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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 4, 2009**

**Sixteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Wagoner was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator McGuire was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tom Matthews of the Douglas Island Bible Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord:

I would like to lift up this body of Senators before you today in prayer. I pray that you would give each one here today a new zeal for the responsibility you have given them. Help them to be men and women of integrity and honor, who represent their constituents well. Give them discernment and wisdom to evaluate and determine the right course of action on any legislation that might come before them.

Thank you for this country that stands for freedom. May we never take for granted the freedoms we have or the sacrifices it took to secure and maintain that. Lord, today I want lift up any sons or daughters of Alaskans who might be in harm's way as they serve on foreign soil with our military. I ask for your protection, I ask for you to bring them home safely to

those who love them. Lord, I pray that you would bring an end to any wars that would take the lives of those we love.

Finally Lord, I want to bring before you Chaplain Chadwick and his family as they go through the pain of loss. Your word describes the Holy Spirit as a paraclete. As someone who "comes alongside someone to comfort them." I pray today that the Holy Spirit would come alongside this family and comfort them as they go through this deep valley. Thank you that I can confidently bring them before you, knowing your love and compassion will sustain them. I lift this prayer before you today in the power and authority of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fourteenth and fifteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator McGuire was noted.

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated and received February 3 was read, stating:

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:

#### **Chief Administrative Law Judge**

Appointed:	11/1/2004	Term Expires:	3/1/2009
Reappointed:	3/1/2009	Term Expires:	3/1/2014

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Letter dated and received February 3 was read, stating in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and Article III Sections 25 and 26 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

**Commissioner – Department of Health and Social Services**

William H. Hogan      Appointed: 7/24/2008

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

**Commissioner – Department of Public Safety**

Joseph A. Masters      Appointed: 9/12/2008

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs 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

**State Assessment Review Board**

Ronald Brown – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/2/2008

**Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Carol Hemley – 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

**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

**Occupational Safety and Health Review Board**

Thomas A. Trosvig – Kodiak

Appointed: 1/23/2006

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 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 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 appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce 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

**Board of Parole**

Lonzo Henderson – Anchorage

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

**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 appointments were referred to the Judiciary 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 appointments were referred to 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

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Faith Peters – Tanana

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

**Alaska Public Offices Commission**

Kathleen “Kate” Ballenger – Kodiak

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

The appointments were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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 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

The appointments were referred to the Health and Social Services 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 appointments were referred to the Education Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

### **Communications**

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Nonresidents Working in Alaska 2007  
from Click Bishop, Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
in accordance with AS 36.10.130  
available at: <http://almis.labor.state.ak.us>

Fifth Annual Report to the Governor of Alaska  
and the Alaska Legislature  
from Terry L. Thurbon, Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Administration  
in accordance with AS 44.64.020(a)(7)

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the  
Public Employees Retirement System  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008  
from Kevin Worley, Chief Financial Officer  
Division of Retirement and Benefits, Department of Administration

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the  
Teachers' Retirement System  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008  
from Kevin Worley, Chief Financial Officer  
Division of Retirement and Benefits, Department of Administration

2008 Annual Report  
from Stan Leaphart, Executive Director  
Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas  
Department of Natural Resources  
in accordance with AS 41.37.220(f)

Notification of Availability:  
Annual Performance Plan, October 2008 through September 2009  
from Clark Bishop, Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
in accordance with AS 18.60.040  
available at: [www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/oshhome.htm](http://www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/oshhome.htm)

Alaska Marine Highway Fund 2008 Annual Financial Report  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008  
from Leo von Scheben, Commissioner  
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
in accordance with AS 19.65.070

Report to the State of Alaska dated January 2009  
from Patrick K. Gamble, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Alaska Railroad Corporation  
in accordance with AS 42.40.290

2008 Annual Report  
from William Doolittle, M.D., Chair and  
Jeffrey L. Jessee, Chief Executive Officer  
The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
in accordance with AS 47.30.036(5)

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 24**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 24  
"An Act naming the bridge over Hammer Slough on Nordic Drive in  
Petersburg the Louis Miller Bridge." Signing do pass: Senator  
Kookesh, Chair; Senators Davis, Meyer, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public  
Facilities

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 82**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 82 "An Act providing for an effective date by delaying the effective date of the change of coverage of adult dental services under Medicaid; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Thomas, Paskvan, Dyson. Signing amend: Senator Ellis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SJR 5**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 Urging the United States Department of Defense to pay veterans benefits retroactively and to continue to provide retirement benefits for members of the Alaska Territorial Guard who served during World War II, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.  
5(FIN) 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.

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Huggins, Thomas, Olson, Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Finance Committee

The resolution is on today's calendar.

**SR 4**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4 Relating to the federal stimulus package and recommended it be replaced with

**CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4(FIN)**

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Huggins, Thomas, Ellis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Finance Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SCR 3**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATORS BUNDE, Therriault,

Urging the Governor to file an action to restrain the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, from intruding on the sovereign right of the state to exercise jurisdiction over navigable water and submerged land and urging the Governor to allocate sufficient resources to the Department of Law, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Fish and Game to defend the state's right to manage the public use of its navigable water.

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 93**

SENATE BILL NO. 93 BY SENATORS PASKVAN, Elton, entitled:



"An Act relating to a municipal property tax credit for an improvement that aids in improving air quality."

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

**SB 94**

SENATE BILL NO. 94 BY SENATOR ELTON, entitled:

"An Act relating to employment in certain facilities maintained by the United States Antarctic Program as allowable absences from the state for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 95**

SENATE BILL NO. 95 BY THE SENATE 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.

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 2:

Dear President Stevens:

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

A spreadsheet entitled "FY2009 Supplemental Requests" accompanied the governor's transmittal letter and is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

**SB 96**

SENATE BILL NO. 96 BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to nonpayment of child support; relating to certain judicial and administrative orders for medical support of a child; relating to periodic review and adjustment of child support orders; relating to relief from administrative child support orders; relating to child support arrearages; relating to medical support of a child and the Alaska Native family assistance program; amending Rule 90.3, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 97**

SENATE BILL NO. 97 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensing of crane operators; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 98**

SENATE BILL NO. 98 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain hospitals to make certain disclosures on patient billings."

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

**SB 99**

SENATE BILL NO. 99 BY SENATOR THOMAS, 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 State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 100**

SENATE BILL NO. 100 BY SENATOR ELTON, entitled:

"An Act authorizing psychological counseling for jurors serving in criminal trials who are traumatized by graphic evidence or testimony."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Resolutions****SJR 5**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 Urging the United States Department of Defense to pay veterans benefits retroactively and to continue to provide retirement benefits for members of the Alaska Territorial Guard who served during World War II, was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 153. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) 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 adopted.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) 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, pass the Senate?"  
The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSJR 5(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wielechowski

Excused: Wagoner

and so, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring – Chapman School of Anchor Point

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Janet Sorensen

Senator(s) Thomas, Paskvan, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Coghill, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Kelly, Ramras

In Memoriam – Jean Keene "The Eagle Lady"

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 6 through morning plane time, February 16; and from evening plane time, February 19 through morning plane time, February 23. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

Senators Hoffman, Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 13. Without objection, Senators Hoffman, Davis were excused.

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 6. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

### **SB 18**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 18 "An Act increasing the number of students pursuing a medical education who are provided postsecondary educational services and programs; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **SB 23**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 23 "An Act repealing the defined contribution retirement plans for teachers and for public employees; providing a defined benefit retirement plan for teachers and public employees; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 29**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 32**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 32 "An Act relating to medical assistance payments for home and community-based services." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 33**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act creating a postsecondary scholarship grant program for Alaska residents based on high achievement and financial need." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 55**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act authorizing the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to establish and maintain Alaska veterans' cemeteries, establishing the Alaska veterans' cemetery fund in the general fund, and authorizing appropriation of income from fees for special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans to that cemetery fund." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 79**

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 79 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SJR 5**

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN) 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 engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 6, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate



**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Feb 05 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 3 CFEC AS INFORMATION RESOURCE  
 + SB 4 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**EDUCATION**

**Feb 04 Wednesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 += SB 57 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING  
 If Necessary

**Feb 06 Friday Beltz 211 8:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 += SB 57 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING  
 If Necessary

**FINANCE**

**Feb 04 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + FY10 Budget Overviews & FY09 Supplemental  
 Karen Rehfeld, Dir. Office of Management and Budget  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Feb 05**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **9:00 AM**  
 +              Revenue Forecast: Pat Galvin, Commissioner, Dept of Revenue  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 06**      **Friday**                              **Senate Finance 532**              **9:00 AM**  
 +              Presentation: State Budget Reserves/Savings Accounts  
 and Sweep Mechanics  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 04**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **1:30 PM**  
 +      SB 32      MEDICAID:HOME/COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 06**      **Friday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 04**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 211**              **1:30 PM**  
 +              Confirmation Hearings:  
 Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
 Herman G. Walker, Jr.  
 Dennis "Skip" Cook

**Feb 06**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 211**              **1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 05**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 211**              **1:30 PM**  
 +      SB 83      VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE  
 +      SB 1      ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE

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**RESOURCES**

**Feb 04      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 Overview:  
 Anadarko-Gubik Update  
 <Flint Hills Update Canceled>

**Feb 06      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 05      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 10      Tuesday                                      Beltz 211              9:00 AM**  
 + SB 45 VETERANS' CEMETERIES/FUND/LICENSE PLATES

**Feb 12      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              9:00 AM**  
 + Confirmation Hearing:  
 Commissioner Joseph A. Masters -  
 Dept of Public Safety  
 + SB 79 MED BENEFITS OF DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 05      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205              1:00 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Feb 04      Wednesday                                      Senate Finance 532              5:00 PM**  
 Joint w/(H) CCED  
 Commissioner  
 Department Overview & FY10 Budget Request

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**

**CORRECTIONS**

**Feb 10      Tuesday                      Fahrenkamp 203              3:00 PM**  
 Committee Meeting

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Feb 06      Friday                              Butrovich 205              4:00 PM**  
 Joint w/(H) DEC  
 Committee Meeting

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 05      Thursday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 10      Tuesday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Department Budget Overview continuation  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 12      Thursday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Medicaid, FMAP, Provider Rates  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 17      Tuesday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Office of Children's Services, Bring the Kids Home  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 19      Thursday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Division of Public Assistance, including Heating Assistance  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 03      Tuesday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Public Health Initiatives  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 05      Thursday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 + Governor's Amendments, Q & A  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Department Budget Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Status of VPSO Program & Recruitment Efforts for Them and the State Troopers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 03</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Governor's Amendments - Q & A Session -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****ENERGY**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
+	Overview: Biomass Energy in Alaska		

**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Time Change -- Introductions: Pat Davidson, Legislative Audit; David Teal, Legislative Finance; Bob Pawlowski, Denali Commission Executive Session: Staff Pay RPL Consideration: National Forests Receipts Program (Commerce) Discussion of Alaska Renewable Energy Fund (AEA) Other Committee Business -- Teleconferenced <Invitation Only> --		

**OTHER MEETINGS****FISH CAUCUS**

**Feb 05**      **Thursday**                      **Barnes 124**      **12:00 PM**  
+              Presentation:  
The Seafood Industry: Broad Benefits for the Alaskan Economy  
By Chris McDowell, McDowell Group  
Brown Bag Lunch  
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**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

**Feb 04**      **Wednesday**                      **Fahrenkamp 203**      **12:30 PM**  
Health(y) Education  
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**JOINT SESSION**

**Feb 11**      **Wednesday**                      **House Chamber**      **11:00 AM**  
State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Dana Fabe

**Feb 19**      **Thursday**                      **House Chamber**      **11:00 AM**  
Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
U.S. Senator

**Apr 07**      **Tuesday**                      **House Chamber**      **11:00 AM**  
Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator