

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 13, 2015**

**Fifty-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:05 a.m.

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Sue Bahleda, Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty One,

We thank you for the men and women gathered here today. Guide these public servants, that they may do the work before them in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Make them bold and generous in their call to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. Bless them, bless those that depend upon them, and bless this great land that is our home. We pray these things in hope, anticipation, and confidence.

Amen.

Senator Dunleavy led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Messages from the House****SCR 5**

Message dated March 11 was received stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Joint Resolution No. 13, urging the United States Department of the Army to maintain and strengthen the current level of its combat-capable structure in the state and not to take structural realignment actions with regard to Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated March 11 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of  
House Resolutions****HCR 3**

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3(RLS) BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE,

Urging the governor and the attorney general to pursue all legal and legislative options to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and areas of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas to oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

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

**HJR 6**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLETT, Edgmon, Tuck, Kito, Tarr, Stutes, Herron, Ortiz, Talerico, Gattis, Foster, Keller, LeDoux, Seaton, Lynn, Hawker, Gruenberg, Gara, Neuman, Claman, Johnson, Saddler, Tilton, Hughes, Olson, Thompson, Chenault, Josephson, Pruitt,

Supporting the introduction and enactment of federal legislation acknowledging that the federal government is financially responsible under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the remediation of contaminated land subject to conveyance under the Act; urging the United States Department of the Interior to implement the six recommendations to identify and clean up the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands in its 1998 report to the United States Congress; and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to remediate and make free from pollutants lands in the state conveyed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

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

**HJR 15**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,

Denouncing the decision to reverse the suspensions of the federal prosecutors who intentionally withheld evidence of innocence from the defense of Senator Ted Stevens; and honoring the service of Senator Ted Stevens.

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

**Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Twenty-Seventh Report: 2013-2014  
to the Legislature and Supreme Court  
from Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council  
in accordance with Article IV, Section 9, Alaska Constitution

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 12 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Commissioner - Department of Military and Veteran's  
Affairs/Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard**  
Laurel Hummel

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Stoltze, Chair; Senators Coghill, Huggins, McGuire, Wielechowski.

**SB 1**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE  
BILL NO. 1(HSS)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Chair; Senators Kelly, Stoltze. Signing do pass: Senators Giessel, Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SB 4**

The State Affairs Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act relating to financial disclosures required of legislators, legislative directors, public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, and public officials." Signing do not pass: Senator Stoltze, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Coghill, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator McGuire. Signing amend: Senator Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 18**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 18 "An Act exempting a health care sharing ministry from regulation as an insurer." Signing do pass: Senator Stedman, Chair; Senators Giessel, Kelly, Stoltze. Signing no recommendation: Senator Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**SB 39**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 39 "An Act repealing the film production tax credit; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 31 - 33, ch. 51, SLA 2012; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 39(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senator Giessel. Signing do not pass: Senator Ellis. Signing no recommendation: Senators Meyer, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 53**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to advanced practice registered nursing; relating to certified direct-entry midwifery; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Giessel, Meyer, Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senator Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

**SB 63**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 63 "An Act naming the state library, archives, and museum building in Juneau" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 63(STA) "An Act naming the state library, archives, and museum building in Juneau and the public reading room in that building."

Signing do pass: Senator Stoltze, Chair; Senators Coghill, Huggins, McGuire, Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SJR 2**

The Education Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to contracting state debt for postsecondary student loans. Signing do pass: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Stevens, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Gardner.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HJR 7**

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(FSH) Opposing the proposed designation of an Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Wielechowski, Stedman, Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stoltze.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HCR 2**

The Education Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(EDC) Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week. Signing do pass: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Giessel, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens. Signing amend: Senator Gardner.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Education Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

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

### **SB 74**

SENATE BILL NO. 74 BY SENATOR KELLY, entitled:

"An Act relating to permanent fund dividends; relating to a medical assistance reform program; establishing a personal health savings account program for medical assistance recipients; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; establishing medical assistance demonstration projects; and relating to a study by the Department of Health and Social Services."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

## **Consideration of the Calendar**

### **Citations**

Honoring - Hoodoo Brewing Company  
Representative(s) Kawasaki, Thompson  
Senator(s) Kelly, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski



Honoring - Steve Lesko

Representative(s) Millett

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

In Memoriam - Stanley Clarence Rybachek

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

Representative(s) Wilson

In Memoriam - James Herbert Generous

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

Representative(s) Wilson

In Memoriam - Patsy Ewing

Representative(s) Colver

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

In Memoriam - Maya Angelou

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

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 Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 21 through morning plane time, March 23. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

