANWR HB 100 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK <Pending Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 12 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 AK Travel Industry Assoc. Presentation
 = HB 101 APPROP: GRANT TO ARCTIC POWER FOR ANWR
 = HB 100 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 <Pending Referral>
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 13 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 SB 79 EXTEND ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 14 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 10 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + HCR 8 INHALANTS AND POISONS AWARENESS WEEK
 <Pending Referral>
 + SB 124 ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANTS
 + SB 123 ELIMINATE REVIEW OF ADOPTION SUBSIDIES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 55 TAMPERING WITH PUBLIC RECORDS
 += SB 8 TAMPERING WITH PUBLIC RECORDS
- Mar 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Overview: Reorganization and Improvements
 Dept of Health and Social Services
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Mar 07 Friday Capitol 120 1:00 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Mar 10 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 11 Tuesday Capitol 121 2:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled to 3/7/03 --
 -- Time and Location Change --
 Subcommittee Meeting
 = HB 69 REGULATION OF SHALLOW NATURAL GAS

Mar 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 116 EMISSION CONTROL PERMIT PROGRAM
 + SB 44 OIL SPILL RESPONSE COST RECOVERY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 11 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 + SJR 7 VANCOUVER'S BID FOR 2010 WINTER GAMES
 + SJR 9 SUPPORTING MEMBERS OF MILITARY
 += SB 65 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EXPANSION
 + SB 99 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Mar 13 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 SB 83 SVEN HAAKANSON AIRPORT AT OLD HARBOR
 += SB 65 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EXPANSION
 += SB 99 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 11 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 1:30 PM
 -- Location Change --
 = SB 31 RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA
 <Bill Hearing Postponed to 3/18/03>
 + 1:30 - 2:00: Joint w/(H) Transportation
 Port of Bellingham
 2:00 - 3:00:
 HCR 2 EXTEND ALASKA RAILROAD TO FT. GREELY
 SB 103 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES
 SB 106 FEE FOR STUDDER TIRES
 SB 112 INCREASE MOTOR FUEL TAX

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		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 13	Thursday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	Dept of Administration Budget Overview		

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mar 11	Tuesday	Terry Miller 104	11:00 AM
	Initial Budget Discussions		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
	Initial Departmental Budget Overview		

FISH & GAME

Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
Mar 25	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
Apr 03	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LAW**

Mar 18 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:00 PM**
 Dept of Law Budget Overview

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 18 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **4:00 PM**

Apr 01 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:00 PM**

Apr 08 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:00 PM**

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 12 **Wednesday** **Terry Miller 104** **8:00 AM**
 Dept of Transportation/Public Facilities
 FY04 Operating Budget Overview

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**WORLD TRADE AND STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS**

Mar 10 **Monday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:00 PM**
 Briefings:
 Northern Forum, Circumpolar Infrastructure Task Force

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

JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

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

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Mar 07 **Friday** **House Finance 519** **11:00 AM**
-- Time and Location Change --
Fish Farming in British Columbia
C.C. "Bud" Graham, Acting Deputy Minister
for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries,
Provincial Government of British Columbia

JOINT SESSION

Mar 31 **Monday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Address by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens