

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 20, 2015**

**First Day**

Pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the Senate of the State of Alaska assembled in the Senate chamber for the first regular session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature. The Senate was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by the Honorable Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor.

**Colors**

The following members of the Color Guard of the Service High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) presented the colors:

**Commanding the Color Guard**

Cadet Lt. Commander Robert Michael Wilcox Beacham

**Holding the National Ensign**

Cadet Lt. Raven McKinley Hamilton

**At Guard**

Cadet Lt. Junior Grade Christine Figueroa Abasta

Cadet Lt. Commander Jonathan Yechan Joo

**Service High School NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor**

Commander George J. Tolbert, U.S. Coast Guard Retired

Senator Huggins led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**National Anthem**

Allison Holtkamp performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" accompanied by Guo Hua Xia, violinist.

**Alaska Flag Song**

Marta Lastufka performed "Alaska's Flag" accompanied by Guo Hua Xia, violinist.

**Invocation**

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Dr. Douglas M. Dye, Chapel by the Lake. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious and loving God, we pause to give you thanks for new beginnings.

The ancient Hebrew poet wrote, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118: 24) So, gracious God, on this first day of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature we take a moment to offer you thanks for this new day and the gift of a new beginning.

I pray that you will grant to these senators – good health, energy, and vision to serve the people of Alaska with grace and wisdom. Enable them to listen carefully to one another, and empower them to work together to advance the common good of this great land. Many of them are far from home, so, dear Lord, watch over and protect their loved ones. Grant them confidence that you walk with them and guide them.

Loving God, we pray too, for the challenges that face our people and state. Even as we are anxious over budgets and resources, help us remember that you

promise to provide all we need to flourish. Enable all Alaskans, senators and citizens alike, to trust in your goodness and show compassion to each another.

This is the day that the Lord has made; fill us with gratitude for the unique beauty of today. Help these men and women to delight in their work, and grant them strength to serve Alaska well.

I pray these things in the name of my Lord, Jesus.

Amen.

### **Election Certification**

The Lieutenant Governor read the certificate of election:

I, Gail Fenumiai, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 4th day of November, 2014, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following candidates were elected to the office State Senator for the district and term indicated:

Senate District A	Pete Kelly	4 year term
Senate District C	Click Bishop	4 year term
Senate District E	Michael J. "Mike" Dunleavy	4 year term
Senate District F	Bill Stoltze	2 year term
Senate District G	Anna I. Fairclough	4 year term
Senate District I	Berta Gardner	4 year term
Senate District K	Mia Costello	4 year term
Senate District M	Kevin Meyer	4 year term
Senate District N	Catherine A. "Cathy" Giessel	2 year term
Senate District O	Peter A. Micciche	4 year term
Senate District P	Gary Lee Stevens	2 year term
Senate District Q	Dennis Egan	4 year term
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman	4 year term
Senate District T	Donald C. "Donny" Olson	2 year term

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 24th day of November, A.D. 2014.

/s/

Gail Fenumiai, Director  
Division of Elections

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District A	Pete Kelly
Senate District C	Click Bishop
Senate District F	Bill Stoltze
Senate District G	Anna I. Fairclough

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District I	Berta Gardner
Senate District K	Mia Costello
Senate District M	Kevin Meyer
Senate District N	Catherine A. "Cathy" Giessel
Senate District O	Peter A. Micciche

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Senate District Q	Dennis Egan
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman
Senate District T	Donald C. "Donny" Olson

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

The following Senators will take their Oath of Office at a later date:

Senate District E	Michael J. "Mike" Dunleavy
Senate District P	Gary Lee Stevens

### **President Pro Tempore**

Lieutenant Governor Mallott announced that nominations were in order for President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Huggins be nominated. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations for President pro tempore of the Senate be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Huggins be elected President pro tempore. There being no objection, Senator Huggins was elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested Senator Stoltze and Senator Giessel escort the President pro tempore to the rostrum.

President pro tempore Huggins requested Senator Stoltze and Senator Giessel escort the Lieutenant Governor from the chamber.

President pro tempore Huggins announced that under provisions of law, AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules of the Twelfth Legislature, First Session, as amended in 1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2012 will serve as the temporary rules of the current legislature until permanent rules are adopted.

