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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:37 a.m.

Roll call showed 29 members present. Representatives Edgmon, Gatto, Johansen, Keller, Kelly, and Tuck had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Fairclough was absent and her presence was noted later. Representatives Hawker and Joule were absent.

Representative Austerman, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Holmes 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 Bob Stevens of St. Brendan's 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 the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Lord God, our Creator,

Here we are gathered once again, acting as one body making decisions for this great land. Help us to understand we are all your people and we have many different needs. That should bind us together knowing that we all act out of one common

purpose, to respect the land and people you have blessed us with. Help us to commit this day to your purpose and your glory.

May we be reminded that today we have opportunities to love and serve your people. Yesterday is past and we don't know what tomorrow might bring.

So this day guide us to do the best we can, love the best we can so we can honor you and all you have done for us. Thank you, Creator, for all you have blessed us and this state with. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Herron.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 37th and 38th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 307

A message dated February 24, 2010, was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 307

"An Act relating to sexual assault protective orders."

HB 307 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Alaska Children's Trust (ACT)
2009 Annual Report
Available at http://www.hss.state.ak.us/ocs/ChildrensTrust/pdf/2009_ACT_annual_report.pdf
(as required by AS 37.14.230)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Daniel S. Sullivan

as Attorney General.

The report was signed by Representative Ramras, Chair; and Representatives Lynn, Gruenberg, Herron, Dahlstrom, and Holmes.

Gerad G. Godfrey

as a member of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

The report was signed by Representative Ramras, Chair; and Representatives Lynn, Gruenberg, Herron, and Holmes.

The State Affairs Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Lester C. Lunceford

as a member of the State Commission for Human Rights.

Richard O. Larson

as a member of the Board of Parole.

Elizabeth Johnston Hickerson
Kathleen J. King

as members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC).

The report was signed by Representative Lynn, Chair; and Representatives Seaton, Gruenberg, and Petersen.

HJR 40

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

Opposing the proposed designation by the National Marine Fisheries Service of 3,000 square miles of upper Cook Inlet, the mid-inlet, all of the inlet's western shores, and Kachemak Bay as critical habitat for beluga whales.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40(RES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): P. Wilson, Neuman, Johnson

No recommendation (2): Seaton, Tuck

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 40(RES):

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 40 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 264

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 264

"An Act relating to the right-of-way for, and a state property tax exemption concerning, a pipeline transporting oil produced on the outer continental shelf to an established pipeline in the state."

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

Do pass (4): Harris, Millett, Keller, Munoz

Do not pass (1): Gardner

No recommendation (1): Herron

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

HB 264 was referred to the Resources Committee.

**The presence of Representative Fairclough was noted.

HB 273

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

"An Act relating to general grant land entitlements for the City and Borough of Wrangell; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(CRA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Gardner, Keller, Harris, Cissna, Munoz

No recommendation (1): Herron

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 273(CRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 273 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 289

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

"An Act authorizing state agencies to pay private legal fees and costs incurred by persons exonerated of alleged Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act violations; allowing certain public officers and former public officers to accept state payments to offset private legal fees and costs related to defending against an Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act complaint; and creating certain exceptions to Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act limitations on the use of state resources to provide or pay for transportation of spouses and children of the governor and the lieutenant governor."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Seaton, Gruenberg, Petersen, Lynn

No recommendation (1): Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 289(STA):

1. Indeterminate, Office of the Governor

HB 289 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 314

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

"An Act relating to fees and charges for medical treatment or services, the crime of unsworn falsification, investigations, and penalties as they relate to workers' compensation; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 314(JUD)

"An Act relating to fees and charges for medical treatment or services, civil damages, investigations, and penalties as they relate to workers' compensation; and providing for an effective date."

