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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representatives Edgmon and Millett had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Tom Matthews of Douglas Island Bible Church. Representative Buch moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With respect for the various beliefs represented here, I would like to offer up this prayer on your behalf.

Dear Lord, we truly are a blessed people. We live in a prosperous land with so much opportunity for each of us: opportunity for daily bread, opportunity for lodging and protection from the elements abound for us. We have opportunities for jobs, for education and opportunities to be effective citizens of this great country. Our country, Lord, is an incredible place; Alaska is an incredible place. We have so much to be thankful for.

However, in our prosperity, Lord, may we never forget those less fortunate than us: not only people in other lands, but people also within our own communities who struggle for their day-to-day existence. May our hearts break; may we have a compassion that drives us to help those in a time of need.

Lord, I lift up these legislators and ask for your grace to help them in the roles you have called them to. I pray for a spirit of enthusiasm and a conviction for each of them. You have called them to their positions, and you will do great things through them.

For their families, Lord, I pray as well. There is sacrifice that both the legislators and their families go through for them to be here. May you protect and guide their families and loved ones in their absence. Bless them for the sacrifices that are made so they can serve our state in this important role.

I lift this group before you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Johnson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventh and eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Hawker introduced Chip Chennault, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated January 21, 2009, was received from Dana Fabe, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating that she has nominated the following public members for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Herman G. Walker, Jr.
Dennis "Skip" Cook

The Speaker referred the appointments to the Judiciary Committee.

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration
State Officers Compensation Commission
Findings and Recommendations
January 10, 2009
(as required by AS 39.23.540)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Office of the Commissioner
Fiscal Year 2009
Operating Grants

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 80

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

"An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee and its Homeland Security and Emergency Management Subcommittee; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 80(STA)

"An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Lynn, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Gatto, Seaton, Gruenberg, Wilson, Petersen, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 80(STA):

1. Fiscal, Legislative Affairs Agency

HB 80 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A report of the Committee on Committees dated January 28, 2009, was read submitting an amendment to the January 20, 2009, report (page 10). The amendment follows:

House Special Committee on Fisheries: Kawasaki replaces Kerttula

The report was signed by Representative Chenault, Chair; and Representatives Coghill, Johansen, Hawker, Stoltze, Kerttula, and Guttenberg.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Alev Kelter
By Senator Dyson

In Memoriam - Sally Rogers-Jantzi
By Representative Seaton

The following citations were introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Dr. Ruth Gruber
By Representative Harris

Honoring - Father Norman Elliott
By Senators French, Ellis

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 9**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 by Representatives Foster, Stoltze, Holmes, Hawker, Harris, and Herron:

Designating the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum located at 4721 Aircraft Drive in Anchorage as the official headquarters for the State of Alaska's Centennial of Flight Celebration.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 89

HOUSE BILL NO. 89 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing the governor's committee on employment of people with disabilities; creating the state vocational rehabilitation committee and relating to the committee; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce, Health & Social Services, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 23, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill repealing the Governor's committee on employment of people with disabilities, creating the state vocational rehabilitation committee, and relating to the committee.

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the need to change state law every time federal requirements change the number and or constituency of the membership required for the Governor's committee

on employment of people with disabilities and to expand its responsibilities to include the functions of an assistive technology advisory council as required under federal law. Since approximately 70 percent of the financing for the committee comes from the federal government, compliance with federal requirements is necessary.

Assisting those with disabilities in obtaining employment is vital to the economic and social well-being of the state. Given the opportunity, these Alaskans have the ability to contribute significantly to our workforce and to our communities, while granting them financial independence and affirmation of their value to society.

The Governor's committee on employment of people with disabilities has been carrying out the responsibilities of the state rehabilitation council identified in 29 U.S.C. 725, as amended. This bill would replace the existing committee with a federally compliant committee and would allow for adjustments necessary to remain in conformance with federal law without the need for further statute changes. The newly created committee's responsibilities would also include the functions of an assistive technology advisory council required under 29 U.S.C. 3001.

The bill would also increase the frequency of meetings of the committee, from a minimum of once each year to four times a year. The bill would allow telephonic participation in committee meetings, and would provide for election of the chair by the committee members, subject to the approval of, rather than appointment by, the Governor.

The bill would also provide a reviser's instruction to change the heading of Article 2 of AS 23.15, to reflect the creation of the new committee.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 90

HOUSE BILL NO. 90 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to bonding limitations and confidentiality of records and information of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 23, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to bonding limitations and confidentiality of records and information of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA).

This bill would accomplish five things. Section 1 of the bill would exclude refunding and conduit revenue bonds from the 12-month bond limit of the Authority. AS 44.88.095(a) precludes AIDEA from issuing more than \$400,000,000 of bonds during any 12-month period. Enactment of the bill would ensure that the 12-month bond limit would never preclude AIDEA from issuing refunding bonds to refinance existing development finance project debt on more favorable terms, or from issuing conduit revenue bonds for which AIDEA has no financial obligation to pay. Conduit revenue bonds are payable by the project developer and related parties, primarily from revenue generated by the project.

Section 2 of the bill would eliminate the sunset of the statutory ability of AIDEA issuing bonds. AS 44.88.095(g) severely limits the ability of AIDEA to issue bonds. Before the July 1, 2007 statutory sunset, AS 44.88.095(g) authorized AIDEA to issue most bonds without further legislative approval; the sole exception being bonds in excess

of \$10,000,000 to assist in the financing of a development project under AS 44.88.172 - 44.88.177. That authorization to issue bonds ended on July 1, 2007, with the statutory sunset. AIDEA currently requires legislative approval to issue any bonds, excepting refunding and conduit revenue bonds. Section 2 of the bill would amend AS 44.88.095(g) to eliminate the sunset and enable AIDEA to again issue most bonds without legislative approval. AIDEA will still require legislative approval to issue bonds in excess of \$10,000,000 to assist in the financing of development projects, excluding refunding bonds.

Section 2 of the bill would also expressly clarify in statute that AIDEA may use proceeds from refunding bonds to finance certain costs and expenses associated with issuing the refunding bonds. AS 44.88.095(g) empowers AIDEA to issue refunding bonds for development projects, but does not provide sufficient clarity required by bond markets to enable proceeds from the refunding bonds to be used to pay more than the outstanding balance of the existing bonds. The bill, if enacted, would enable AIDEA to issue refunding bonds, the proceeds from which can be used to pay both the outstanding balance of the existing bonds and the costs of refinancing, funding reserves, and other costs related to issuing refunding bonds for development projects. The ability to use refunding bond proceeds to pay these additional costs is anticipated to reduce the cost of financing, which would provide a direct economic benefit to project developers.

Sections 3 and 4 of the bill would amend AS 44.88.215 to clarify confidential records and information of AIDEA, and processes for determining confidentiality. AS 44.88.215 assists the mission of AIDEA by assuring borrowers, applicants, and project developers that certain records and information provided to AIDEA will be kept confidential. AIDEA has heard complaints from borrowers, applicants, and project developers because AS 44.88.215 does not clearly establish that AIDEA can retain the confidentiality of certain types of documents. Sections 5 and 6 of the bill attempt to address these concerns by clarifying that certain types of records and information are confidential, defines "trade secrets" using the Alaska Uniform Trade Secrets Act to clarify existing statutory language, and establishes processes for the executive director of AIDEA to determine confidentiality of records and information.

Finally, Section 8 of the bill would make the Act effective on July 1, 2009.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 91

HOUSE BILL NO. 91 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to limitations on possessing, sending, shipping, transporting, or bringing alcoholic beverages to a local option area and to penalties for violations of those limitations; relating to probation for minor consuming or in possession or control of alcoholic beverages; relating to civil fines for liquor licensees whose agents or employees furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
3. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Corrections
5. Indeterminate, Dept. of Law

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 23, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would lower the amount of

alcoholic beverages that may be possessed in or imported into a local option area and would levy civil fines for liquor licensees whose agents or employees furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age. The bill will strengthen existing laws intended to reduce the devastating economic, health, and social problems that arise from alcohol abuse in both urban and rural Alaska.

People in rural Alaska communities have asked many times for help from the state in addressing the problems caused by alcohol in their communities. By reducing the amount of alcohol allowed into those communities that have chosen to restrict its use, the ability for bootlegging activities can be decreased. This is one way to help smaller communities address a serious problem of public safety and health.

Under current law, a person living in a "damp" area -- that is, one in which a person may possess alcoholic beverages but not sell alcoholic beverages -- may possess ten and one half liters or 14 "fifths" of distilled spirits, 24 liters of wine or 32 bottles and 12 gallons of malt beverage, without a legal presumption of intent to sell. Current law adopts the same limits on the amounts of alcohol package stores can send to a person living in a local option area every calendar month. The same threshold amount applies to the penalties for bootlegging; a person convicted of bootlegging more than ten and one half liters of distilled spirits under current law is subject to a class C felony. A person convicted of bootlegging ten and one half liters or less of distilled spirits commits a class A misdemeanor.

There is general agreement that under current law the amounts that may be possessed by, imported by, or sent to an individual in a local option area in one calendar month are very high. The bill would reduce the amount of distilled spirits by 75 percent and would reduce the amount of wine and malt beverage by 50 percent. Under the proposed bill a package store in Anchorage may send to a person living in a damp area, every month, three liters (or four "fifths") of distilled spirits, 12 liters (or 16 bottles) of wine, and six gallons of malt beverage.

Further, the bill would adopt a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for a person convicted for the first time of felony

bootlegging. The term is similar to the mandatory term for a person convicted for the first time of felony drunk driving.

Secondly, this bill provides an additional tool in the quest to limit access to alcohol by our youth. Studies show that the earlier a person begins consuming alcohol, the greater their chances are of becoming dependant. Curbing underage drinking is important to the well-being of all Alaskans.

Under the current law, a liquor licensee's agents or employees, such as bartenders or package store clerks, may be charged with a class A misdemeanor if they sell or serve alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age. Most people who operate a liquor license are highly responsible, and train their agents and employees to be diligent in not serving underage youth. Some licensees, however, do not emphasize the prohibition against serving alcoholic beverages to minors. Under current law there is no adverse consequence to the licensee if the licensee's agent or employee has furnished alcoholic beverages to a minor.

The bill would adopt a civil fine for a licensee whose employee or agent for the second or subsequent time is convicted of furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor on the licensee's premises. A warning for the first conviction would be sent to the licensee by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The civil fine of \$1,000 would be imposed on a licensee for a second or subsequent conviction of an agent or employee. The fine would provide a greater incentive for licensees to train and supervise agents and employees to avoid serving alcoholic beverages to people under 21 years old.

The bill would also repair a minor drafting error in legislation passed last session addressing probation for young persons who consume alcoholic beverages. The bill clarifies that a person may be convicted of repeat minor consuming for subsequent convictions.

I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 92

HOUSE BILL NO. 92 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
2. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 23, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments. This bill requires the fiduciaries of state investment funds to divest of investments in publicly traded companies that conduct business operations or have direct investments in business operations in Sudan, as defined by the federal Sudan Divestment and Accountability Act of 2007, P.L. 110-174.

On September 21, 2004, addressing the United Nations General Assembly, President George W. Bush stated, "[A]t this hour, the world is witnessing terrible suffering and horrible crimes in the Darfur region of Sudan, crimes my government has concluded are genocide." On September 25, 2006, Congress reaffirmed that "the genocide unfolding in the Darfur region of Sudan is characterized by acts of terrorism and

atrocities directed against civilians, including mass murder, rape, and sexual violence committed by the Janjaweed and associated militias with the complicity and support of the National Congress Party-led faction of the Government of Sudan." The federal government has imposed sanctions against the Government of Sudan since 1997. These sanctions are monitored through the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

The investment of funds in business firms and financial institutions with ties to the repressive regime in Sudan is inconsistent with the moral and political values of the people of Alaska. It is a fundamental responsibility of the state of Alaska to decide where, how, and by whom financial resources in its control should be invested, taking into account numerous pertinent factors. The people of Alaska condemn the human rights abuses, enslavement and genocide in Sudan and declare these atrocities to be contrary to the fundamental principles of human rights and standards of justice and individual freedoms.

The bill will require the commissioner of the Department of Revenue, the Alaska Retirement Management Board of Trustees, and the Alaska Permanent Fund Board of Trustees to divest of investments in publicly traded companies that conduct business operations or have direct investments in business operations in Sudan. These provisions are drafted to comply with the federal Sudan Divestment and Accountability Act of 2007, P.L. 110-174, which includes notice of the enactment of this measure to the United States Attorney General.

The bill also provides for immunity and indemnification for the state's investment fund fiduciaries in connection with the implementation of a Sudan divestment policy. There is authority for the notion that divestment policies are not consistent with the prudent investor standard (*see, e.g.*, 1998 Inf. Op. Att'y Gen. at 198 (663-98-0297; Aug. 12); Alaska State Senate, Rural Research Agency, *Alaska's Permanent Fund: Legislative History, Intent and Operations* at 39-40 (Jan. 1986)). Accordingly, these provisions are important to protect the fiduciaries of the state's investment funds from any challenge or liability that may result from implementation of this bill.

