

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**April 9, 2012**

**Eighty-fourth Day**

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Huggins was absent.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Huggins be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Giessel. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Our Father, Lord, in heaven, may your holy name be honored today.

May your perfect plan become real on earth just as it exists in heaven.

I ask that you fill us today with our daily need for your wisdom.

Forgive us, Lord, for the many ways we have wronged you, just as we are learning to give up resentments and forgive those who have wronged us.

Preserve us when we are faced with the heart-rending challenges and testings of life, and when we are tested, Lord, help us resist wrong choices.

For to you is the honor as the true sovereign ruler, with all the power and all the glory forever.

Amen.

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eighty-second and eighty-third legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **HB 250**

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 250(ENE) "An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 250(FIN)

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Commerce, Community and  
Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 100**

SENATE BILL NO. 100 "An Act relating to employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to requirements that employers who terminate some or all participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska pay termination costs; and making the changes retroactive" was read the second time.

The following fiscal information was published today by the Rules Committee:

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 2037. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) was adopted.

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

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) was read the third time.

Senators Hoffman, Davis, Thomas, Stedman, Ellis, Kookesh, Olson, Wagoner, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) "An Act relating to employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to requirements that employers who terminate some or all participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska pay termination costs; and making the changes retroactive" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 100(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

Yeas: Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Huggins

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**SB 203**

SENATE BILL NO. 203 "An Act establishing an energy assistance program in the Department of Revenue to issue an energy voucher to Alaska permanent fund dividend recipients; and relating to the analysis and recommendation of an energy assistance program by the governor" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 2079. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(FIN) "An Act establishing an energy assistance program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue an energy voucher to Alaska permanent fund dividend recipients; relating to the analysis and recommendation of an energy assistance program by the governor; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

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

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(FIN) was read the third time.

Senators Menard, Davis, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(FIN) "An Act establishing an energy assistance program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue an energy voucher to Alaska permanent fund dividend recipients; relating to the analysis and recommendation of an energy assistance program by the governor; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 203(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

**YEAS: 15 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Kookesh, Menard, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Nays: Coghill, Giessel, McGuire, Meyer

Excused: Huggins

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(FIN) passed the Senate.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring - Joyce Hines

Senator(s) Wielechowski, Stevens, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner

Representative(s) Gruenberg

In Memoriam - Dr. Melbourne Walder Henry

Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Coghill, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Gerald McDonnell

Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Coghill, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Louis Joseph Bonito

Senator(s) Davis, Ellis, Stevens, Coghill, Dyson, Egan, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Senator Meyer 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**

#### **HB 168**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 168(JUD) "An Act requiring the amount of the security given by a party seeking an injunction or order vacating or staying the operation of a permit affecting an industrial operation to include an amount for the payment of wages and benefits for employees and payments to contractors and subcontractors that may be lost if the industrial operation is wrongfully enjoined." Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Announcements**

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 100**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) "An Act relating to employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to requirements that employers who terminate some or all participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska pay termination costs; and making the changes retroactive" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SB 203**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(FIN) "An Act establishing an energy assistance program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue an energy voucher to Alaska permanent fund dividend recipients; relating to the analysis and recommendation of an energy assistance program by the governor; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., April 10, 2012. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:59 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**

**Apr 10 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 12 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Apr 09 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 11 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 13 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Apr 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + HB 298 EXEMPTIONS FROM MINING TAX  
 + HCR 23 ALASKA ARCTIC POLICY COMMISSION  
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



**FINANCE (continued)**

**Apr 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
+ SB 163 G.O. BONDS FOR PORTS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
= SB 192 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX RATES

**Apr 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
+ HB 131 COMMUNITY AND TRANSPORTATION ADV. BOARD  
+ HB 246 NAMING CERTAIN BRIDGES  
+ HB 258 NATURALLY OCCURRING ASBESTOS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Apr 09 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
+ HB 310 STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM  
+ HB 218 PRESCRIPTION DRUG SPECIALTY TIERS  
+ Confirmation of Governor's Appointment  
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives  
Deborah Schneider - Wasilla  
+ Presentation - Hawaii-Alaska Health Information  
Management System Society: Bill Sorrells,  
Chapter President  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 13 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Apr 09 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 = HB 229 BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD  
 = HB 274 UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES  
 + HB 224 SALES OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO MINOR  
 + HB 55 KNIVES, GRAVITY KNIFE & SWITCHBLADE  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 11 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + HB 343 DISCLOSURE OF CHILDREN'S RECORDS  
 + HB 168 INJUNCTION SECURITY: INDUSTRIAL OPERATION  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Apr 10 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 166 LABORATORY SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
 + HB 50 ACCESS TO LICENSED PREMISES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += HB 252 SMALL BUSINESS INCOME TAX EXEMPTION  
 += HB 301 BOATING REGULATION: SUNSET/ENFORCEMENT  
 += SB 128 BREWERY LICENSES/PERMITS

**Apr 12 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

**Apr 09 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Board of Fisheries Confirmation Hearings  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 = HJR 26 SEA OTTER MANAGEMENT  
 = HB 118 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 = SB 207 SPORT FISH LICENSE EXEMPTION  
 = SB 209 DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR OIL & GAS LEASES

**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Apr 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Day Change --  
 + HCR 24 STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Apr 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 206 INTERSTATE MINING COMPACT & COMMISSION  
 += HB 169 LAA REVIEW OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS  
 += HB 216 REGULATIONS: INFORMATIVE SUMMARY/BILLS  
 += HB 304 ALASKA FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL  
 + HB 333 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS/POET ACCTS  
 + HB 345 WAIVE CDL SKILL TEST FOR CERTAIN VETERANS  
 += HB 234 PICKETING AND PROTESTS AT FUNERALS  
 + HCR 28 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
 + HB 64 PERM. MOT. VEH. REGISTRATION/TRAILERS  
 + HB 281 WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY  
 + HB 247 ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD DAY  
 += HB 271 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS  
 += HB 316 MILITARY FACILITY ZONES  
 + HB 190 PFD ALLOWABLE ABSENCE  
 <Pending Referral>  
 += HB 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE  
 + HB 8 FEDERAL REGULATIONS & EXECUTIVE ORDERS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Apr 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Apr 10**      **Tuesday**                      **House Chamber**      **11:00 AM**  
Confirmation of Ombudsman, Victims' Advocate, and  
Governor's Appointments