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

No recommendation (4): Lynn, Herron, Holmes, Ramras

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 314(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 314 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 342

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 342

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Lynn, Neuman, Chenault, Holmes, T. Wilson, Olson

No recommendation (1): Buch

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 342 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 346

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 346

"An Act establishing the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 346(L&C)

"An Act establishing the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, and abolishing the Medical Services Review Committee; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Chenault, T. Wilson, Olson

No recommendation (2): Buch, Holmes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 346(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 346 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 296

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

"An Act authorizing and relating to the issuance of bonds by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; establishing the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund and relating to the fund; authorizing municipalities and the State of Alaska to borrow money from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the purposes of the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 296(ENE)

"An Act authorizing and relating to the issuance of bonds by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; establishing the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund and relating to the fund; authorizing regional educational attendance areas, municipalities, and the State of Alaska to borrow money from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the purposes of the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Petersen, Edgmon, Millett

No recommendation (2): Dahlstrom, Johansen

Amend (1): Tuck

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 296(ENE):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
2. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

HB 296 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - James Southam, 2010 U.S. Olympian
By Representatives Buch, Hawker

Honoring - Gina Palmer
By Representative Johansen; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Jim Hickerson
By Senator Olson; Representative N. Foster

In Memoriam - Corporal Gregory M.W. Fleury
By Senator Meyer

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Robert L. Garrison
By Senator Egan; Representatives Kerttula, Munoz

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 408**

HOUSE BILL NO. 408 by the House Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving weapons."

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

HB 409

HOUSE BILL NO. 409 by the House State Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to state election campaigns, the duties of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, the reporting and disclosure

of expenditures and independent expenditures, the filing of reports, and the identification of certain communications in state election campaigns; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 410

HOUSE BILL NO. 410 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to loan participations and development finance projects of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and relating to loans from the rural development initiative fund."

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
2. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
3. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 25, 2010, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to loan participations and development finance projects of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority. The bill will also make changes to the loan program financed by the rural development initiative fund.

This bill is designed to modernize lending practices of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (Authority) so that Authority loan programs can benefit the economy, and the Authority can more easily be a participant in large scale economic development projects with other partners. First, the bill will change how the

Authority determines minimum interest rates for certain loan participations. Second, the bill will permit the Authority to pay incentive rate rebates on certain loan participations that satisfy economic development criteria, such as job creation or investment in rural areas. Third, the bill will clarify that the Authority has statutory authority to finance, own, and operate a percentage of a development finance project. Finally, the bill will permit the rural development initiative fund to finance more than one loan to one or more borrowers, and with larger cumulative loan amounts.

Section 1 of this bill will amend the method by which the Authority determines the minimum interest rate that may be charged on loan participations the Authority finances with Authority assets, rather than with bond proceeds. AS 44.88.159(e) currently requires the Authority to establish the minimum interest rate, in part, by the Authority estimating the bond interest rate the Authority would have obtained had the Authority issued bonds to finance the loan participation. The proposed amendments would enable the Authority to establish minimum interest rates based upon the greater of either (1) the rates achieved by a type or category of financial security in a published, nationally recognized market index; or (2) the five year rate of return the Authority achieved on investment funds of the Authority. The Authority believes it appropriate to move to a market-based methodology for determining interest rates. The Authority has not issued bonds to finance loan participations in more than 10 years. Thus, the accuracy of how the Authority estimates bond based rates has not been tested against actual rates from bonds issued to finance loan participations. Further, the current bond based methodology can result in unusually high interest rates when bond markets fail to function efficiently, such as happened during recent national and global economic market distresses.

Section 2 of the bill will permit the Authority to establish in regulations a new program to pay certain loan participation borrowers incentive rate rebates. Under the new program, the Authority will be able to rebate up to one percent of interest charged on a loan participation to a borrower that creates jobs, promotes rural development, or fosters other economic development criteria. An incentive rate rebate may reduce the interest rate to a rate below what would otherwise be the statutory minimum rate. The Authority may

not commit to pay incentive rate rebates on a loan participation for more than five years, and the balance of loans subject to rebates would be limited to no more than five percent of the outstanding balance of all loan participations of the Authority. Finally, the Authority may establish a separate account for the incentive rate rebate program. The separate account will enable the Authority to more easily account for, and pay, rebates owed to loan participation borrowers.

Section 3 of the bill will clarify that the Authority may finance, own, and operate a percentage of a development finance project, and may provide for operation of a project by agreement with other owners. Existing statutes of the Authority do not clearly establish that the Authority may finance and own an indivisible percentage of a project. Clarifying this power will enable the Authority to jointly finance development finance projects with partners and other lenders or financiers more easily, and better promote economic development and spread project risks.

