

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 28, 2016**

**Seventieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:20 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator MacKinnon was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bishop, McGuire were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Pat Casey, Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God of all goodness, listen to the prayers of all who are gathered here in this Senate Chamber, as we pray for Peace and Justice around the world, and that as you debate the issues of the day you keep in mind the people who you are called to serve are primary in the decisions that you make here today.        Amen.

Senator Ellis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

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

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

#### **SB 207**

SENATE BILL NO. 207 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to increasing employer contributions to the defined benefit plan in the teachers' retirement system."

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

Senator Gardner moved to add a Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral to the bill. Senator Coghill objected.

The question being: "Shall a Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral be added?"

#### SB 207

Shall a CRA Committee Referral be Added?

**YEAS: 4 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Wielechowski

Nays: Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Excused: MacKinnon, McGuire

Absent: Bishop

and so, the motion to add a referral failed.

#### **SB 208**

SENATE BILL NO. 208 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act eliminating the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Senator Gardner moved to add an Education Committee referral to the bill. Senator Coghill objected.

The question being: "Shall an Education Committee referral be added?"

SB 208

Shall an Education Committee Referral be Added?

**YEAS: 4 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Wielechowski

Nays: Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Excused: MacKinnon, McGuire

Absent: Bishop

and so, the motion to add a referral failed.

**SB 209**

SENATE BILL NO. 209 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to increasing employer contributions to the defined benefit plan in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska."

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

Senator Gardner moved to add a Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral to the bill. Senator Coghill objected.

The question being: "Shall a Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral be added?"

SB 209

Shall a CRA Committee Referral be Added?

**YEAS: 4 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Wielechowski

Nays: Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Excused: MacKinnon, McGuire

Absent: Bishop

and so, the motion to add a referral failed.

**SB 210**

SENATE BILL NO. 210 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the community revenue sharing program; changing the name of the community revenue sharing program to the community assistance program; and relating to the municipal property tax exemption on the residence of a senior, a disabled veteran, and a widow or widower of a senior or disabled veteran."

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

Senator Gardner moved to add a Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral to the bill. Senator Coghill objected.

The question being: "Shall a Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral be added?"

SB 210

Shall a CRA Committee Referral be Added?

**YEAS: 4 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Wielechowski

Nays: Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Excused: MacKinnon, McGuire

Absent: Bishop

and so, the motion to add a referral failed.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Second Reading of House Bills**

##### **HB 175**

HOUSE BILL NO. 175 "An Act establishing November 1 as Military Family Day" was read the second time.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 175 was read the third time.

Senators Stoltze, Kelly, Coghill, Stevens, Micciche, Egan, Stedman, Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 175 "An Act establishing November 1 as Military Family Day" pass the Senate?"  
The roll was taken with the following result:

##### **HB 175**

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Excused: MacKinnon, McGuire

Absent: Bishop

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 175 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

### **Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SCR 16**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Urging the Governor to designate a location for a special session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, if called after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, that is in a community on the state's road system, was read the second time.

Senator Stoltze, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 2221. Senator Gardner objected, then withdrew her objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16(STA) Urging the Governor to designate a location for a special session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, if called after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska State Legislature, that is in a community on the state's road system, was adopted.

President Meyer stated CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16(STA) will be considered on the March 30 calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Citations**

Honoring - Anchorage Area Mushing Class 2016 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race

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

Honoring - Taylor Engstrom

Representative(s) Millett

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

Honoring - Scammon Bay Eagles 2016 1A Girls State Basketball Champions

Representative(s) Foster

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

Honoring - Ruth Sandvik

Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins

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

In Memoriam - Robert Alberts, M.D., M.P.H.

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

In Memoriam - A.C. Gribble

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

Representative(s) Seaton

In Memoriam - Veva Doris Becker

Representative(s) Kawasaki

Senator(s) Kelly, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, 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**

#### **SB 88**

Senator Egan moved and asked unanimous consent that the Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 88 "An Act relating to new defined benefit tiers

in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date." Senator Coghill objected.

The question being: "Shall the Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral be waived?"

The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 88

Waive bill from CRA Committee?

**YEAS: 4 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Wielechowski

Nays: Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze

Excused: MacKinnon, McGuire

Absent: Bishop

and so, the motion failed.

#### **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 30, 2016. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:11 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**

<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>+ SB 200</b>	<b>MANDATORY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN SCHOOLS</b>		
	-- Public Testimony --		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>+ SB 91</b>	<b>OMNIBUS CRIM LAW &amp; PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS</b>		
<b>+</b>	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>+ SB 91</b>	<b>OMNIBUS CRIM LAW &amp; PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS</b>		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Reinvestment		
<b>+</b>	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE (continued)**

- Mar 29 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 + SB 207 PERS & TEACHERS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
 + SB 208 ELIMINATE AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP  
 + SB 209 PERS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
 + SB 210 COMM. REV. SHARING;PROP. TAX EXEMPTIONS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 30 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Dr. Gunnar Knapp, Director and Professor of  
 Economics, ISER - UAA  
 += SB 114 PERM FUND: EARNINGS, DEPOSITS, ACCOUNTS  
 += SB 128 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 30 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 += SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Pretrial & Sentencing  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 31 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Angela Rodell, Executive Director, Alaska  
 Permanent Fund Corporation  
 += SB 114 PERM FUND: EARNINGS, DEPOSITS, ACCOUNTS  
 += SB 128 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 31 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 + Considerations of Governor's Appointees:  
 Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
 Laraine Derr  
 Jerome Selby  
 += SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Community Supervision  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM**  
 += SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Miscellaneous/other Sections in SB 91  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Apr 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 += SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS  
 -- Public Testimony <Limited to 2 Minutes> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 02 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**  
 += SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 28 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 113 NEW DRUGS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL  
 += SB 156 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTIVES  
 + SB 179 BAN LATE TERM ABORTION; CHILD SURRENDER  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 01 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 28 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Delayed to 2:00 p.m. --  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 8 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION LICENSES  
 += SB 165 ALCO. BEV. CONT. BOARD; MINORS; ALCOHOL  
 += SB 112 ADOPTION OF CHILD IN STATE CUSTODY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Mar 30 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Overview of the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in  
 Sturgeon v. Frost Case  
 Attorney General Craig Richards  
 += SB 103 RESIDENTIAL PSYCHIATRIC EDUCATION FUNDING  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 01 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 29 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of  
 Directors  
 + SB 206 REINSURANCE PROGRAM; HEALTH INS. WAIVERS  
 += SB 55 OPTOMETRY & OPTOMETRISTS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Mar 31 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 State Medical Board  
 + SB 201 PHARMA BD & EMPLOYEES; DRUG DIST/MANUFAC  
 + SB 175 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS  
 + SB 166 DRUG PRESCRIPTION DATABASE; REGISTRATION  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 + SB 169 PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTION OF CONTRACEPTIVES  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Public Testimony --

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**RESOURCES**

- Mar 28 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Hearing May Go Until 5:30 p.m. --
- + HB 137 HUNT/FISH/TRAP: FEES;LICENSES;EXEMPTIONS
- + HB 216 NAVIGABLE WATER; INTERFERENCE, DEFINITION  
 -- Public Testimony --
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Board of Directors, Alaska Gasline Development  
 Corporation: Joey Merrick, Luke Hopkins  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Mar 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Hearing May Go Until 5:30 p.m. --
- + SB 205 APPROVAL OF SALE OF ROYALTY OIL TO TESORO  
 -- Public Testimony --
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointee:  
 Board of Directors, Alaska Gasline Development  
 Corporation: Dave Cruz  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointee --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Apr 01 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Hearing May Go Until 5:30 p.m. --
- + Overview: State of Food Security in Alaska  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Apr 02 Saturday Butrovich 205 2:00 PM**  
 -- Please Note Additional Hearing --
- + Overview: Alaska's Oil and Gas Tax Credit System:  
 Department of Revenue; Legislative Consultants analytica  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

- Mar 29 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
- + SJR 12 CONST. AM: ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 -- Public Testimony --
- + HB 128 ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY  
 -- Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Mar 31 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 194 LAO/HMONG VETERAN DRIVER'S LIC. & ID CARD  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 171 DOA PAYMENTS; REPEAL OTHER DOA DUTIES  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 144 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR FED. PROJ/PROG  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 29 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 Joint with the House Transportation Committee  
 + H.R. 2029 - Consolidated Appropriations Act  
 2016 Alaska Earmarks  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 31 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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

**Mar 31 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 -- Location Change --  
 += SB 192 AIDEA BONDS, LOANS, FUND; AEA LOAN  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 193 EXTEND EXEMPTION FOR SMALL POWER PLANTS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + HB 143 AIDEA BONDS, LOANS, FUND; AEA LOAN  
 <Pending Referral> -- Public Testimony --

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
+	Anchorage LIO - Executive Session		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees		