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Juneau, Alaska Tuesday February 17, 2009

Twenty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed twelve members present. Senators Bunde, French, Paskvan, Thomas were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Ellis, McGuire, Therriault, Wagoner were absent.

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Senators Ellis, McGuire, Therriault, Wagoner be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Ellis, McGuire, Therriault, Wagoner were excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Gary Waterhouse of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Juneau and Sitka. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Today, O Lord, we come before you as your servants and servants of the people of our great land of Alaska.

Thank you for safe journeys to bring us together in these chambers today. Do bless these men and women as they take up their duties. May they each work with humble, kind, and gentle hearts. Thank you for the cooperative spirit that pervades these walls. We pray now for guidance as they assimilate all the information and statistics and testimonies and then somehow must wisely translate this into

workable legislation that will stand the test of time and the scrutiny of our constitution. It is a tremendous mission entrusted to them.

May these senators each be found worthy of that high calling. Amen.

Senator Meyer led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the twenty-third through twenty-eighth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 3 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 13 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 100

HOUSE BILL NO. 100 BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHANSEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Joseph C. Williams, Sr., Coastal Trail."

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 108

SENATE BILL NO. 108 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act creating the Stampede State Recreation Area."

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

SB 109

SENATE BILL NO. 109 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act repealing the secondary student competency examination and related requirements; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 110

SENATE BILL NO. 110 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the preservation of evidence."

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

SB 111

SENATE BILL NO. 111 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duration of a certificate of compliance for an intrastate air service provider; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 112

SENATE BILL NO. 112 BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act providing for the establishment of a statewide early childhood education plan and guidelines."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 20 through evening plane time, February 22; and from plane time, February 26 through plane time, February 28. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 4 through afternoon plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Huggins, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 19, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:17 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 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 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
 <Above Bill Hearing Postponed>
 -- 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 17 Tuesday Capitol 106 3:00 PM**
 Joint w/(H) Health & Social Services
 + Presentation by U.S. Preventative
 Medicine

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

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 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**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += SB 1 ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE
 + SB 84 AIDEA: BONDING LIMITS; CONFIDENTIALITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

RESOURCES

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 LOW- SPEED MOTOR VEHICLES

Feb 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

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

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

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

Feb 20	Friday Overview	Beltz 211	11:00 AM
Mar 13	Friday Overview	Beltz 211	11:00 AM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**CORRECTIONS (continued)**

Mar 16	Monday Close-out	Beltz 211	3:00 PM
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COURT SYSTEM

Feb 26 +	Thursday Court System Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
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Mar 10 +	Tuesday Court System Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 25 +	Wednesday EED Budget	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
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Mar 12 +	Thursday EED Budget	Butrovich 205	4:00 PM
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

Feb 19	Thursday Department Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
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Feb 23	Monday Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**FISH & GAME (continued)**

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:00 AM**
 Department Close-out

GOVERNOR

Feb 20 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Overview

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

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> --

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

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

LEGISLATURE

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

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

NATURAL RESOURCES

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| Feb 17
+ | Tuesday
Continuation of Departmental Overview:
Division of Mining, Land, and Water;
Division of Geological and Geophysical
Survey; Division of Oil and Gas
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | Fahrenkamp 203 | 3:15 PM |
| Feb 20
+ | Friday
Continuation of Departmental Overview:
Division of Agriculture; Division of Forestry
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | Fahrenkamp 203 | 1:00 PM |
| Feb 24
+ | Tuesday
Continuation of Departmental Overview:
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation;
State Pipeline Coordinator's Office;
Division of Coastal and Ocean Management
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | Fahrenkamp 203 | 4:00 PM |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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| Feb 19
+ | Thursday
Status of VPSO Program & Recruitment
Efforts for Them and the State Troopers
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | Fahrenkamp 203 | 1:00 PM |
| Mar 03
+ | Tuesday
Governor's Amendments - Q & A Session
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | Fahrenkamp 203 | 1:30 PM |
| Mar 17
+ | Tuesday
Budget Close-out
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | Fahrenkamp 203 | 1:00 PM |
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**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 Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
-- Meeting Postponed to 02/26/09--
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

Feb 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 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
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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> --

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 24 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
 Full Committee: Open Session
 Election of Chairs
 Public Comment
 Chair/Staff Report
 Budget
 Sanctioned Charity Events
 Exempt Positions
 2009 Suggested Legislation
 Advisory Opinion 08-05 State Facilities
 Advisory Opinion 09-01 Newsletters
 Executive Session Advisory Opinion 09-02
 Public Session
 Other Business

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		