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Tuesday

March 31, 2015

Seventy-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 12:19 p.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

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

Dear Lord God,

I ask that you please bless this body's gathering today. Please grant us your wisdom, courage and patience to handle the state's business properly and effectively. Please watch over us and keep our emotions and passions calm and our intelligence and reasoning strong. I ask that you, Dear God, look upon us with your favor and bless us with a healthy deliberation today. Grant us peace, strength and knowledge as we look to solve the problems ahead of us and above all, please continue to abide in us and with us throughout every second of our lives and may your grace ever shine upon us.

In Your Holy Name I Pray Dear Lord. Amen.

Senator MacKinnon led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventieth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 30 was read stating:

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

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

William Gordon – Fairbanks

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 McGuire, Chair; Senators Coghill, Costello, Wielechowski.

Report dated March 30 was read stating:

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

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors

Joseph Paskvan – Fairbanks

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 Giessel, Chair; Senators Coghill, Wielechowski, Costello, Stedman, Stoltze.

SB 47

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 47 "An Act relating to exemptions for cash surrender values, accrued dividends, and loan values of life insurance and annuity contracts." Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators Costello, Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 70

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 70 "An Act relating to exceptions from designation as a special purpose site under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska for portions of Denali State Park, Captain Cook State Recreation Area, Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, and Willow Creek State Recreation Area to allow leasing a right-of-way for a natural gas pipeline" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 70(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Stedman, Stoltze.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 9

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9 BY SENATOR STOLTZE BY REQUEST,

Encouraging the University of Alaska to consider accepting upper division undergraduate credits awarded to members of the military and to veterans toward masters degrees offered by the University of Alaska system.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 94

SENATE BILL NO. 94 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the required participating share for school district construction grants; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Finance Committees.

SB 95

SENATE BILL NO. 95 BY SENATOR STOLTZE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to membership in the Alaska Workforce Investment Board."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of House Bills

HB 132

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 132(L&C) "An Act relating to the purpose, powers, and duties of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation related to the Alaska liquefied natural gas project and an in-state natural gas pipeline; relating to the in-state natural gas pipeline fund; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Wielechowski offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 3, lines 26 - 28:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Giessel objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 132(L&C)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Kelly, Olson, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Nays: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Stedman, Stevens

Stoltze changed from "Nay" to "Yea".

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 132(L&C) was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 132(L&C) "An Act relating to the purpose, powers, and duties of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation related to the Alaska liquefied natural gas project and an in-state natural gas pipeline; relating to the in-state natural gas pipeline fund; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 132(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Stevens, Stoltze

Nays: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Hoffman, Olson, Stedman, Wielechowski

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 132(L&C) passed the Senate.

Senator Coghill moved for the adoption of the effective date clause.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 132(L&C)

Effective Date Clause

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Nays: Ellis, Gardner, Olson, Wielechowski

and so, the effective date clause was adopted.

Senator Olson gave notice of reconsideration.

Citations

Commemorating - Women's History Month 2015

Representative(s) Munoz, Kito

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

Honoring - John Schank 2014 ATA Driver of the Year

Representative(s) Wilson

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

Honoring - Fairbanks Amateur Hockey Association Knights 2015 Tier III Bantam State Champions

Representative(s) Wilson

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

Honoring - West High School Girls Cross Country Ski Team 2015 State Champions

Representative(s) Claman

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

Honoring - West High School Eagles Hockey Team 2015 4A State Hockey Champions

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

In Memoriam - Representative Fred Brown

Representative(s) Kawasaki, Guttenberg

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

In Memoriam - Cyril George, Sr.

Representative(s) Kito, Munoz

Senator(s) Egan, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, 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 McGuire, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived for the Senate Special Committee on the Arctic meeting on April 2 at 8:15 a.m. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 3 through morning plane time, April 6. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 4 through morning plane time, April 6. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, April 3 through plane time, April 5. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, April 3 through evening plane time, April 6. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

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., April 1, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:42 p.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 31 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + SB 87 MUNI TAXES ON DETERIORATED PROPERTY

Apr 02 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 31 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 79 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS & ADMIN
 += SB 80 ED. STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS/FED FUNDS
 + SB 89 PARENT RIGHTS: EDUCATION; SCHOOL ABSENCE

Apr 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 37 SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS
 += SB 79 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS & ADMIN
 += SB 80 ED. STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS/FED FUNDS
 += SB 89 PARENT RIGHTS: EDUCATION; SCHOOL ABSENCE

FINANCE**Mar 31 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

+= HB 72 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += HB 73 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + Statewide Public Testimony:
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set to 2 minutes> --
 Please Arrive 15 Minutes Prior to the End of the
 Time Period or Testimony Will Close Early
 If You Are a Member of a Group with the Same
 Message, in the Interest of Time, Please Select
 a Spokesperson to Testify for the Entire Group
 If You Live in a Community with an LIO, But Are
 Unable to Access it, You May Send Your Written
 Testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
 via finance.committee@akleg.gov
 9:00 am Anchorage
 10:30 am Glennallen, Seward, Homer

Mar 31 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Meeting Postponed to 2:00 pm --
 += HB 72 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += HB 73 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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 Testimony to the Senate Finance Committee
 via finance.committee@akleg.gov
 1:30 pm Fairbanks, Mat-Su
 2:30 pm Kenai, Kodiak, Dillingham
 3:30 pm Statewide Teleconference - Offnet Sites

Apr 01 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= HB 72 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += HB 73 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Apr 02 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ HB 72 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 73 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

+ SB 71 VACCINE CERTIFICATION FOR PHARMACISTS

+ SB 86 REFINED FUEL SURCHARGE; MOTOR FUEL TAX

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- Public Testimony --

+ SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES

+ SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM

+ Presentations:

+ DHSS Commissioner Davidson / Deputy Commissioner

Jon Sherwood

+ Amanda Ryder, Legislative Finance (Medicaid

Numbers)

+ Arnold Liebeltdt / DHSS (Fiscal Notes)

<Rescheduled from 3/30/15>

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 01 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --
 + SB 23 IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING OPIOID OD DRUG
 + SB 82 ALCOHOL/SUBST ABUSE PROGRAM MITIGATION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 31 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed to 2:00 pm --
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 76 REAL ESTATE BROKERS; LIABILITY
 + SB 77 SHAREHOLDER ACCESS TO CORP RECORDS
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Commissioner Chris Hladick, Department of
 Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
 + Board and Commission Appointees:
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 Real Estate Commission
 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 18 HEALTH CARE SHARE MINISTRY NOT INSURANCE
 SB 69 BD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS; PRACTICE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Apr 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 68 ANTLERLESS MOOSE SEASONS; CLOSURES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HB 70 CREAMER'S FIELD REFUGE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 31 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + HB 56 ALASKA FIREFIGHTERS' DAY
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 24 LEGIS. ETHICS ACT: CONTRACTORS, INTERNS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES
 <Pending Referral>
 + SB 1 REGULATION OF SMOKING
 <Initial Presentation by Sponsor>
 + SB 58 TRANSPORT NETWORK SVES. & WORKERS COMP
 -- Public Testimony --
 <Pending Referral>
 + SB 91 CRIMINAL LAW/PROCEDURE; DRIV LIC; PUB AID
 <Initial Presentation by Sponsor>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 31 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY**

Apr 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
+ Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA)
Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RuralCAP)
Alaska Community Development Corporation and
Interior Weatherization, Inc. Will Be Presenting
Their Collective, Statewide Contributions and
Impact on Alaska Energy Issues and Policy
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC

Apr 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:15 AM
-- Time Change --
-- Uniform Rule 23 Waived --
+ HCR 5 DECLARE 2015-2017 AS YEARS OF THE ARCTIC
Presentation: Art Ivanoff, Bering Sea Alliance
-- Public Testimony --