**HJR 6**

Senators Gardner, Ellis, Wielechowski, Costello, Kelly, Coghill, Stevens, Micciche, Bishop, Egan, Giessel, Stedman, Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Supporting the introduction and enactment of federal legislation acknowledging that the federal government is financially responsible under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the remediation of contaminated land subject to conveyance under the Act; urging the United States Department of the Interior to implement the six recommendations to identify and clean up the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands in its 1998 report to the United States Congress; and urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to remediate and make free from pollutants lands in the state conveyed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. 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 11:00 a.m., March 16, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:34 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**

**Mar 17      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation Hearing:  
 Chris Hladick, Commissioner of Department of  
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development  
 += SB 22 MOTOR VEHICLE REG. TAX: COLLECTION COSTS  
 + HB 70 CREAMER'S FIELD REFUGE  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 19      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**  
 += SB 45 PARKS & REC SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES  
 + SB 13 WARRANTLESS SEARCH OF ELECTRONIC DATA  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 17      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 += SB 31 SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS  
 + Presentation: Elementary and Secondary  
 Education Act Flexibility Waiver Renewal  
 Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Department of  
 Education and Early Development  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 4:00 PM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 Confirmation Hearings:  
 + Professional Teaching Practices Commission  
 Rebecca Himschoot, Martin Laster, David Legg  
 + State Board of Education and Early Development  
 Esther Cox, Keith Hamilton

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 14 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL  
 + Departments: Fish and Game, Education and Early  
 Development, Labor and Workforce Development  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation Hearings:  
 + Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees  
 Carlton Smith - Juneau  
 Christopher Cooke - Anchorage  
 Mary Jane Michael - Anchorage  
 + Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
 Michael Gallagher - Anchorage  
 + Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers  
 Renee Piszczek - Fairbanks  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: University and Transportation and Public Facilities		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+= SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: Courts		
+ SB 5	RESTITUTION: PROPERTY AND INCOME LOSS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: Administration and Natural Resources		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
+	State Assessment Review Board		
+	William Roberts - Kodiak, Steve Van Sant - Palmer		
+	Fisherman's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council		
+	Donald L. Stiles - Nome		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: Environmental Conservation and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
+	Alaska Workers' Compensation Board		
+	Lake Williams - Fairbanks, Stacy A. Allen - Palmer		
+	Pamela J. Cline - Anchorage, Chuck Collins, Jr. - Juneau		
+	Jacob F. Howdeshell - North Pole		
+	Linda F. Hutchings - Soldotna, Rick Traini - Anchorage		
+	Patricia A. Vollendorf - Anchorage		
+	Robert C. Weel - Anchorage		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL  
 + Departments: Governor and Public Safety  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL  
 + Departments: Health and Social Services  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 13 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 16 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation Hearing on Governor's Appointments  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 23 IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING OPIOID OD DRUG  
 + SB 55 OPTOMETRY & OPTOMETRISTS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 20 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 13 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Meeting Postponed to 3/18/15 --  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointment:  
 Craig Richards, Attorney General - Department of  
 Law  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

- Mar 16 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + SB 47 LIFE INSURANCE/ANNUITY EXEMPTIONS  
 + SB 43 IMMUNITY FOR FIRE DEPT. & MEMBERS  
 + HB 5 CONSERVATOR OF PROTECTED PERSONS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 18 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 -- Rescheduled from 03/13/15 --  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointment:  
 Craig Richards, Attorney General - Department of  
 Law  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 20 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:  
 Rebecca Hamon - Alaska Police Standards Council  
 Gustalf Sandahl - Alaska Police Standards Council  
 Richards "Ole" Larson - State Board of Parole  
 Allen Joseph - Alaska Judicial Council  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Mar 17 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 14 EMERGENCY MED. SERVICES; DEFIBRILLATORS  
 + SB 29 STATE MEDICAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP  
 + SB 71 VACCINE CERTIFICATION FOR PHARMACISTS  
 Boards and Commission Appointees:  
 Workers' Comp. Appeals Commission  
 Alaska Workers' Comp. Board  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Mar 19 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 58 TRANSPORT NETWORK SVES. & WORKERS COMP  
 + SB 2 EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE: VETERAN & SPOUSES  
 + Board and Commission Appointees:  
 Board of Marital & Family Therapy  
 Occupational Safety & Health Review Board  
 Board of Psych. & Psych. Assoc. Examiners  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**RESOURCES**

