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FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska **Friday** **February 13, 2009**
Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:01 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

HJR 11

Message dated February 12 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 11(FIN) Relating to the federal
stimulus package.

Legislative Resolve No. 1

Communications

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

Notification of Availability:
Thirty-Fifth Annual Report (2008)
from Gerard Godfrey, Chair, Violent Crimes Compensation Board
in accordance with AS 18.67.170
available at: www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ADMIN/vccb

Alaska Seafood 2009 Performance Summary and Posture Statement
from Ray Riutta, Executive Director
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
in accordance with AS 16.51.100

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated February 12 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner – Department of Public Safety
Joseph A. Masters

Alaska Public Offices Commission
Kathleen “Kate” Ballenger - Kodiak

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators French, Meyer, Paskvan, Kookesh.

SB 93

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 93 "An Act relating to a municipal property tax credit for an improvement that aids in improving air quality." Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators French, Thomas, Menard.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 3

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 3 Relating to carrying firearms in national parks. Signing do pass:
Senator French, Chair; Senator Therriault. Signing no
recommendation: Senator Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Judiciary Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

SCR 1

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Relating to establishing
March 2009 as Brain Injury Awareness Month. Signing do pass:
Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Ellis, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate
stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 17, 2009. Without
objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:09 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 17 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 += SB 85 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 19 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 13 Friday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 16 Monday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 18 Wednesday Barnes 124 8:00 AM
 -- Please Note Location --
 Joint w/(H) EDUCATION
 + University of Alaska Report, required by SB 241 passed in
 2008 on its efforts to attract, train, and retain public school
 teachers.

Feb 20 Friday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 + Overview: Moore v. State

Feb 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Joint w/Senate Finance
 Presentation by the Alaska Seismic
 Hazards Safety Commission

FINANCE

Feb 13	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 16	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview: Legislative Finance of FY10 Operating Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Constitutional Budget Reserve Performance Review (continued from 02/11/09) -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	SB 95	SUPPLEMENTAL/CAPITAL/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview: Department of Transportation Statewide Capital Projects and STIP Process -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 20	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Joint w/ Senate Education Cmte		
+	Presentations: Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission by Dr. John Aho, Chair -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 13	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 16	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 17 Tuesday Capitol 106 3:00 PM
 Joint w/(H) Health & Social Services
 + Presentation by U.S. Preventative Medicine

Feb 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 10 MEDICAID/INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 20 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Presentation by Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 13 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 16 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 18 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + Overview: Containment Model of Offender Management
 Anthony M. Mander, PH.D., Statewide
 Clinical Consultant
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 20 Friday Capitol 120 1:30 PM
 + Joint w/(H) Judiciary
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar
 Commission on Judicial Conduct
 Alaska Judicial Council
 Violent Crimes Compensation Board

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 17 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 1 ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE
 + SB 84 AIDEA: BONDING LIMITS; CONFIDENTIALITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 19 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 23 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 13 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 16 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Overviews:
 Alaska Energy Efficiency Program and
 Policy Recommendations
 John Davies, Research Dir, Cold Climate
 Housing Research Center
 Cady Lister, Senior Consultant,
 Information Insights
 + Performance Contracting for Energy
 Efficiency
 Ken Bauer, Siemens Building Technologies

Feb 20 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Overview:
 Securing a New Supply of Natural Gas for Southcentral and
 Interior Alaska (Bullet Line, Spur Line)
 Palin Administration
 Harold Heinz, ANGDA
 Enstar Natural Gas Company

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 17 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 19 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 72 CHILD SAFETY SEATS & SEAT BELTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 79 MED BENEFITS OF DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 17	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
SB 59	MEDIUM-SPEED MOTOR VEHICLES		
Feb 19	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 18	Wednesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Department Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 25	Wednesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Division/Program Reviews -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 09	Monday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Division/Program Reviews -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 11	Wednesday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Residual Issues/Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 13	Friday	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
	Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
	Alaska Travel Industry Association Regulatory Commission of Alaska Alaska Energy Authority Alaska Industrial Developmental & Export Authority		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**CORRECTIONS**

Feb 20	Friday Overview	Beltz 211	11:00 AM
Mar 13	Friday Overview	Beltz 211	11:00 AM
Mar 16	Monday Close-out	Beltz 211	3:00 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 12	Thursday Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
Mar 16	Monday Close-out	Beltz 211	5:00 PM

FISH & GAME

Feb 19	Thursday Department Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Feb 23	Monday Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Mar 19	Thursday Department Close-out	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM

GOVERNOR

Feb 20	Friday Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Mar 20	Friday Close-out	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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
+	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Governor's Amendments, Q & A -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:00 PM
+	Governor's Amendments, Q & A -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
+	Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LAW

Feb 24	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Budget Overview: Dept of Law		
Mar 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Subcommittee Close-out		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LEGISLATURE**

Mar 20 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:30 PM**
 Close-out

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 19 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:30 PM**
 + Budget Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 17 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **3:15 PM**
 + Continuation of Departmental Overview:
 Division of Mining, Land, and Water;
 Division of Geological and Geophysical
 Survey; Division of Oil and Gas
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 20 **Friday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:00 PM**
 + Continuation of Departmental Overview:
 Division of Agriculture; Division of Forestry
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 24 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **4:00 PM**
 + Continuation of Departmental Overview:
 Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation;
 State Pipeline Coordinator's Office;
 Division of Coastal and Ocean Management
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 19 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:00 PM**
 + Status of VPSO Program & Recruitment
 Efforts for Them and the State Troopers
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 03 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:30 PM**
 + Governor's Amendments - Q & A Session
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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

Mar 17	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
+	Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

REVENUE

Feb 26	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue		

Mar 12	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 19	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Subcommittee Close-out		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 24	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 PM
	Budget Overview: Dept. of Transportation		

Mar 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 PM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Budget Detail		

Mar 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 PM
	Subcommittee Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Overview		

Mar 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Close-out		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ENERGY

Feb 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 19 Thursday Location Tba 3:00 PM
 Joint w/(H) ENERGY
 Work Session: Comprehensive Energy Plan
 Presenters: Gwen Holdman, Dir., Alaska
 Center for Energy and Power; David Hobbs
 and Jim Meitl, Cambridge Energy Research
 Associates; Darrell Smith, Black Lion
 Energae

WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS

Feb 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM
 +
 Workforce Development in Alaska
 Invited Presenters: Fran Ulmer, Chancellor, University of
 Alaska Anchorage; Commissioner Larry Ledoux, Dept of
 Education & Early Dev; Terrance Harris, Charter College; Fred
 Esposito, Alaska Vocational Technical Center/Alaska Dept of
 Labor and Workforce Development

JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

Feb 18 Wednesday Capitol 17 3:00 PM
 +
 Overview of Regulations
 by the Dept of Law and Legislative Legal

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 17 Tuesday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
 +
 RPL #08-09-0137-Renewable Energy Projects
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Feb 19 +	Thursday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	The Community Development Quota Program: Transforming Western Alaska Communities Brown Bag Lunch		

JOINT SESSION

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		