

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**May 19, 2015**

**Twenty-second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 12:00 p.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the Governor**

**SB 35**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on May 14 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 35 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 22, SLA 2015  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 72**

Message dated May 18 was read stating:

Dear President Meyer:

On this date, I have signed the following bill passed by the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, with line item vetoes, and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 72(brf sup maj fld H) "An Act making  
appropriations for the operating and loan program  
expenses of state government and for certain  
programs and capitalizing funds; amending  
appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 23, SLA 2015  
[Effective Date: See Chapter]

My line item vetoes are extraordinary in light of the fact that the Legislature transmitted a budget in CCS HB 72(brf sup maj fld H) (HB 72) for fiscal year 2016 that was underfunded by nearly \$3,000,000,000. I called a special session on April 27, 2015, asking the Legislature to address the unfunded portion of HB 72. As of today, the Legislature has not resolved the funding shortfall.

In the event legislative action is not forthcoming, the line item vetoes ensure continued operation of critical State functions, including prisons, detention centers, and work by State Troopers. The version of HB 72 I have transmitted also will keep open facilities, including the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and the Alaska Pioneers' Homes and ensure distribution of health care payments for several months. This version of HB 72 ensures full debt service payments to mitigate the negative impact a significantly underfunded budget may have on the State's credit rating. In addition, it also allows every agency to allocate funds for heat, lights, and emergency maintenance and services for maintaining critical operations such as network communications and payroll. Finally, this option provides the ability to maintain programs that operate fully on earned receipts, designated funds, and federal funds.

Absent legislative action to address the shortfall, most other government functions will likely have to stop shortly after July 1. If the Legislature does not take action before June 1, 2015, layoff notices for personnel not directly responsible for health, life, and safety functions will be sent to affected employees.

Respecting the separate branches of government, both the Legislature and Judiciary budgets remain as presented in CCS HB 72(brf sup maj fld H).

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bill Walker  
Governor

**HB 73**

Message dated May 18 was read stating:

Dear President Meyer:

On this date, I have signed the following bill passed by the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for permanent filing:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73 "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 24, SLA 2015  
[Effective Date: 7/1/15]

As passed by the Legislature, CCS HB 73 totals \$242,300,000, including \$201,900,000 in unrestricted general funds. Although I am signing CCS HB 73, I remain gravely concerned that the execution of programs and services will be negatively impacted by the current

legislative budget impasse. I urge you to find a resolution to fund an adequate budget that provides for a healthy and sustainable future for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker  
Governor

### **Announcements**

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

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., May 21, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**EDUCATION**

**May 19      Tuesday                      Anch Lio Auditorium                      11:00 AM**

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+    HB 44    SEX ABUSE/ASSAULT/DATING VIOL PREV. PROGS

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**May 20      Wednesday                      Anch Lio Auditorium                      11:00 AM**

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**FINANCE**

**May 20      Wednesday                      Anch Lio Auditorium                      1:30 PM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --

+                      FY15 and FY16 Operating Budgets

**May 21      Thursday                      Anch Lio Room A,B,C                      2:00 PM**

+                      FY15 and FY16 Operating Budgets

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Jun 02</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Anch Lio</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	-- Subcommittee Meeting --		
	EXECUTIVE SESSION:		
	Subcommittee on the Performance Review Scope for the Department of Education and Early Development		
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**TASK FORCE ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**

<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Anch Lio Auditorium</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Time: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM		
+	UAS Privacy Policy Discussion and Review of Privacy Guidelines Document		
	-- Public Testimony --		