**Mar 13 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Overview: Alaska Oil & Gas Competitiveness  
 Review Board Update and Report  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 16 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + HJR 4 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE SHARING  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Confirmation on Governor's Appointees:  
 Attorney General - Craig Richards  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointee --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 = HJR 6 FEDERAL CONTAMINATION OF ANCSA LANDS  
 + SB 57 CLEAN AIR ACT PLAN  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 <Pending Referral>  
 + Confirmation on the Governor's Appointees:  
 Mark Myers, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointee--  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 20 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 8 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION LICENSES  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY  
 -- Continued Public Testimony --  
 + SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION  
 -- Initial Presentation --  
 + SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES  
 -- Initial Presentation --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:  
 Benjamin Brown, Alaska Commercial Fisheries  
 Entry Commission  
 Verne Rupright, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry  
 Commission  
 Mark Fish, Alaska Public Offices Commission  
 Mark Liuken, Department of Transportation and  
 Public Facilities  
 Craig Fleener, Lieutenant Governor Successor  
 += SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION  
 (Continued from 3/17/15)  
 += SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES  
 (Continued from 3/17/15)  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 7:30 AM**  
 Closeout  
 - Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, DOA  
 - Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner  
 - John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner  
 - Cheri Lowenstein, Administrative Services Director  
 - Andy Mills, Special Assistant

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**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development

**Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**CORRECTIONS**

**Mar 13 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Budget Overview

**Mar 23 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

**Mar 25 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Tentative Closeout

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 16**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**      **12:00 PM**  
 +              FY16 Budget Overview

**Mar 23**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**      **5:00 PM**  
 +              FY16 Budget Closeout

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**FISH & GAME**

**Mar 17**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **5:00 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Discussion Related to "Intent Language" to be  
 Considered to Address Budgetary Recommendations  
 and Longer Range Budgetary plans

**Mar 19**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **5:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 16**      **Monday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **5:30 PM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Department of Health and Social Services

**Mar 18**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **5:30 PM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Pre-Closeout

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **5:30 PM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Closeout

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**JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mar 18**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**      **3:30 PM**  
 FY16 Budget Overview

**JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE (continued)**

**Mar 26      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              4:30 PM**  
 FY16 Budget Closeout  
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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 16      Monday                              Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 Budget Overview

**Mar 18      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

**Mar 20      Friday                                  Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 Tentative Closeout  
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**LAW**

**Mar 17      Tuesday                              Senate Finance 532              11:00 AM**  
 +  
 Governor's FY16 Budget Overview  
 Criminal and Civil Divisions

**Mar 19      Thursday                              Senate Finance 532              11:00 AM**  
 +  
 Judgments and Settlements  
 Ketchikan Lawsuit Update

**Mar 24      Tuesday                              Senate Finance 532              11:00 AM**  
 +  
 Closeout  
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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 25      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Closeout  
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Mar 24      Tuesday                              Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 Budget Overview

**NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

**Mar 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

**Mar 30 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Tentative Closeout

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Mar 19 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Department of Public Safety

**Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**REVENUE**

**Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM**  
 + Governor's FY16 Budget Proposal Overview  
 Tax Division  
 Film Production Tax

**Mar 18 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM**  
 + CBR Management  
 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM**  
 + Closeout

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM**  
 Department of Transportation and Public  
 Facilities

**Mar 24 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM**  
 Closeout

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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM**  
FY16 Budget Overview

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM**  
FY16 Budget Closeout

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
+ SB 57 CLEAN AIR ACT PLAN  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC**

**Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:15 AM**  
+ SJR 16 ARCTIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL  
-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --

**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Mar 17 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 7:30 AM**  
+ Public Hearing  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Performances Review  
Public Comment on the Performance of DHSS in the  
Delivery of its Behavioral Health and Long-Term  
Care Services and on the Department's Overall  
Organizational and Administrative Structure  
-- Testimony <Time Limit Set to 3 Minutes> --



**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING (continued)**

**Mar 19      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      12:00 PM**  
Lunch & Learn: Medicaid Expansion  
Becky Hultberg, CEO/President of ASHNHA, Will  
Address Common Questions About Medicaid  
Expansion and Outline the Role Expansion Can Play  
in Driving Innovation in the Health Care System  
Dr. Ted Helvoigt from Evergreen Economics Will  
Talk About the Department's Enrollment and  
Spending Projections for the Newly Eligible  
Population, Why Alaska is Experiencing the  
Welcome Mat Effect Even Without Expansion, and  
Explain the Department's Success Over the Past  
Decade to 'Bend' the Medicaid Cost Curve  
Sponsored By Senator Gardner