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

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Dan Wiese, Church of the Nazarene. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of justice and mercy, thank you for the gift of life, and the opportunity for these elected individuals to serve the people of our state. Help us to act with character and conviction; help us to listen with understanding and good will; help us to speak with charity and restraint. Give us a spirit of service. Remind us that we are stewards of your authority and ultimately accountable before You, Our God. Guide us to be the leaders your people need. Help us see the humanity and dignity of those who disagree with us, and to treat all persons, no matter how weak or poor, with the reverence your creation deserves. And finally Father, renew us with the strength of your presence and the wisdom that comes from on high.

Bless these Senators, their staff and their families. I lift before you the concerns on their hearts and the needs in their families.

I pray this in the Name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Senator Wilson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Education and Early Development
2016 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 14.03.078

State Commission for Human Rights
2016 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 18.80.150

Department of Health and Social Services
Statewide Suicide Prevention Council
2016 Annual Implementation Report
in accordance with AS 44.29.360

Alaska Judicial Council
Twenty-Eighth Report 2015 - 2016
to the Legislature and Supreme Court
in accordance with art. IV, sec. 9, Constitution of the State of Alaska

Alaska Comprehensive Health Insurance Association
2015 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 21.55.020

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 5

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 BY SENATOR
GARDNER,

Proclaiming March 2, 2018, as Alaska Reads Day.

was read the first time and referred to the Education and State Affairs
Committees.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 68

SENATE BILL NO. 68 BY SENATOR DUNLEAVY, entitled:

"An Act relating to railroad rights-of-way."

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

SB 69

SENATE BILL NO. 69 BY SENATOR EGAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving weapons in
the fifth degree; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 70

SENATE BILL NO. 70 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,
entitled:

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; relating to the Alaska permanent fund, the earnings of the Alaska permanent fund, and the earnings reserve account; relating to the mental health trust fund; relating to deposits into the dividend fund; relating to the calculation and payment of permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time. President Kelly referred the bill to the Finance Committee.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to add a State Affairs Committee referral to the bill. President Kelly cited Uniform Rule 39(b) and ruled the referral in order.

Senator Wielechowski appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question being: "Shall the Senate Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 70

Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wilson

Nays: Egan, Gardner, Wielechowski

Excused: Begich, MacKinnon, von Imhof

and so, the ruling of the Chair was upheld. The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Recess

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:21 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Kelly, who called the Joint Session to order at 10:40 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Stutes, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Kelly appointed Representative Ortiz and Senator Meyer to escort U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced the Honorable Dan Sullivan's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Dan Sullivan was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Kelly.

U.S. Senator Sullivan delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan received a standing ovation.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Kelly adjourned the Joint Session at 11:30 a.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - 40th Anniversary of Noel Wien Library

Representative(s) Kawasaki, Thompson

Senator(s) Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

Honoring - Presbyterian Hospitality House 60th Anniversary

Representative(s) Kawasaki, Guttenberg

Senator(s) Kelly, Coghill, Begich, Bishop, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

Honoring - Lauree Hugonin Morton

Representative(s) Parish, Kito

Senator(s) Egan, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Nancy McGuire

Senator(s) Olson, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Representative(s) Foster

In Memoriam - Lottie C. Fleeks

Representative(s) Kawasaki, Guttenberg

Senator(s) Kelly, Coghill, Begich, Bishop, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Senator Micciche 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

SCR 2

Senator Dunleavy, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the State Affairs Committee referral be waived on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proclaiming April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Without objection, the resolution was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

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., February 27, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:41 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

Feb 28	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ = HB 78	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY		
+ SB 64	UNIFORM ENVIROMENTAL COVENANTS ACT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
 Mar 02	 Thursday	 Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	 3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+	Public Hearing on Virtual Education in Alaska		
	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
 Feb 27	 Monday	 Butrovich 205	 8:00 AM
+	Preparing Teachers and Administrators for a		
	Virtual Education Setting		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
 Mar 01	 Wednesday	 Butrovich 205	 8:00 AM
+	Academic Results in Alaska's Schools		
	Commissioner Michael Johnson, Department of		
	Education and Early Development		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 03 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + Broadband Access in Alaska's School Districts
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 66 ST. COUNCIL ON THE ARTS: PUBLIC CORP.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE

Feb 24 Friday Senate Finance 532 8:30 AM
 + Projections and Forecasting Alaska Permanent Fund
 Mr. Greg Allen, President and Director of
 Research, Callan Associates
 Mr. Steve Center, CFA, Senior Vice President
 Callan Associates

