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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 11:02 a.m.

Roll call showed 30 members present. Representatives Hawker, Kawasaki, Kelly, Ramras, Seaton, and Stoltze had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Dahlstrom, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Holmes be excused from a call of the House from today to evening plane time, February 10. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Johansen, Olson, and Millett be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Jesse Perry of Northern Light United Church. Representative Wilson 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 variety of faiths among us, let us pray:

God of all vision, power, and authority - help us this day to see the unity of your creation. In the howling winds of today's winter storm, let us hear your promise to sustain this

place as a beautiful and bountiful home for salmon, whale, eagle, raven, and bear, as well as for the creature we call human.

Your abundant gift of water blesses and connects us all. Snow and rain fall on the just and on the unjust.

Inspired by your constant care, lead us in our relationships with all creatures to acknowledge your non-negotiable love for all.

Just as winter storms carry the promise of abundant springs, may you sustain these representatives in every challenge they take up on our behalf with the promise of times of refreshing for us all.

Give them the vision of prophets, of those who find hope in dark and doubtful times. Make them to be women and men who see the hungry and know how to fill them; who see the lost and know how to find them; who see our common hope and know how to make it blossom. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Fairclough.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 16th and 17th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated February 4, 2009, was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SJR 5**

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee:

Urging the United States Department of Defense to continue to provide retirement benefits for members of the Alaska Territorial Guard who served during World War II.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 1 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 2.

The following were received:

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
2008 Annual Report
January 30, 2009
(as required by AS 44.81.200)

Alaska Energy Authority
Annual Capital Project Status Report
January 29, 2009
(as required by AS 44.83.950)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to the House for ratification:

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

as members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The reports were signed by Representative Dahlstrom, Vice Chair; and Representatives Lynn, Gruenberg, Coghill, Holmes, and Gatto.

HCR 2

The Resources Committee 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.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(RES)

Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans first 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 the energy needs of Alaskans and a bullet pipeline project.

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

Do pass (4): Olson, Guttenberg, Johnson, Neuman

No recommendation (1): Wilson

Amend (2): Tuck, Kawasaki

HCR 2 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HCR 3

The Resources Committee 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 Johnson and Neuman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Olson, Tuck, Johnson, Neuman

No recommendation (1): Wilson

Amend (1): Kawasaki

HCR 3 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HCR 4

The Resources Committee 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 Johnson and Neuman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Tuck, Johnson, Neuman

No recommendation (2): Olson, Wilson

Amend (1): Kawasaki

HCR 4 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HCR 5

The Resources Committee 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 Johnson and Neuman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Olson, Tuck, Johnson, Neuman

No recommendation (1): Wilson

Amend (1): Kawasaki

HCR 5 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 3

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

"An Act relating to issuance of identification cards and to issuance of driver's licenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Johnson, Gatto, Wilson, Lynn

Do not pass (2): Petersen, Gruenberg

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

HB 3 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 88

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 88

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (1): Holmes

No recommendation (3): Lynn, Coghill, Dahlstrom

Amend (2): Gruenberg, Gatto

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Judiciary Committee

HB 88 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 41

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries by members of the board and to the definition of 'immediate family member' under the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act as that Act applies to members of the Board of Fisheries; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Munoz, Edgmon

No recommendation (3): Johnson, Millett, Buch

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 41 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Tom Dwiggin
By Representative Millett

Honoring - Robert N. De Armond
By Senator Stedman; Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Vern McCorkle
By Representative Gardner; Senator Ellis

In Memoriam - Alyce Vick
By Representatives Munoz, Kerttula; Senator Elton

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

HJR 14

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 by Representative Kelly:

Relating to federal and federally funded construction contracts.

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

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

HB 116

HOUSE BILL NO. 116 by Representative Neuman, entitled:

"An Act relating to Iditarod finisher special request license plates."

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

HB 117

HOUSE BILL NO. 117 by Representatives Edgmon, Thomas, Austerman, Joule, and Herron, entitled:

"An Act relating to locations of the meetings of the Board of Fisheries."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources and Finance Committees.

HB 118

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 by Representatives Gara, Kawasaki, and Buch, entitled:

"An Act expanding, and relating to advertising about, medical assistance coverage for eligible children and pregnant women; relating to the poverty guideline and cost sharing for certain

recipients of medical assistance; having the short title of the 'No Child Left Uninsured Act'; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 119

HOUSE BILL NO. 119 by Representatives Gara, Tuck, Gardner, and Guttenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to manufacturing from natural gas products and limiting the production tax applicable to natural gas produced from a lease or property outside the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin and used for an end product that is manufactured in the state."

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

HB 120

HOUSE BILL NO. 120 by Representative Ramras, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the negotiation for the lease, sale, or other disposal of state land with a contract carrier that is engaged in the intrastate transportation of natural gas by pipeline; and relating to regulation of certain contract carriers."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Dahlstrom 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 - Barrow Arctic Science Consortium

By Representatives Joule, Chenault, Austerman, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes,

Johansen, Johnson, Kawasaki, Kerttula, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Olson

Honoring - Desiree Harris

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

Honoring - Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

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

In Memoriam - Leon Gaston Quesnel

By Representatives Olson, Chenault, Buch, 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, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Wagoner

In Memoriam - James "Vince" O'Reilly

By Representatives Olson, Chenault, Buch, 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, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Wagoner

In Memoriam - David M. Feeken

By Representatives Olson, Chenault, Buch, 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, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Wagoner

In Memoriam - James F. "Jim" Pope

By Representatives Olson, Chenault, Buch, 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, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson; Senator Wagoner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Representative Harris – from evening plane time, February 6 to evening plane time, February 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Dahlstrom moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 9, 2009. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk