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First Day

Pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the Senate of the State of Alaska assembled in the Senate chamber for the first regular session of the Thirtieth Legislature. The Senate was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by the Honorable Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor.

Colors

The following members of the United States Coast Guard, District Seventeen Color Guard presented the colors:

National Ensign

Petty Officer Terrence Cruz

CG Standard

Petty Officer Zachary Hubbell

Right Shoulder Arms

Petty Officer Elizabeth Cuellar

Left Shoulder Arms

Petty Officer Emily Sheppard

Senator Wilson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Anthem

Allison Holtkamp performed "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Alaska Flag Song

Jazmin Cherian and Linda Mattson performed "Alaska's Flag" accompanied by Stephen Mattson, guitarist.

Invocation

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Mike Rydman, Radiant Church Juneau. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Oh Lord God, in 1 Chronicles 29 it says that King David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now I thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Father, I'm praying for our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, our Senators and their staff people, our Representatives and their staff people, and the many other government and community leaders throughout our State. Lord, I know it is You who has placed these people in these positions of leadership and influence. I also believe, as it says in your Word, that "the king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will."

In repeating these words from Scripture, Lord, I know I acknowledge You as the sovereign and ultimate authority over us. Therefore, Father, grant these our leaders, these men and women You have placed over us, wisdom and discernment so they'll be strong and effective leaders.

Help them to lead and govern with integrity, and may that high commitment to integrity guide them in their decisions and actions. Help them, Lord, to know when to acquiesce for the sake of the greater good, and to know when the greater good demands they hold to their convictions.

Father, everyone in this room knows their decisions have great and direct impact on the lives of everyone who calls Alaska home. Please give them your grace to not feel they have to assume this burden alone. Lord, please give our leaders both courage and grace to work toward the greater good for all Alaskans.

And Father, I ask that you would give the citizens of our State a new and fresh willingness to support and follow our leaders in this next season. Lord God, You have called these people to a difficult and arduous task. The challenges are many. Some know through experience what they will face. Others are new to their roles.

I ask that You protect their health, that You keep them safe, and that You grant them endurance for the role and task You have called them to. Father, please protect their hearts from bitterness or indifference. In this Lord, I ask for a supernatural unity, unity of purpose and even a unity of process that only You can make happen.

Lord, I pray that these folks would execute justice when called for, and mercy when needed. Father, I pray that they would govern with what You called Your people to do centuries ago during the Prophet Jeremiah's time, that they would pray for and work for the "welfare of the city," and by extension now, this State.

Lord God, I lay our petitions before You, because You alone are God; and we are not. I also know that it is You who places leaders over us, whether they acknowledge You or not. Our leaders need You. We all need You. Bless us all in these next days, O Lord. Be God in our midst. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Election Certification

The Lieutenant Governor read the certificate of election:

I, Josie Bahnke, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 8th day of November, 2016, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following are the certified results for the office designated:

Senate District B	John B. Coghill Jr.	4 year term
Senate District D	David S. Wilson	4 year term
Senate District F	Shelley Hughes	4 year term
Senate District H	Bill Wielechowski	4 year term
Senate District J	Tom Begich	4 year term
Senate District L	Natasha A. von Imhof	4 year term
Senate District N	Catherine A. "Cathy" Giessel	4 year term
Senate District P	Gary Stevens	4 year term
Senate District R	Bert K. Stedman	4 year term
Senate District T	Donald C. "Donny" Olson	4 year term

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 1st day of December, A.D. 2016.

/s/

Josie Bahnke, Director
Division of Elections

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District B	John B. Coghill Jr.
Senate District D	David S. Wilson
Senate District F	Shelley Hughes
Senate District H	Bill Wielechowski
Senate District J	Tom Begich

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District L	Natasha A. von Imhof
Senate District N	Catherine A. "Cathy" Giessel
Senate District P	Gary Stevens
Senate District R	Bert K. Stedman
Senate District T	Donald C. "Donny" Olson

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

President Pro Tempore

Lieutenant Governor Mallott announced that nominations were in order for President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Meyer be nominated. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations for President pro tempore of the Senate be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Meyer be elected President pro tempore. There being no objection, Senator Meyer was elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested Senator Stevens and Senator Gardner escort the President pro tempore to the rostrum.

President pro tempore Meyer requested Senator Stevens and Senator Gardner escort the Lieutenant Governor from the chamber.

President pro tempore Meyer announced that under provisions of law, AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules of the Twelfth Legislature, First Session, as amended in 1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2012 will serve as the temporary rules of the current legislature until permanent rules are adopted.

President

President pro tempore Meyer announced that nominations for Senate President were open.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Kelly be nominated President of the Senate for the Thirtieth Legislature.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Kelly be elected President of the Senate for the Thirtieth Legislature. Without objection, Senator Kelly was elected Senate President.

President pro tempore Meyer requested Senator Coghill and Senator Giessel escort President Kelly to the podium.

Representative Claman and Representative Wilson called on the Senate to inform the body that the House was organized and ready to do business.

In accordance with Uniform Rule 1(e), President Kelly made the following appointments:

Committee on Committees

Senator Kelly, Chair
Senator Micciche
Senator Meyer
Senator MacKinnon
Senator Gardner

President Kelly appointed Senator MacKinnon and Senator von Imhof to inform the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

President Kelly appointed Senator Bishop and Senator Wielechowski to inform the House that the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Recess

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 2:45 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

Senator MacKinnon reported the Governor was informed the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Senator Bishop reported the House was informed the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate move down the calendar to Reports of Special Committees. Without objection, the Senate advanced to:

Special Committee Reports**Committee on Committees Report**

January 17, 2017

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Committees has met and submits to the Senate for its consideration chairs and members to the ten standing committees as approved by the Committee on Committees:

Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Senator Bishop, Chair
Senator MacKinnon
Senator Hoffman
Senator Stedman
Senator Gardner

Education Committee

Senator Hughes, Chair
Senator Stevens
Senator Giessel
Senator Coghill
Senator Begich

Finance Committee

Senator MacKinnon, Cochair
Senator Hoffman, Cochair
Senator Micciche
Senator Bishop
Senator Dunleavy
Senator von Imhof
Senator Olson

Health and Social Services Committee

Senator Wilson, Chair
Senator von Imhof, Vice Chair
Senator Giessel
Senator Micciche
Senator Begich

Judiciary Committee

Senator Coghill, Chair
Senator Costello
Senator Meyer
Senator Kelly
Senator Wielechowski

Labor and Commerce Committee

Senator Costello, Chair
Senator Hughes, Vice Chair
Senator Meyer
Senator Stevens
Senator Gardner

Resources Committee

Senator Giessel, Chair
Senator Coghill, Vice Chair
Senator von Imhof
Senator Stedman
Senator Hughes
Senator Meyer
Senator Wielechowski

Rules Committee

Senator Meyer, Chair
Senator Kelly
Senator Micciche
Senator MacKinnon
Senator Gardner

State Affairs Committee

Senator Dunleavy, Chair
Senator Wilson
Senator Giessel
Senator Coghill
Senator Egan

Transportation Committee

Senator Stedman, Chair
Senator MacKinnon
Senator Bishop
Senator Wilson
Senator Egan

The report was signed by Senator Kelly, Chair; Senators Meyer, Micciche, MacKinnon, Gardner.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Committees Report be adopted. Without objection, the Committee on Committees Report was adopted.

President Kelly announced that Senator Micciche will serve as Majority Leader for the Thirtieth Legislature.

President Kelly announced that the Minority has selected Senator Gardner to serve as Minority Leader for the Thirtieth Legislature.

President Kelly stated the Senate would return to Messages from the House. There being no objection, the Senate returned to:

Messages from the House

Message dated January 17 was read stating:

The House of Representatives invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirtieth Alaska Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18 for the purpose of hearing Governor Walker's State of the State Address.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SR 1

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 be taken up. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 1

Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

SR 2

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on the Arctic.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 be taken up. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on the Arctic, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 2

Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that further introduction and reference of senate resolutions be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the introduction and reference of senate bills be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Unfinished Business

Election of Senate Secretary

In accordance with AS 24.10.030 and Uniform Rule 3(a), Senator Meyer, Rules Committee Chair, nominated Liz Clark to serve as Senate Secretary for the Thirtieth Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that Liz Clark be elected Senate Secretary for the Thirtieth Legislature. Without objection, Liz Clark was elected Senate Secretary for the Thirtieth Legislature.

Introduction of Floor Staff

Senator Meyer, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the 2017 Chamber Staff as follows:

Sergeant-at-Arms

Grace Ellsworth, Juneau

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Romorenzo Marasigan, Juneau

Senate Pages

Jacob Almeida, Palmer

Michaela Anderson, Fairbanks

Sarah Bertram, Juneau

Sydney Krebsbach, Juneau

River Maketa, Palmer

Jacob Pennell, Wasilla

President Kelly made the following appointments:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Senator Coghill

Senator Egan

Senator Stevens, Alternate to Senator Coghill

Senator Gardner, Alternate to Senator Egan

Senator Micciche moved that Senator Coghill and Senator Egan be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Coghill and Senator Egan be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Coghill and Senator Egan be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

and so, Senator Coghill and Senator Egan were ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Senator Micciche moved that Senator Stevens and Senator Gardner be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Gardner be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Gardner be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

and so, Senator Stevens and Senator Gardner were ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

President Kelly made the following appointments:

Legislative Council

Senator Stedman, Vice Chair
Senator Kelly
Senator Meyer
Senator Stevens
Senator Hoffman
Senator MacKinnon
Senator Micciche
Senator Giessel, Alternate

Legislative Budget & Audit

Senator Stevens, Chair
Senator MacKinnon
Senator Giessel
Senator Bishop
Senator Hoffman
Senator Costello, Alternate

Joint Armed Services Committee

Senator Costello, Cochair
Senator Coghill
Senator Kelly
Senator Hughes
Senator Wielechowski

SR 1

Senate Special Committee on World Trade

Senator Stevens, Chair
Senator Meyer
Senator Bishop
Senator Hoffman
Senator Micciche
Senator Stedman
Senator Gardner

SR 2

Senate Special Committee on the Arctic

Senator Giessel, Chair

Senator Kelly

Senator Dunleavy

Senator Hoffman

Senator Olson

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 18, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

EDUCATION

Jan 18	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 20	Friday	Capitol 106	8:00 AM
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	-- Joint with House Education Committee --		
+	Overview: Department of Education and Early Development		

FINANCE

Jan 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Overview FY18 Operating Budget		
	Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget		
Jan 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: 2016 Fall Revenue Forecast		
	Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner, Department of Revenue		

FINANCE (continued)

Jan 20 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Overview FY18 Operating Budget
 David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 18 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **9:00 AM**
 + 2017 ECONOMIC FORECAST
 Department of Labor & Workforce Development
 Presentation: Current Trends in Alaska's Economy
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 18 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + STATE OF ALASKA'S ECONOMY
 Institute of Social & Economic Research
 Presentation: What Do We Know About the Alaska
 Economy and Where is it Heading?
 Northern Economics
 Presentation: Forecasting Alaska's Economy 2016 - 2027
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 19 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + MOVING ALASKA'S ECONOMY FORWARD
 Panel of Experts:
 Institute of Social & Economic Research
 Northern Economics
 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 Northrim Bank
 Department of Labor and Workforce Development
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 24 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + ECONOMIC INDICATORS & TRENDS
 Alaska Travel Industry Association
 Presentation: Alaska Tourism Industry and Trends
 Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
 Presentation: Alaska International Airport
 System - An Economic Engine
 Division of Insurance
 Presentation: Alaska's Health Care Insurance Market
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Jan 26	Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM STRATEGY FOR ALASKA'S ECONOMY Alaska Regional Development Organizations Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation Southeast Conference Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development Presentation: Northern Opportunity: Alaska's Economic Strategy -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----
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RESOURCES

Jan 23	Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- + Update: Alaska LNG Project
Jan 25	Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- + Alaska Energy Authority: Presentation on Alaska Affordable Energy Strategy
Jan 27	Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM No Meeting Scheduled -----

RULES

Jan 18	Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Organizational Meeting -----
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JOINT COMMITTEES**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

Jan 24	Tuesday	Location TBA	8:30 AM
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-- MEETING CANCELED --

+ Call to Order

Welcome New Legislators & Public Members

Approval of Minutes

a. August 18, 2016 Full Committee

b. August 18, 2016 Senate Committee

c. August 18, 2016 House Committee

-- Public Comment --

Election of Committee Chairs for 2017-18

Chair / Staff Report

a. Comments from Administrator

b. Informal Advice Staff Report

c. Ethics Training

- 2016 Final Numbers

- 2017 Training Update

d. Ethics Disclosures

e. COGEL Conference Report

- Comments from Conner Thomas, Skip Cook, and Jerry D. Anderson

f. Publications

- Advisory Opinions & Public Decisions

- 2017 Standards of Conduct Handbook

Annual Benefit and Loan Review

Executive Session

Public Session

Other Business