Further, the bill provides for sunset of the divestment provisions of this bill upon the earlier of three occurrences: 1.) if the sunset provisions in sec. 12 of the Sudan Divestment and Accountability Act of 2007 are satisfied, 2.) if Congress or the President declares that Sudan divestment policies interfere with United States foreign policy; or 3.) if the Sudan Divestment and Accountability Act of 2007 is repealed.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 93

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 by Representatives Chenault, Neuman, Harris, Munoz, Gardner, and Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to unwanted telephone solicitations on a cellular or mobile telephone and making those calls to cellular or mobile telephones registered with the national do not call registry violations of the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 94

HOUSE BILL NO. 94 by Representatives Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Gara, Tuck, and Gardner, entitled:

"An Act creating a postsecondary scholarship program for Alaska residents based on high achievement and financial need."

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

HB 95

HOUSE BILL NO. 95 by Representatives Gruenberg and Thomas, entitled:

"An Act relating to stays of execution on and the postjudgment interest rate on judgments greater than \$100,000 in favor of the state or a political subdivision of the state."

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

HB 96

HOUSE BILL NO. 96 by Representatives Thomas, Harris, and Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to forgiveness of interest on certain state loans secured by a lien placed on potential receipts from litigation involving claims for injury, loss, or destruction of the natural resources affected by the March 24, 1989, Exxon Valdez oil spill; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 97

HOUSE BILL NO. 97 by Representatives Guttenberg and Gardner, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to establish and maintain Alaska veterans' cemeteries, establishing the Alaska veterans' cemetery fund in the general fund, and authorizing appropriation of income from fees for special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans to that cemetery fund."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 98

HOUSE BILL NO. 98 by Representative Ramras, entitled:

"An Act relating to minor consuming and repeat minor consuming; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 99

HOUSE BILL NO. 99 by the House State Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without charge; relating to a program to honor the memory of a deceased veteran; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Allan Tesche

By Senator Ellis; Representatives Gara, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Commemorating - Black History Month

By Senator Davis; Representatives Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

In Memoriam - Albert Sanford

By Senator Davis; Representatives Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

In Memoriam - Jerome Kenney

By Senator Davis; Representatives Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

In Memoriam - Carol Bernice Barnes

By Senator Davis; Representatives Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

In Memoriam - John Milton Miller, Jr.

By Senator Davis; Representatives Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Gara – from morning plane time, January 30 to morning plane time, February 2; and from evening plane time, February 6 to morning plane time, February 9

Representative Harris – from morning plane time, January 31 to morning plane time, February 5

Representative Gatto – from evening plane time, February 2 to evening plane time, February 3

Representative Keller – from morning plane time, February 4 to evening plane time, February 5

Representative Petersen – from evening plane time, February 6 to morning plane time, February 9

Representative Edgmon – from evening plane time, February 6 to morning plane time, February 9

Representative Dahlstrom – from evening plane time, February 6 to morning plane time, February 9

HB 78

Representative Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to remove his name as prime sponsor and add the House Labor & Commerce Committee as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 80

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

"An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee and its Homeland Security and Emergency Management Subcommittee; and providing for an effective date."

HB 80 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

Representative Crawford moved and asked unanimous consent that the following by Representatives Crawford, Gardner, Kawasaki, Tuck, Kerttula, Gruenberg, Petersen, Gara, Guttenberg, Cissna, Doogan, Buch, Salmon, and Holmes be adopted as the Sense of the House:

"It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Administration should work with Congress and the President to explore ways for the economic stimulus package currently before them to encourage the Alaska Gas Pipeline.

Construction of the pipeline will provide many thousands of jobs for Alaskans, and providing materials would be a significant stimulus to the American steel and other manufacturing industries."

Representative Coghill objected.

Representative Crawford moved and asked unanimous consent that consideration of the Sense of the House be postponed until January 30, 2009. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring - Father Norman Elliott and Honoring - Dr. Ruth Gruber, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Father Norman Elliott

By Senators French, Ellis; Representatives Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes,

Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Honoring - Dr. Ruth Gruber

By Representatives Harris, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 30

Representatives Kerttula and Herron added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

"An Act repealing the defined contribution retirement plans for teachers and for public employees; providing a defined benefit retirement plan for teachers and public employees; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

HB 50

Representative Foster added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

"An Act relating to limitations on mandatory overtime for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in health care facilities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 87

Representatives Gardner, Kerttula, and Kawasaki added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 87

"An Act waiving payment of premiums for major medical insurance under the defined benefit retirement plan for public

employees for disabled peace officers who have at least 20 years of credited service as peace officers."

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT

HR 1

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:10 p.m., January 27, 2009:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Establishing a House Special Committee on Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism.

House Resolve No. 1

HR 2

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:10 p.m., January 27, 2009:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to establishing a House Special Committee on Energy.

House Resolve No. 2

HR 3

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:10 p.m., January 27, 2009:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

House Resolve No. 3

HR 4

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:10 p.m., January 27, 2009:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

House Resolve No. 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., January 30, 2009. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk