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January 21, 2010

Third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:32 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Kerttula had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Edgmon was absent and his presence was noted later. Representative Hawker was absent.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend George Silides of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Representative P. Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious traditions of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer:

O God of Peace and Grace, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we thank you for this new day. Bless this House, we pray, with your peace; put far from us every anxiety which steals our attention from the tasks and opportunities at hand. Make us ever thankful for the blessings obvious to us and mindful there are more still awaiting to be discovered.

Shed your blessing upon those we have left at home; keep them from all harm today. Keep us ever mindful of the needy, the poor, the addicted, the orphans and widows, and those in prison. As much as it is within our power, assist us to lessen their suffering and work to build a society where

opportunity of every kind abounds: for economic advancement, for healing, for reconciliation, for recovery from life's misfortunes of every kind.

We thank you for every mentor and inspiration which has led us to this responsibility - for their wisdom and courage. We thank you for our own heritage which has shaped us, which informs us still and is our sacred trust; and for the mix of lives and histories in which ours is placed, which make up this House and make it a greater, more vital whole. Bless, we pray, those who support our work: every staff and aide and officer. May they know the value of their contribution, the satisfaction of work well done, and the appreciation of all who depend upon them.

And we remember the suffering people of the world, especially our sisters and brothers in Haiti. May the fearful complexity of their plight not prevent our making what contribution we can - in prayer, in person, in material - in the frailty of their human condition, help us by your grace to respond from the strength of ours. May your peace be upon us all evermore. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Buch.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first and second legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 9 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Dahlstrom introduced Mackenzie Burnett, Page, from Juneau.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 19, 2010, was read stating the Senate confirmed Senator Coghill to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics replacing Senator Wagoner.

A message dated January 19, 2010, was received stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 7:00 p.m., January 20 to hear the Governor's State of the State address.

A message dated January 19, 2010, was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 18 to hear an address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski.

**The presence of Representative Edgmon was noted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration
Division of Finance
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009
(as required by AS 37.05.210)

Alaska Minerals Commission
2010 Report
(as required by AS 44.33.431)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Annual Report 2009

Legislative Affairs Agency
Division of Legal and Research Services
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed
Repeals or Delayed Amendments and
Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of
the Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
December 2009
(as required by AS 24.20.065)

Alaska State Legislature
Joint Armed Services Committee
Activities Report
(as required by AS 24.20.675)

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
2010 Report to the Legislature
Report on Identified R.S. 2477 Rights-of-Way
Notification of Annual Mining Report
Land Disposal Income Fund Report
Notification of Annual Report on the Status of Land in the
Land Disposal Bank
Notification of Annual Report on Water Removals and Exports
Notification of Interim Land Classifications
(Closing Land to Mineral Entry)
Summary of Cooperative Resource Management or
Development Agreements
January 2010
(as required by AS 19.30.400, 27.05.060, 38.04.022, 38.04.020,
46.15.020, 38.05.300, 38.05.027, respectively)

Dept. of Revenue
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
Annual Financial Report 2009
(as required by AS 19.65.070)

Dept. of Revenue
Permanent Fund Dividend Division
List of approved charitable organizations and
the corresponding amounts of contributions they
received through the PFD program
Available from debbie.bitney@alaska.gov
(as required by AS 43.23.062)

Dept. of Revenue
Alaska Retirement Management Board
Notification of Availability of Financial Reports
January 19, 2010
(as required by AS 37.10.220)

The following audit reports were received from the Division of
Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required
by AS 24.20.311:

2009 Annual Report, Unabridged
2009 Annual Report, Condensed

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Life Achievements of Sheldon B. "Shell" Simmons
By Representative Hawker

Honoring - National Correctional Officers' Week, May 2 - 8, 2010
By Representatives Harris, Stoltze

In Memoriam - Clifford Pitts
By Senator Davis

In Memoriam - Marvin Fuhs
By Senator Ellis; Representative Gara

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 284

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284 by
Representatives DAHLSTROM, GARA, HERRON, and P. Wilson,
entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to accept federal prescription drug benefits or to provide comparable benefits for residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home, including residents eligible for discount or free benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

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

HB 311

HOUSE BILL NO. 311 by Representative Johansen, entitled:

"An Act providing the Alaska State Council on the Arts the authority to adopt regulations relating to its statutory powers and duties; and providing for an effective date."

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

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 - Kyle Wentz

By Representatives Seaton, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, N. 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, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Tyler Wentz

By Representatives Seaton, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, N. 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, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Kevin DeVaney

By Representatives Seaton, Chenault, Buch, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, N. 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, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Stevens

Honoring - The Boy Scouts of America, 100 Years of Scouting

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

In Memoriam - George Patrick "Pat" Spartz

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Johansen moved that the House confirm the appointment of Representatives Gatto and Johnson (Alternate) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House confirm the appointment of Representatives Gatto and Johnson (Alternate) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Confirm - Representative Gatto

Representative Johnson, Alternate

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Austerman, Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, N.Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P.Wilson, T.Wilson

Excused: Kerttula

Absent: Hawker

#AKH00361 END

And so, the appointment was confirmed.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

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 Cissna – from afternoon plane time, January 21 to evening plane time, January 22

Representative Millett – from evening plane time, January 21 to evening plane time, January 24

Representative Chenault – from noon, January 22 to evening plane time, January 24

Representative Ramras – from 7:00 a.m., January 22 to evening plane time, January 24

Representative Tuck – from evening plane time, January 22 to morning plane time, January 25

HJR 34

Representative Munoz removed her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

Asking the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to redefine the time zones in Alaska.

HB 19

Representative Munoz removed her name as cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(L&C)

"An Act exempting the state and its political subdivisions from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

HB 87

Representatives P. Wilson, Neuman, and Hawker 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."

HB 274

Representative Chenault added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 274

"An Act establishing August 7 as Purple Heart Day."

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 25, 2010. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk