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Forty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Coghill was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Nathan Stearman, Juneau Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Good morning, Lord! What a magnificent day it is! A grand reminder of the wonder and beauty of our great state—in which each of us are grateful to share some part. Today these senators continue to wrestle with the challenge of balancing our state finances and meeting the financial demands of operating such a large, diverse state. I ask for wisdom on their behalf. They are also challenged with meeting the varied demands of the many peoples of our great state. Today I ask for wisdom on behalf of these senators as they carry the wellbeing of this great state on their shoulders—addressing these real and present challenges. Grant them wisdom in the decisions they make regarding the Alaska Marine Highway. Also bless their efforts as they intend to set aside February as Black History Month here in the state of Alaska. Thank you, God! Amen.

Senator Begich led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirty-ninth through forty-first legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

SCR 3

Message dated February 24 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning House Joint Resolution No. 5, urging the
United States Congress to pass legislation to open the
coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
to oil and gas development; urging the United States
Department of the Interior to recognize the private
property rights of owners of land in and adjacent to
the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; relating to oil
and gas exploration, development, production, and
royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative
energy technologies.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

HJR 5

Message dated February 24 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(AET) Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development; urging the United States Department of the Interior to recognize the private property rights of owners of land in and

adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; relating to oil and gas exploration, development, production, and royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative energy technologies, thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 5(ARC) Urging the United
States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal
plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil
and gas development; relating to oil and gas
exploration, development, production, and royalties;
and relating to renewable and alternative energy
technologies. (Title Change SCR 3)

Standing Committee Reports

SB 7

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 7 "An Act establishing a museum construction grant program in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7(CRA) "An Act
establishing a museum grant program in the
Department of Commerce, Community, and
Economic Development."

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gardner, Hoffman, Stedman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 71**

SENATE BILL NO. 71 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to limitations on certain commercial fishing loans made by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 33**

SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act naming the state ferries built in Ketchikan and entering Alaska marine highway system service on or after 2017; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 33 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act naming the state ferries built in Ketchikan and entering Alaska marine highway system service on or after 2017; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 33

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Coghill

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 33 passed the Senate.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SR 3

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Proclaiming February 2017 as Black History Month, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The following fiscal information was published today by the Rules Committee:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Proclaiming February 2017 as Black History Month, pass the Senate?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 3

Second Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Coghill

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

Citations

Honoring - Steve MacDonald

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

Representative(s) Gara

Honoring - Fairbanks Native Association 50th 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, Wilson

Honoring - Pioneer Park 50th Anniversary

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, Wilson

Honoring - Leena Robinson

Representative(s) Talerico

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

In Memoriam - R.L. "Dick" McLean

Senator(s) Bishop, Kelly, Begich, Coghill, 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.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Women's History Month 2017

Representative(s) Tarr

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

Honoring - AWARE Women of Distinction 2017

Representative(s) Kito

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

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

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 2 through morning plane time, March 5. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

Senators Bishop, MacKinnon moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 5. Without objection, Senators Bishop, MacKinnon were excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 3. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 6. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senators Hughes, Dunleavy moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 3 through evening plane time, March 5. Without objection, Senators Hughes, Dunleavy were excused.

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 10 through evening plane time, March 12. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 33

SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act naming the state ferries built in Ketchikan and entering Alaska marine highway system service on or after 2017; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 1, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:32 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 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> --		

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 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 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 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 Public Safety
 - Department of Law
 - Public Defender
 - Court System
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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 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
	Department of Administration FY2018 Budget		
	- Enterprise Technology Services		
	- Alaska Land Mobile Radio		
	- Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission		
Mar 01	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Department of Administration FY2018 Budget		
	Division of Motor Vehicles		
	Indirect Expenditures		
Mar 08	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Agenda TBA		
Mar 10	Friday	Butrovich 205	11:30 AM
	Subcommittee Close-Out - Tentative		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

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

CORRECTIONS

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

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

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 Department of Law FY2018 Budget - James Cantor, Deputy Attorney General - Review of House Law Subcommittee Recommendations - Recoveries: Anti-trust, Oil & Gas, and Environmental Also Anticipated to be Available at the Hearing: - AAG Ed Sniffen, RAPA Section Chief (By Phone) - Criminal Division Director John Skidmore (In Person)	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		

OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mar 01 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
Organizational Meeting

VICTIMS ADVOCATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mar 01 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
Organizational Meeting

OTHER MEETINGS**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

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