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Juneau, Alaska **Wednesday** **February 4, 2009**
Sixteenth Day

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

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Harris, Keller, and Seaton had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Jesse Perry of Northern Light United Church. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

For our common good, and in deepest respect for the religious diversity of all Alaskans, let us pray:

Sacred Light, healer and hope of all the nations of the world, we acknowledge your gracious presence among us, and we give thanks for this new day. As this legislative body serves the people of Alaska, may you illumine its deliberations with clarity of conscience and will, and inspire each representative with a practical and fair vision for the future of our state.

You, O God, are the strength of the weak and the servant of all who serve. You are the unity of all that is broken in the world, and your ways alone are able to bring us an enduring justice and peace.

As this day's gathering begins, may all be filled with thanksgiving and faithfulness, ever aware of the sacred circle that encompasses all our days and all our ways.

What is hard for us, O God, is easy for you. Teach us your ways. Make our yokes easy and our burdens light. Unite us in joy, in justice, and in thanksgiving for your truth, for truly we have every reason to trust and to rest in you. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Coghill.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 14th and 15th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated February 3, 2009, was read stating that in accordance with art. III, secs. 25 and 26, Constitution of the State of Alaska and AS 39.05.080, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

Commissioner – Department of Health and Social Services

William H. Hogan
Appointed: 7/24/2008

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Commissioner – Department of Public Safety

Joseph A. Masters
Appointed: 9/12/2008

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

Board of Education and Early Development

Janel Keplinger – Kodiak

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Carol "Bunny" Schaeffer – Kotzebue

Appointed: 3/24/2004

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Cindy Lou Aillaud – Delta Junction

Appointed: 10/26/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Linda L. Black – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Jill Exe – Barrow

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Louis Pondolfino – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

The Speaker referred the following to the Finance Committee:

State Assessment Review Board

Ronald Brown – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/2/2008

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Dr. William Doolittle – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/24/2004

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Chief Daniel Hoffman – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Mary Jane Michael – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

The Speaker referred the following to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee:

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)

Judge Peter Froehlich – Juneau

Appointed: 8/2/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

State Medical Board

Edward A. Hall – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/19/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Casey M. Millar – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Dr. David A. Miller – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Dr. David J. Powers – Dillingham

Appointed: 12/2/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

Dr. David L. Eichler – North Pole

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Chris Brown – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Jan S. Ostrovsky – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Alaska Judicial Council

William F. Clarke – Chugiak

Appointed: 10/16/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Kathleen R. Tompkins-Miller – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2015

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Dr. Regina C. Chennault – Soldotna

Appointed: 10/18/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Carla Bassler – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/14/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

John Floyd – Anchorage

Appointed: 10/16/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Kathleen A. Reid – Fairbanks

Appointed: 10/16/2008

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Elaine Williamson – Fairbanks

Appointed: 10/18/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Ethan Billings – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Belen Cook – Cordova

Appointed: 12/29/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Ellen Ganley – Fairbanks
Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Boyd Brownfield – Anchorage
Appointed: 6/9/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Eric Eriksen – Juneau
Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Craig Fredeen – Anchorage
Appointed: 6/9/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Richard Heieren – Fairbanks
Appointed: 3/9/2005
Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Harley Hightower – Anchorage
Appointed: 3/9/2005
Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Richard Rearick – Eagle River
Appointed: 2/3/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Don Shiesl – Wasilla
Appointed: 10/16/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Carol Hernley – Cordova
Appointed: 5/7/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Debra Long – Fairbanks
Appointed: 5/7/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Dr. Dan Holt – Juneau
Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Dr. Rosemary Zimmerman – Girdwood

Appointed: 7/25/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Dental Examiners

Robyn Chaney – Dillingham

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Dr. Mary Anne Navitsky – Sitka

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Deborah Stauffer – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Dr. Clifford Douglas White – Dillingham

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Tyler E. Andrews – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/9/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2009

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Will Askren – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/9/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Gary P. Bader – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/24/2004

Reappointed: 6/17/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Aaron T. Isaacs, Jr. – Klawock

Appointed: 1/18/2002

Reappointed: 3/9/2005

Reappointed: 6/9/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Matthew R. McSorley – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/15/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Board of Marine Pilots

Dale O. Collins – Ketchikan

Appointed: 4/18/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Michael Heimbuch – Homer

Appointed: 2/3/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Kimberly K. Horn – Juneau

Appointed: 2/3/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Patricia A. White – Juneau

Appointed: 8/22/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Barbara Norton – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/3/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Nursing

Thomas Hendrix – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Janine L. McCready – Fairbanks

Appointed: 12/3/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

Thomas A. Trosvig – Kodiak

Appointed: 1/23/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dr. Dennis A. Swarner – Kenai

Appointed: 10/18/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Pharmacy

Leah Handley – Homer

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Steve R. Johnson – Palmer

Appointed: 12/3/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Chris "CJ" Kim – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Mary D. Mundell – Wasilla

Appointed: 4/14/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Jay McDiarmid – Fairbanks

Appointed: 4/14/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Dr. Marc Slonimski – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Board of Professional Counselors

Ray DePalatis – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/8/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2009

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Lillian Mitchell – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/8/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Tashawna L. Olson – Homer

Appointed: 4/14/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners

Dr. Kristi H. Fuller – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/3/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Richard "Butch" D. Olmstead – Ketchikan

Appointed: 12/15/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Gene H. Shafer – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2004

Reappointed: 10/16/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Real Estate Commission

Nancy Davis – Sitka

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Barbara A. Dickson – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/3/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Gene DuVal – Fairbanks

Appointed: 4/13/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA)

Paul Lisankie – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2015

Board of Social Work Examiners

Darrell Allman – Anchorage

Appointed: 4/22/2004

Reappointed: 10/16/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Gail La Rose-Henderson – Wasilla

Appointed: 2/24/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Patty McMillin – Bethel

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Margaret J. Eastman – North Pole

Appointed: 10/16/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission

Philip E. Ulmer – Eagle River

Appointed: 11/18/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Richard H. Behrends – Juneau

Appointed: 11/21/2000

Reappointed: 3/25/2003

Reappointed: 3/10/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Mark A. Crutchfield – Anchorage

Appointed: 10/11/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Howard A. Hansen – Wasilla

Appointed: 12/26/2007

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Linda F. Hutchings – Soldotna

Appointed: 9/27/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Sarah Lefebvre – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Kiana Peacock – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/8/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Daniel Repasky – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/8/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Marc D. Stemp – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2007 Term Expires: 3/1/2010

Patricia A. Vollendorf – Anchorage

Appointed: 4/12/2004

Reappointed: 3/10/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Robert C. Weel – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/23/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2012

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Paul E. Johnson – Elfin Cove

Appointed: 7/24/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Dirk Nickisch – Coldfoot

Appointed: 11/19/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2009

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Betty Jo "BJ" Schmitz – North Pole

Appointed: 7/24/2005

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Board of Game

Cliff Judkins – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/21/2003

Reappointed: 3/3/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 6/30/2012

Teresa Sager-Albaugh – Mentasta Pass

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 6/30/2012

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

John K. Norman – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/23/2004

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2015

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

State Commission for Human Rights

Faith Peters – Tanana

Appointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Board of Parole

Lonzo Henderson – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Kathleen "Kate" Ballenger – Kodiak

Appointed: 5/7/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2011

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The following letter dated February 3, 2009, was read:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Although this position does not require legislative confirmation, it is important that the individual have the confidence of legislators and, therefore, I am submitting the name of Ms. Terry Thurbon for Chief Administrative Law Judge under Alaska Statute 39.05.053:

Appointed: 11/1/2004 Term Expires: 3/1/2009

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Term Expires: 3/1/2014

The resume for this appointment has been submitted to the offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor"

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated February 2, 2009, was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., April 7 to hear an address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Alaska Railroad Corporation
Report to the State of Alaska
January 2009

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 4**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4
"An Act relating to false caller identification."

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

Do pass (3): Lynn, Gruenberg, Gatto

No recommendation (3): Coghill, Holmes, Ramras

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Law

HB 4 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 98

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 98
"An Act relating to minor consuming and repeat minor consuming; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Lynn, Gruenberg, Coghill, Holmes, Gatto, Ramras

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Alaska Court System
2. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 98 was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 77

The Finance Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(STA)

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

The report was signed by Representatives Hawker and Stoltze, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (10): Thomas, Crawford, Austerman, Salmon, Joule, Foster, Kelly, Fairclough, Hawker, Stoltze

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Legislative Agency

CSSB 77(STA) is on today's calendar.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HCR 2

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by pursuing development of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region; and requesting the governor to identify and negotiate with one or more persons capable of producing natural gas from the Gubik area, and other

areas on the North Slope if necessary, in sufficient quantities to support a bullet pipeline project.

The report was signed by Representatives Edgmon and Millett, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Ramras, Petersen, Dahlstrom, Tuck, Edgmon, Millett

No recommendation (1): Johansen

HCR 2 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 3

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by taking and encouraging all action that would support a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region, including initiating any necessary negotiations to reopen the Agrium plant in Kenai.

The report was signed by Representatives Edgmon and Millett, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Petersen, Dahlstrom, Ramras, Tuck, Edgmon, Millett

No recommendation (1): Johansen

HCR 3 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 4

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for Alaskans by taking and encouraging all action to support development of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region including advocating an increase in the amount of natural

gas that may be exported under authority granted by the United States Department of Energy.

The report was signed by Representatives Millett and Edgmon, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Tuck, Dahlstrom, Petersen, Ramras, Millett, Edgmon

No recommendation (1): Johansen

HCR 4 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 5

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on significant elements and components to support the timely construction of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region and to take necessary action to assist and facilitate the process for a private entity to make a final investment decision to commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010.

The report was signed by Representatives Millett and Edgmon, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Tuck, Petersen, Dahlstrom, Ramras, Millett, Edgmon

No recommendation (1): Johansen

HCR 5 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HB 20

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

"An Act relating to commercial fishing loans for energy efficiency upgrades."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 20(FSH)

"An Act relating to commercial fishing loans for energy efficiency upgrades and increasing the maximum amount for certain loans under the Commercial Fishing Loan Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Edgmon, Buch, Munoz

No recommendation (3): Johnson, Millett, Keller

Amend (1): Kawasaki

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 20(FSH):

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

HB 20 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 11

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11
Relating to the federal stimulus package.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(FIN)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Hawker and Stoltze, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Thomas, Gara, Crawford, Joule, Fairclough, Salmon, Hawker

Do not pass (1): Kelly

No recommendation (2): Austerman, Stoltze

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 11(FIN):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HJR 11 is on today's calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Barrow Arctic Science Consortium
By Representative Joule; Senator Olson

Honoring - Desiree Harris
By Representative Petersen; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Leon Gaston Quesnel
By Representative Olson; Senator Wagoner

In Memoriam - James "Vince" O'Reilly
By Representative Olson; Senator Wagoner

In Memoriam - David M. Feeken
By Representative Olson; Senator Wagoner

In Memoriam - James F. "Jim" Pope
By Representative Olson; Senator Wagoner

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS**

HB 38

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 38 by
Representative Kawasaki, entitled:

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal
property taxes for residential property."

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

HB 110

HOUSE BILL NO. 110 by Representative Herron, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice and licensing of psychologists."

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

HB 111

HOUSE BILL NO. 111 by Representative Kerttula, entitled:

"An Act relating to voluntary deduction of dues for membership in
certain retiree organizations; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 112

HOUSE BILL NO. 112 by the House Resources Committee by
request, entitled:

"An Act providing for establishment and maintenance by the
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic

Development of a registry of professional foresters; and relating to the membership of the Board of Forestry."

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

HB 113

HOUSE BILL NO. 113 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

A spreadsheet from the Office of the Governor, Office of Management and Budget, pertaining to the supplemental requests accompanied the governor's transmittal letter and is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 2, 2009, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

I am transmitting to you today a supplemental appropriation bill for Fiscal Year 2009 that reduces demand on the general fund by \$268.6 million and seeks your authorization to access the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund at the end of the fiscal year to balance the FY2009 operating and capital budgets.

FY2009 has been a year of unprecedented revenue volatility. Due to the dramatic decline in oil prices, the estimated revenue of \$7.5 billion in the Spring 2008 forecast was lowered to \$5.5 billion in the January 2009 interim forecast, making responsible reductions necessary. The FY2009 budget authorized expenditures of \$5.99 billion plus the savings appropriation of \$1.18 billion totaling \$7.17 billion. The \$268.6 million in reductions will bring the estimated revenue shortfall to \$1.36 billion in FY2009.

As you know, we have already taken steps to reduce general funding spending. Even when oil prices were near their highest last summer, I implemented a \$20 million savings target for state agencies to manage their budgets for efficiencies and achieve lower levels of spending in the current year. We have also implemented a hiring freeze and instructed departments to restrict purchases – again, as a management tool to help achieve more savings in the current year. The more we reduce now, the less we will have to draw from savings at the end of the year.

Because of these efforts, we have minimized the supplemental need by eliminating the \$50 million proposed for supplemental requests, reducing other expenditures, and reappropriating balances to minimize current year funding needs. In addition, we are reducing the authorization for tax credits by \$200 million – due only to the timing and payment of tax credits. We are seeing an increase in oil and gas exploration and this new tax credit program has served us well.

We will continue to monitor the changing economic conditions and the impact on oil prices in the coming weeks as we continue to work on this, and other appropriation bills this session.

When oil prices and state revenue were on the rise, we worked together to build our reserves. Working together we can keep our economy on a steady, confident course – with discipline – to protect our reserves and promote economic growth. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sarah Palin
Governor"

HB 114

HOUSE BILL NO. 114 by Representatives Ramras, Dahlstrom, Millett, Johansen, Edgmon, Petersen, Holmes, Foster, Johnson, Tuck, Gruenberg, Salmon, Coghill, Thomas, Joule, and Munoz, entitled:

"An Act relating to availability of state transportation facilities and state-owned or state-operated transportation modes for delivering compassionate aid during a disaster emergency."

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

HB 115

HOUSE BILL NO. 115 by Representative Buch, entitled:

"An Act establishing a permanent absentee voting option for qualified voters; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 77

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(STA)

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

with the:

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FN1: (LEG)

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Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that CSSB 77(STA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSSB 77(STA) will advance to third reading on the February 6, 2009, calendar.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 11**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11
Relating to the federal stimulus package.

with the:	Journal Page
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FN1: ZERO(LEG)	161

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original resolution:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(FIN)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 11(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHJR 11(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 11(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 11(FIN)
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Nays: Kelly

Excused: Harris, Keller, Seaton

And so, CSHJR 11(FIN) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

Representative Kerttula moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Second Reading of Senate Bills. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 77

The following, which failed to advance to third reading (page 165), was again before the House:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(STA)

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

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that CSSB 77(STA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSSB 77(STA) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSSB 77(STA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 77(STA)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson

Excused: Harris, Keller, Seaton

And so, CSSB 77(STA) passed the House.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSSB 77(STA) was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

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 - Petersburg High School, 2008 3A State Wrestling Champions

By Representatives Wilson, Chenault, Austerman, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, 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; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Helen Bette Day

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

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 Hawker – from 5:00 p.m., February 5 to morning plane time, February 10 (amended from page 43)

Representative Kawasaki – from noon, February 5 to morning plane time, February 9

Representative Joule – from 7:00 p.m., February 6 to 9:30 p.m., February 8

Representative Chenault – from evening plane time, February 6 to evening plane time, February 8

Representative Kelly – from 7:00 a.m., February 6 to morning plane time, February 9

Representative Gatto – from 11:00 a.m., February 12 to evening plane time, February 15

Representative Coghill – from 12:30 p.m., February 13 to evening plane time, February 15

Representative Johnson – from evening plane time, February 13 to evening plane time, February 15

Representative Neuman – from evening plane time, February 13 to morning plane time, February 16

HCR 2

Representative Dahlstrom added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by pursuing development of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region; and requesting the governor to identify and negotiate with one or more persons capable of producing natural gas from the Gubik area, and other

areas on the North Slope if necessary, in sufficient quantities to support a bullet pipeline project.

HCR 3

Representative Dahlstrom added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by taking and encouraging all action that would support a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region, including initiating any necessary negotiations to reopen the Agrium plant in Kenai.

HCR 4

Representative Dahlstrom added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for Alaskans by taking and encouraging all action to support development of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region including advocating an increase in the amount of natural gas that may be exported under authority granted by the United States Department of Energy.

HCR 5

Representative Dahlstrom added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on significant elements and components to support the timely construction of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region and to take necessary action to assist and facilitate the process for a private entity to make a final investment decision to commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010.

HB 26

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"An Act repealing the repeal of preventative and restorative adult dental services reimbursement under Medicaid; providing for an

effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 3, ch. 52, SLA 2006; and providing for an effective date."

HB 28

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

"An Act relating to the licensing of clinical laboratory science professionals; and providing for an effective date."

HB 63

Representative Herron added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

"An Act relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."

HB 87

Representatives Ramras, Johnson, and Edgmon 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**HJR 11**

CSHJR 11(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

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., February 6, 2009. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk