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Twenty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Bill Nelson, United Pentecostal Church of Juneau. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Our Heavenly Father,

It is with absolute faith that I call upon You today Lord, to invite Your presence to be felt here. I pray that You will actively help in the process that will decide the outcome of the many large and complicated issues before the Legislature this year. I am convinced that You care very deeply about what goes on here.

Your word instructs us to pray for our leaders as they do the often difficult job that is before them. I am glad to be able to do that here today. Lord, I pray that Your will would be done on earth as it is in heaven, because we also care very deeply about the issues that are decided here.

Please grant these dedicated men and women your wisdom, understanding and foresight as they seek to make Alaska a better place for all who live here.

I also pray for their health, safety and well-being, and that of their families. Grant us all the peace of mind that comes from knowing how much You love and care for all of us.

Thank You Lord.

Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eighteenth through twentieth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

SJR 10

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 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, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 10(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Coghill, Micciche, Stedman.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 13

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 BY SENATOR COGHILL,

Supporting oil and gas exploration and development on the outer continental shelf offshore of the state; opposing attempts to prohibit oil and gas development in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area and the Beaufort Sea Planning Area; and requesting that the federal Administration cease and desist from all future restrictions in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 44

SENATE BILL NO. 44 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the religious exemptions in the Public Employment Relations Act and the Alaska Railroad Corporation Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

SB 45

SENATE BILL NO. 45 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to parks and recreation service area boundary changes."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Resources Committees.

SB 46

SENATE BILL NO. 46 BY SENATOR HOFFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority; authorizing the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority to issue bonds or notes for a regional health organization; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Elizabeth Howard

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

In Memoriam - Patricia Ann Roppel

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 16. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senators Giessel, MacKinnon moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, February 20 through evening plane time, February 22. Without objection, Senators Giessel, MacKinnon were excused.

SB 7

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw SENATE BILL NO. 7 "An Act directing the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to provide a report to the legislature relating to electrical transmission in certain areas of the state; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 11, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:33 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 10	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	State Assessment Review Board Confirmation Hearings:		
	William Roberts - Kodiak		
	Steve Van Sant - Palmer		
+ SB 22	MOTOR VEHICLE REG. TAX: COLLECTION COSTS		
Feb 12	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: School Rating System - Alaska		
	School Performance Index (ASPI)		
+	Presentation: Elementary and Secondary Education Act		
	Department of Education and Early Development		
Feb 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 31	SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS		

FINANCE

Feb 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:15 AM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL

+ SB 40 SUPPLEMENTAL/CAPITAL/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 28 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Jeff Jessee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Presentation: Corporation Overview

Administrative Order 271

Alaska Aerospace Corporation

Presentation: FY16 Budget Overview

University of Alaska

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Presentation: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

FY16 Budget Overview

Bryan Butcher, CEO / Executive Director, Alaska

Housing Finance Corporation

Les Campbell, Budget Director, Alaska Housing

Finance Corporation

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 09 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ SB 1 REGULATION OF SMOKING

-- Public Testimony --

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

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

JUDICIARY

Feb 09 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 35 2015 REVISOR'S BILL
 Confirmation of Public Members to the Select
 Committee on Legislative Ethics:
 Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 = SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES

Feb 11 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 13 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 10 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

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

RESOURCES

Feb 09	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:		
	Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission		
	Benjamin Brown, Verne Rupright		
	Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission		
	Michael Gallagher		
	-- Public Testimony on Appointments --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 11	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Overview: Department of Fish and Game		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 13	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:		
	Big Game Commercial Services Board		
	James (David) Jones, Kelly Vrem		
	-- Public Testimony on Appointments --		
+	SB 32	TIMBER SALES	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	SB 6	ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+	SJR 2	CONST. AM: G.O. BONDS FOR STUDENT LOANS	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+		"Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of	
		Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act to Tax	
		and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of	
		Marijuana"	
		Bills or Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Feb 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+		Department of Administration - Overview	
+	SB 36	ELECTRONIC DISTRIB. OF REPORTS/NOTICES	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+		"Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of	
		Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act to Tax	
		and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of	
		Marijuana"	
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TRANSPORTATION

Feb 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	
Feb 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC**

Feb 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:15 AM
+	SB 16	STATE ARCTIC POLICY AND REPORTS	

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 12	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	AIDEA Overview of the Interior Energy Projects		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 16	Monday	Butrovich 205	5:00 PM
	Educational Seminar		
	analytica: Alaska LNG 101		
Feb 26	Thursday	Barnes 124	3:30 PM
	Audits		
	Alaska State Legislature Financial Statements and Audit Report		
	Executive Session		
	Statewide Single Audit FY14 Preliminary		
	Other Committee Business		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
+	Ratification of Charity Events		
	Other Committee Business		
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

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

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

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