### **President**

President pro tempore Huggins announced that nominations for Senate President were open.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Meyer be nominated President of the Senate for the Twenty-ninth Legislature.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Meyer be elected President of the Senate for the Twenty-ninth Legislature. Without objection, Senator Meyer was elected Senate President.

President pro tempore Huggins requested Senator Kelly and Senator MacKinnon to escort President Meyer to the podium.

President Meyer requested Senator Kelly and Senator MacKinnon to escort Senator Huggins to his seat.

Representative Keller and Representative Drummond called on the Senate to inform the body that the House was organized and ready to do business.

President Meyer made the following appointments:

#### **Committee on Committees**

Senator Meyer, Chair  
Senator Coghill  
Senator Huggins  
Senator Kelly  
Senator Gardner

President Meyer appointed Senator Bishop and Senator Egan to inform the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

President Meyer appointed Senator Costello and Senator Hoffman to inform the House that the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

**Recess**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 2:50 p.m.

**After Recess**

The Senate reconvened at 3:09 p.m.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate move down the calendar to Special Committee Reports. Without objection, the Senate advanced to:

**Special Committee Reports****Committee on Committees Report**

January 20, 2015

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Committees has met and submits to the Senate for its consideration chairs and members to the ten standing committees as approved by the Committee on Committees:

**Community and Regional Affairs Committee**

Senator Bishop, Chair  
Senator Stedman, Vice Chair  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator MacKinnon  
Senator Egan

**Education Committee**

Senator Dunleavy, Chair  
Senator Huggins, Vice Chair  
Senator Giessel  
Senator Stevens  
Senator Gardner

**Finance Committee**

Senator Kelly, Cochair  
Senator MacKinnon, Cochair  
Senator Micciche, Vice Chair  
Senator Bishop  
Senator Dunleavy  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator Olson

**Health and Social Services Committee**

Senator Stedman, Chair  
Senator Giessel, Vice Chair  
Senator Kelly  
Senator Stoltze  
Senator Ellis

**Judiciary Committee**

Senator McGuire, Chair  
Senator Coghill, Vice Chair  
Senator Costello  
Senator Micciche  
Senator Wielechowski

**Labor and Commerce Committee**

Senator Costello, Chair  
Senator Giessel, Vice Chair  
Senator Meyer  
Senator Stevens  
Senator Ellis

**Resources Committee**

Senator Giessel, Chair  
Senator Costello, Vice Chair  
Senator Coghill  
Senator Micciche  
Senator Stedman  
Senator Stoltze  
Senator Wielechowski



**Rules Committee**

Senator Huggins, Chair  
Senator Coghill  
Senator Kelly  
Senator Meyer  
Senator Gardner

**State Affairs Committee**

Senator Stoltze, Chair  
Senator Coghill, Vice Chair  
Senator Huggins  
Senator McGuire  
Senator Wielechowski

**Transportation Committee**

Senator Micciche, Chair  
Senator Bishop, Vice Chair  
Senator Dunleavy  
Senator Stedman  
Senator Egan

The report was signed by Senator Meyer, Chair; Senators Coghill, Huggins, Kelly, Gardner.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Committees Report be adopted. Without objection, the Committee on Committees Report was adopted.

President Meyer announced that Senator Coghill will serve as Majority Leader for the Twenty-ninth Legislature.

President Meyer announced that the Minority has selected Senator Gardner to serve as Minority Leader for the Twenty-ninth Legislature.

**Messages from the House**

Messages dated January 13 were read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-ninth Alaska Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21 for the purpose of hearing Governor Walker's

State of the State Address; and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22 for the purpose of hearing Governor Walker's State of the Budget Address.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitations to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SR 1**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 be taken up. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 1

Final Passage

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Absent: Dunleavy, Stevens

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

**SR 2**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on the Arctic.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 be taken up. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on the Arctic, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**SR 2**

Final Passage

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Absent: Dunleavy, Stevens

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

**SR 3**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Energy.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 be taken up. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Energy, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 3

Final Passage

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Absent: Dunleavy, Stevens

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that further introduction and reference of senate resolutions be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the introduction and reference of senate bills be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **Election of Senate Secretary**

In accordance with AS 24.10.030 and Uniform Rule 3(a), Senator Huggins, Rules Committee Chair, nominated Liz Clark to serve as Senate Secretary for the Twenty-ninth Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent that Liz Clark be elected Senate Secretary for the Twenty-ninth Legislature. Without objection, Liz Clark was elected Senate Secretary for the Twenty-ninth Legislature.

### **Introduction of Floor Staff**

Senator Huggins, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the 2015 Chamber Staff as follows:

#### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Grace Ellsworth, Juneau

#### **Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms**

Romorenzo Marasigan, Anchorage

#### **Senate Pages**

Gordon Krueger, Wasilla

Lydia Mielke, Big Lake

Jacob Pennell, Wasilla

Tim Rockey, Palmer

Gretchen Sharpe-Swart, Palmer

Joe Verhagen, Nenana

President Meyer made the following appointments:

#### **Select Committee on Legislative Ethics**

Senator Stevens

Senator Egan

Senator Micciche, alternate to Senator Stevens

Senator Gardner, alternate to Senator Egan

Senator Coghill moved that Senator Stevens and Senator Egan be confirmed as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Egan be confirmed as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Egan  
be Confirmed as Members to the  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel,  
Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche,  
Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Absent: Dunleavy, Stevens

and so, Senator Stevens and Senator Egan were confirmed as members  
to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Senator Coghill moved that Senator Micciche and Senator Gardner be  
confirmed as alternate members to the Select Committee on  
Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Micciche and Senator Gardner be  
confirmed as alternate members to the Select Committee on  
Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Micciche and Senator Gardner  
be Confirmed as Alternate Members to the  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel,  
Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche,  
Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Absent: Dunleavy, Stevens

and so, Senator Micciche and Senator Gardner were confirmed as  
alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

President Meyer made the following appointments:

**Legislative Council**

Senator Stevens, Chair  
Senator Meyer  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator MacKinnon  
Senator Coghill  
Senator Micciche  
Senator Huggins

**Legislative Budget & Audit**

Senator MacKinnon, Vice Chair  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator Giessel  
Senator Stedman  
Senator Bishop

**Administrative Regulation Review**

Senator McGuire, Chair  
Senator Costello  
Senator Gardner

**Joint Armed Services Committee**

Senator Coghill, Cochair  
Senator Kelly  
Senator MacKinnon  
Senator Bishop  
Senator Wielechowski

**SR 1**

**Senate Special Committee on World Trade**

Senator Huggins, Chair  
Senator Stevens, Vice Chair  
Senator McGuire  
Senator Micciche  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator Gardner

**SR 2**

**Senate Special Committee on the Arctic**

Senator McGuire, Cochair  
Senator Giessel, Cochair  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator Stevens  
Senator Olson

**SR 3**

**Senate Special Committee on Energy**

Senator Bishop, Cochair  
Senator Micciche, Cochair  
Senator Hoffman  
Senator Stedman  
Senator Egan

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 21, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate



**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Jan 22</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> Presentation: Overview FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets, David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division Committee Contract: Angela Rodell and Bill Streur	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Jan 23</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Presentation: Overview FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget Presentation: Fall 2014 Forecast Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner-Designee Department of Revenue	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Overview of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Jan 23      Friday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
Update from the Office of the Federal Pipeline  
Coordinator  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Jan 22      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              9:00 AM**  
Overview: Ballot Measure No.2 (13PSUM) - An Act  
to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use  
of Marijuana  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 22      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              1:00 PM**  
-- Note Location Change --  
+      Joint w/ House Transportation  
Overview of the Alaska Marine Highway System  
(AMHS) Report to the Legislature Presented by  
Matt McLaren, Business Development and Enterprise  
Manager, AMHS and Captain Falvey,  
General Manager, AMHS  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Jan 21      Wednesday                      House Finance 519              9:00 AM**  
Organizational Meeting  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)****SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	<b>FULL COMMITTEE: Open Session</b> Public Comment Election of Committee Chairs for 2015-2016 Chair/Staff Report Annual Benefit and Loan Review & Discussion Budget Contractor Subcommittee Report 2015 Legislation Update Collection of Unpaid Fines Report on Meeting with Rules Chairs Other Business		

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	State of the State Address by the Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of Alaska		
<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	State of the Budget Address by the Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of Alaska		