Feb 27 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 70 APPROP. LIMIT/BUDGET PROCESS/PERM FUND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 28 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 22 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 + SB 24 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + FY18 Operating Amendments
 Pat Pitney, Directory, Office of Management and
 Budget
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 01 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 70 APPROP. LIMIT/BUDGET PROCESS/PERM FUND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 02 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 14 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES
 + SB 57 AIDEA:DIVIDEND TO STATE;INCOME;VALUATION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 03 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 27	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SCR 2	SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH:APRIL 2017		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Mar 01	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 63	REGULATION OF SMOKING		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 03	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 24	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+ SB 54	CRIME AND SENTENCING		
Feb 27	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 01	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 54	CRIME AND SENTENCING		
	Invited Testimony from:		
	- Department of Corrections		
	- Department of Law		
	- Public Defender		
	- Court System		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Mar 03	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 54	CRIME AND SENTENCING		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 28 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 15 E-CIGS: SALE TO AND POSSESSION BY MINOR
 += SB 45 EXEMPTION: LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS
 += SB 40 OMNIBUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
 += SB 29 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Public Testimony --

Mar 02 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 4 NON-CHEMICAL BARBERING;HAIR BRAIDING
 + SB 51 EXTEND BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Public Testimony --

RESOURCES

Feb 24 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 27 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 60 FISH & GAME: OFFENSES;LICENSES;PENALTIES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 60 FISH & GAME: OFFENSES;LICENSES;PENALTIES
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 44 OIL & GAS TAX CREDIT REPORTING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 03 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 46 OCT 25: AFR-AMER SOLDIERS AK HWY DAY
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 21 PERMANENT FUND: INCOME; POMV; DIVIDENDS
 += SB 26 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SJR 2 CONST AM: APPROPRIATION LIMIT
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 48 INS. FOR DEPENDS. OF DECEASED FIRE/POLICE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 27 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Agenda TBA

Mar 01 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Agenda TBA

Mar 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Tentative FY18 Subcommittee Budget Close-Out

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 28	Tuesday Overview	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
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Mar 14	Tuesday Close-out	Senate Finance 532	8:20 AM
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CORRECTIONS

Mar 01 +	Wednesday FY18 Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
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Mar 10 +	Friday Budget Close-Out	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM
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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 28	Tuesday Agenda TBA	Butrovich 205	7:30 AM
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Mar 07	Tuesday Agenda TBA	Butrovich 205	7:30 AM
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Mar 09	Thursday Tentative FY18 Subcommittee Budget Close-Out	Butrovich 205	7:30 AM
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 02 +	Thursday Governor's FY18 Budget Overview	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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Mar 09 +	Thursday Agenda TBA	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
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FISH & GAME

Mar 14	Tuesday Close-out	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 28	Tuesday Public Health Nursing Alaska Community Health Center System	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 02	Thursday Medicaid Optional Services Review <Above Item Removed from Agenda> Update on SB 74 (2016), Medicaid Reform	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 07	Tuesday Medicaid Rates <Above Item Removed from Agenda> Medicaid Optional Services Review	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 09	Thursday Medicaid Rates	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 14	Tuesday Agenda to Follow	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 16	Thursday If Needed	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM

LAW

Feb 27	Monday Agenda TBA	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM
Mar 01	Wednesday Agenda TBA	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM
Mar 08	Wednesday Tentative FY18 Subcommittee Budget Close-Out	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 01	Wednesday Departmental Overview	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:45 PM
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REVENUE

Feb 27	Monday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY18 Budget Overview		
Mar 09	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+	Budget Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 02	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:15 AM
+	Agenda TBA		
Mar 09	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:15 AM
+	Agenda TBA		
Mar 16	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:15 AM
+	Agenda TBA		

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mar 23	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	11:30 AM
+	Briefings by:		
	Lieutenant General Kenneth S. Wilsbach		
	- Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace		
	Command Region		
	- Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern		
	Command		
	- Commander, Eleventh Air Force		
	Major General Bryan R. Owens		
	- Commanding General, U.S. Army AK		
	Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister		
	- Commander, Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard		
	District		
	Major General Laurel J. Hummel		
	- The Adjutant General, AK National Guard		
	- Commissioner, AK Dept. of Military & Veterans'		
	Affairs		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 24	Friday	House Chamber	10:30 AM
+	Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 01	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Presentation by Greg Jones, Mental Health Trust Authority CEO and Jeff Jesse, Mental Health Trust Authority Legislative Liaison Sponsored by Senator Begich		

Mar 22	Wednesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Alaska Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Sponsored by Senator Hoffman		