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Fourteenth Day

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Nathan Stearman of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Good morning, Lord!

It is a privilege to come to You on this fresh, Alaskan morning, on behalf of the Senate of the Great state of Alaska. Today begins a new legislative week with its ensuing challenges. On some matters this gathering of wise leaders will find it easy to move forward together, while on other matters the disagreement will be sharp – even bitter. I ask that You would grant each member of this Senate the courage to stand by their cause when needed – and the humility to take up another, when such is required for the benefit of that greater cause, the well-being of the people of our great state.

Finally Lord, as various committees gather to process that wide-range of issues facing this body, guide them. Grant them the insight the issues demand – and

the favor of higher powers when needed – to lead our
great state forward. In Jesus' name I ask this,
Amen.

Senator Ellis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement Number 3 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Stoltze was noted.

Communications

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

Report to the Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes

from MaryEllen Duffy, Special Assistant
Legal and Research Services
Legislative Affairs Agency
in accordance with AS 24.20.065(b)

Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Loan Funds
Annual Report 2014

from Michelle Hale, Director, Division of Water
Department of Environmental Conservation
in accordance with AS 37.05.035

Progress Report of the Alaska LNG Project
from Mark Myers, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
in accordance with Chapter 14, SLA 14

Letter from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated January 28, 2015 was received stating that the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement between the State and the International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots will be re-submitted when they have been reached.

The letter was copied to the cochairs of the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 9

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 9 BY SENATOR GARDNER,

Urging the Alaska Department of Law and the United States Department of Justice to file a motion in United States District Court to compel the ExxonMobil Corporation to honor the commitment to pay additional damages for the Exxon Valdez oil spill under the "Reopener for Unknown Injury" provision of the 1991 Agreement and Consent Decree and to collect the full demand for payment the state and federal government submitted to the ExxonMobil Corporation on August 31, 2006; and urging the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council immediately to initiate subsurface lingering oil restoration work.

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

SJR 10

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 BY THE SENATE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Opposing the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing attempts by President Obama to alter management of the

coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal based on the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan or accompanying Environmental Impact Statement; encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal that does not open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development; and finding that decision-making authority over the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is reserved exclusively to the United States Congress.

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

SJR 11

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR GIESSEL,

Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to acquire the area commonly known as Central Park on Manhattan in New York City on behalf of the federal government; urging the United States Congress to declare Central Park to be a wilderness area and to prohibit any further improvement or development of Central Park unless authorized by an Act of Congress.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 36**

SENATE BILL NO. 36 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to electronic publication of certain municipal notices and to publication and electronic distribution of reports by state agencies."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

In Memoriam - Carl E. Moses

Senator(s) Hoffman, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

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In Memoriam - Harold L. "Joe" Gilbertson

Senator(s) Bishop, Meyer, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

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

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., February 4, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 03	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 05	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 03	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: State Board of Education Annual Report to the Legislature Esther Cox, State Board of Education, Chair		

Feb 05	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SCR 3	AK SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK Presentation: ANSWERS (Alaska Navigator: Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics) Stephanie Butler, Director of Operations Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission		

FINANCE

Feb 02	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Presentation: Positive Train Control and Port MacKenzie Project		
+	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
	Bill O'Leary, President & CEO, Alaska Railroad Corporation		
	Eileen Reilly, Vice President, Advanced Train Control Systems & Technology, Alaska Railroad Corporation		
Feb 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 04	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+ SB 27	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+ SB 28	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
Feb 05	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview Governor's FY15 Supplemental Request		
	Pat Pitney, Director, OMB		
+ SB 30	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES		
	<Pending Referral>		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 06	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation		
	Michael Burns, Executive Director		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 02	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 04	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 02 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- Rescheduled from 01/30/15 --

+ SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES

<Above Item Removed from Agenda>

Overview and Information: Alaska Criminal

Justice Commission

Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska

Judicial Council

Nancy Meade, General Counsel, Alaska Court System

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- Location Change --

+ Presentation: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 06 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- Location Change --

+ SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 03 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 05 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 02 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SJR 10 OPPOSE ANWR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION

+ SJR 11 DECLARE CENTRAL PARK A WILDERNESS AREA

Resolution: Opposing Recent Presidential Action
on OCS

<Pending Introduction & Referral>

Overview: Department of Environmental

Conservation, Commissioner Larry Hartig

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 04 +	Wednesday Overview of ANILCA and Statehood Compact Citizens Advisory Commission on Federal Areas Topics/Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
Feb 06 +	Friday Overview: Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Mark Myers Topics/Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

RULES

Feb 03 +	Tuesday Organizational Meeting	Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
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STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 03 +	Tuesday "Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana" <Invited Participant List Forthcoming>	Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
Feb 05 +	Thursday Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs - Discussion of National Guard Issues Mike Bridges, Adjutant General (AKNG) & Commissioner (DMVA) Craig Richards, Attorney General (Department of Law) < Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled >	Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 03 +	Tuesday -- Joint with House Transportation Committee -- Overview of the Alaska Railroad Bill O'Leary, President and CEO Port MacKenzie Railroad Extension update Joe Perkins, Project Director John Moosey, Mat-Su Borough Manager	Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
Feb 05	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205 1:00 PM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY**

Feb 05 +	Thursday Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) overview of their gas utility purchase	Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
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SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC

Feb 05 +	Thursday Overview of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission's Final Report and Implementation Plan -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205 11:15 AM
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JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Feb 17 +	Tuesday -- Agenda to be Announced -- -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532 2:00 PM
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OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 11 +	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Dana Fabe, Chief Justice	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 18	Wednesday Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

Feb 09	Monday School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q & A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System All Legislators are Invited to Participate	Capitol 106	1:00 PM
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