Finally, Sections 4 and 5 of the bill will revise the rural development initiative fund owned by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and administered by the Alaska Division of Investments. The purpose of the revisions is to foster the utilization of the program in the state by increasing the amount that may be borrowed from the fund. The sections will remove the restriction that a borrower may only have one loan but limits a borrower's participation in the loan program to an allowable dollar amount. The sections will reduce the minimum interest rate that may be charged from six percent to four percent.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor"

HB 411

HOUSE BILL NO. 411 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the power project fund; authorizing the Alaska Energy Authority to charge and collect fees relating to the power project fund; authorizing the Alaska Energy Authority to sell and authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to purchase loans of the power project fund; providing legislative approval for the sale and purchase of loans of the power project fund under the memorandum of understanding dated February 17, 2010; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
3. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 25, 2010, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the power project fund; authorizing the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to charge and collect fees relating to the power project fund; authorizing AEA to sell and authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to purchase loans of the power project fund; and providing legislative approval for the sale and purchase of loans of the power project fund under the memorandum of understanding dated February 17, 2010.

This bill deals with the power project fund (AS 42.45.010) and would accomplish two things. First, the bill would authorize the sale of power project fund loans from AEA to AIDEA as an investment of AIDEA's revolving fund. The sale of loans will recapitalize the power project fund and be accomplished under a memorandum of understanding. Second, the bill would authorize AEA to charge fees related to administration of the power project fund.

AEA can make loans out of the power project fund to help finance energy generation and transmission projects, or to fund the bulk fuel revolving loan fund under AS 42.45.250(*l*). Borrowers currently use loans from the power project fund as a financing tool to help finance match requirements of renewable energy projects funded by the renewable energy grant fund (AS 42.45.045). The power project fund currently holds less than \$4.2 million, an amount inadequate to fund all reasonable loan needs arising out of the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program and other purposes of the power project fund. The proposed sale of existing loans in the power project fund will recapitalize the fund with an additional sum, estimated to be approximately \$21 million.

To maximize the price paid to AEA for the sale of loans of the power project fund, the bill and memorandum of understanding include provisions for AEA to repurchase from AIDEA loans which later default. This repurchase provision substantially reduces financial risk to AIDEA from default, and enables AIDEA to purchase the loans without significant discount for such risk. The result is that AEA will obtain more from the sale to capitalize the power project fund.

Several sections of the bill authorize the sale of power project fund loans from AEA to AIDEA. Section 1 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.010(a) and allow proceeds from the sale of power project loans to be deposited into the power project fund. Section 3 of the bill would add a new subsection (*l*) to AS 42.45.010, and authorize AEA to sell power project fund loans with legislative approval, allow AEA to repurchase defaulted loans, and direct that sale proceeds be deposited into the power project fund. Section 4 of the bill would add a new paragraph (30) to AS 44.88.080 and authorize AIDEA to purchase loans of the power project fund with legislative approval. And, sec. 5 of the bill would provide necessary legislative approval for AEA to sell and AIDEA to purchase the loans under the memorandum of understanding dated February 17, 2010. A copy of this memorandum of understanding is available on both AEA and AIDEA internet websites.

The bill would also authorize AEA to charge and collect fees in administering the power project fund, similar to authority that AEA has under AS 42.45.250(j) and (k) for the bulk fuel revolving loan

fund. Section 2 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.010(d) which currently provides statutory authority for AEA to adopt regulations regarding the power project fund, and specifically authorize AEA to establish reasonable fees for applications and loan origination, and charges for reimbursement of the costs of analyzing the feasibility of a project. Section 3 of the bill would add subsection (k) to AS 42.45.010, and authorize AEA to collect the power project fund fees and charges established in the regulations, and direct deposit of those fees and charges into the general fund. Currently, AEA only requires an applicant to pay the costs of analyzing the feasibility of a project.

Finally, Sec. 6 of the bill would make the bill immediately effective, if it is enacted into law.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor"

HB 412

HOUSE BILL NO. 412 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska microloan revolving fund; making loans for commercial purposes from the fund; and relating to the fund and loans; 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. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 25, 2010, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing the Alaska micro loan revolving fund; making loans for commercial purposes from the fund; and relating to the fund and loans.

In an effort to promote economic development in the state by helping small businesses access critically needed capital, a new loan program has been developed that is modeled after a program currently operated through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA program, known as the micro loan program, provides small, short-term loans to small businesses. This federal program, however, is not currently available in the state because an intermediary lender is required and to date no lenders meeting the SBA's qualifications have been identified in the state.

This bill will create the Alaska micro loan revolving program in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The program will be set up as a revolving loan fund so that all earnings and loan payments will be retained by the fund for future loans. All operating expenses will also be paid from earnings of the fund.

An applicant for the loan must be a resident of the state and provide a reasonable amount of money from other non-state sources for use on projects for which money from a loan will be used. Loans under this program may not exceed \$35,000 to one person, or \$70,000 to two or more persons. A loan under the program bears interest at the rate of prime plus one percentage point, but may not be less than six percent per year and not more than eight percent per year. The maximum term for a loan under this program will be six years, however extensions may be granted. Finally, a loan must be secured by collateral acceptable to the commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

Honoring - North Pacific Erectors
By Representatives Munoz, Kerttula, 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, Lynn, Millett, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Egan

Honoring - Dr. Dana H. Hanselman
By Senator Egan; 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

In Memoriam - Lisa Marie (Madrid) Taylor

By Senator Egan; 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

In Memoriam - Robert L. Tucker

By Senators Huggins, Coghill; Representatives 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, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

In Memoriam - Harry William Brunnhoelzl Jr.

By Senator Huggins; Representatives 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, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

In Memoriam - Mary Pavil

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 83

The Speaker removed the Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 83(L&C)

"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."

(HB 89 Vocational Rehabilitation Committee - companion bill)

CSSB 83(L&C) was removed from the Labor & Commerce Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

Representative Austerman 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 Crawford – from evening plane time, February 26 to morning plane time, March 1

Representative Buch – from evening plane time, February 26 to evening plane time, February 28

Representative Petersen – from afternoon plane time, February 26 to evening plane time, March 1

Representative Stoltze – from afternoon plane time, February 26 to evening plane time, February 28

Representative Gardner – from afternoon plane time, February 26 to evening plane time, February 28

Representative Harris – from afternoon plane time, February 26 to evening plane time, February 28

Representative Neuman – from evening plane time, February 26 to morning plane time, March 1

Representative Ramras – from evening plane time, February 26 to morning plane time, March 1

Representative Gara – from evening plane time, February 26 to morning plane time, March 1

Representative Kawasaki – from afternoon plane time, February 26 to morning plane time, March 1

Representative Lynn – from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., March 1

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Robert L. Garrison, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Robert L. Garrison

By Senator Egan; 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, Kelly, Lynn, Millett, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Ramras, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HR 13

Reconsideration of the following (page 1581) will be available March 1, 2010, pursuant to Uniform Rule 30(d):

CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13(RLS)

Encouraging the repeal of the Anchorage Vehicle Inspection and Management Program.

HR 13

Representative Gatto added his name as cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13(RLS)
Encouraging the repeal of the Anchorage Vehicle Inspection and Management Program.

HJR 40

Representative Olson added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40
Opposing the proposed designation by the National Marine Fisheries Service of 3,000 square miles of upper Cook Inlet, the mid-inlet, all of the inlet's western shores, and Kachemak Bay as critical habitat for beluga whales.

HJR 49

Representative P. Wilson added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49
Urging the United States Congress to enact S.J. Res. 26, a resolution disapproving the Environmental Protection Agency's imposition of climate regulations that would harm Alaska's economy and the livelihoods of the state's citizens.

HB 52

Representative Dahlstrom added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52
"An Act authorizing psychological counseling for jurors serving in criminal trials who are traumatized by graphic evidence or testimony."

HB 138

Representative Lynn added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 138
"An Act relating to cruelty to animals."

HB 313

Representative T. Wilson added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 313

"An Act relating to the maintenance and repair of railroad crossings and rights-of-way within railroad crossings."

HB 331

Representative Holmes added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

"An Act relating to funding for youth courts; and relating to accounting for criminal fines."

HB 367

Representative Ramras added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 367

"An Act relating to tax credits for cash contributions by taxpayers that are accepted for certain educational purposes and facilities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 369

Representative Olson added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 369

"An Act relating to an in-state natural gas pipeline, the office of in-state gasline project manager, the Joint In-State Gasline Development Team, and the In-State Gasline Steering Committee; and providing for an effective date."

HB 396

Representative Gardner added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 396

"An Act relating to the definition of political party."

HB 405

Representative Gardner added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 405

"An Act relating to child custody investigators and establishing the Board of Child Custody Investigators."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., March 1, 2010. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk