

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**                      **Thursday**                      **February 22, 2018**  
  
**Thirty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 10:51 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator Wielechowski was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Costello was absent. The seat from District E was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Michelle Hale, Council Member of the Juneau Shambhala Center. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

*The Way of the Bodhisattva*

May I be a guard for those who are protectorless,  
And a guide for those who journey on the road.  
For those who wish to go across the water,  
May I be a boat, a raft, a bridge.

May I be an isle for those who yearn for landfall,  
And a lamp for those who long for light;  
For those who need a resting place, a bed;  
For all who need a servant, may I be their slave.

Blessings to you all as you go about your day.

Senator Hughes led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the thirty-seventh legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Recess**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:54 a.m.

**After Recess****Joint Session in the House**

The presence of Senator Costello was noted.

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 11:04 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, 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 Tuck 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 Chenault and Senator Gardner to escort Senator Murkowski to the Joint Session.

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

Senator Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Kelly.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski delivered her address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 16.

Following her address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Gardner and Representative Chenault.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Kelly adjourned the Joint Session at 12:02 p.m.

#### **After Recess**

#### **In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

#### **Communications**

#### **Appointment Confirmation**

Letter dated February 22 to Governor Bill Walker from the Senate Republicans was read stating:

This morning the Senate Republicans met to consider your appointment of Mike Shower to fill the vacant seat in Senate District E. We are pleased to report that he has been confirmed as the state Senator for District E.

Signing the letter: Senators Pete Kelly, Peter Micciche, Click Bishop, John Coghill, Mia Costello, Cathy Giessel, Shelley Hughes, Anna MacKinnon, Kevin Meyer, Bert Stedman, Gary Stevens, Natasha von Imhof, David Wilson.

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 151**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act relating to the number of superior court judges in the first judicial district; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senators Bishop, Kelly. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Costello.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 174**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 174 "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; and relating to the administration of programs for persons with physical and mental disabilities." Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Begich, von Imhof, Micciche, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

In Memoriam - Melvin D. Zwolle

Representative(s) Wilson

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

In Memoriam - Barbara Dillard Holladay

Representative(s) Wilson

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

Senator MacKinnon, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **SB 197**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 197 "An Act requiring a person who commits certain offenses under the code of military justice to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper; relating to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; relating to contracts made by a member of the organized militia; relating to nonjudicial punishment of members of the organized militia; relating to offenses subject to court-martial proceedings; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **SB 154**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 154 "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general fund." Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 26, 2018. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:13 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**

**Feb 22 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 27 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 203 AIDEA: BONDS FOR GRAPHITE CREEK PROJECT

**Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Feb 23 Friday Capitol 106 8:00 AM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Joint Meeting with the House Education Committee  
 Presentation: UAF Vice Chancellor for Research  
 Larry Hinzman  
 "The Power of University Alaska Research"  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Feb 26 Monday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 + SB 185 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS & ADMIN  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Feb 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 + HB 214 BREE'S LAW; DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAMS  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 02 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Feb 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 104 EDUCATION CURRICULUM  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 168 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL OP.; FUND; AMENDING

**Feb 23 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 131 EDUCATION FUNDING; BUDGET  
 + HB 287 APPROP: PUPIL TRANSPORTATION; EDUCATION  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += HB 195 INSURER'S USE OF CREDIT HISTORY/SCORES  
 + HB 120 DEPT OF LAW: ADVOCACY BEFORE FERC  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 105 MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY LIC. & SERVICES  
 + SB 108 MEDICAL CARE/LICENSING/MEDICAL BOARD  
 + SB 165 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + HB 321 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL OP.; FUND; AMENDING  
 <Pending Referral>  
 += SB 104 EDUCATION CURRICULUM  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 01 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 92 VESSELS: REGISTRATION/TITLES; DERELICTS  
 + SB 128 MARIJUANA EDU/TREATMENT FUND/PROGRAM  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 02 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 23 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: DHSS Office of Children's Services  
 Citizen Review Panel  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 122 OCS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --

**Feb 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: DHSS Office of Children's Services  
 Response to Citizen Review Panel  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 02 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: Key Campaign  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 23 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Feb 26 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ HB 208 TRUSTS; COMM PROP TRUSTS; POWERS OF APPT  
 + SB 148 BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR POLICE & TRAINING  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 28 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ SB 173 LIABILITY: PESTICIDES & UTILITY POLES  
 + HB 43 NEW DRUGS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 02 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointee:  
 Dennis "Skip" Cook, Select Committee on  
 Legislative Ethics  
 + SJR 14 CONST. AM: PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION  
 + HB 312 CRIMES AGAINST MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 22 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ SB 165 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 161 DENTISTRY: TEMPORARY PERMIT  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 27 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ SB 205 TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION/EXEMPTIONS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SJR 7 CONST. AM: VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW TAXES  
 + SB 119 HEALTH CARE COSTS: DISCLOSURE;INSURERS;  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 27 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**

-- Please Note Time --  
 += SB 119 HEALTH CARE COSTS: DISCLOSURE;INSURERS;  
 -- Public Testimony --

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 110 TOURISM MARKETING:BOARD;ASSESSMENT;FUND  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**RESOURCES**

**Feb 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 26 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees  
 Big Game Commercial Services Board:  
 - Ms. Michelle Heun, Palmer  
 - Mr. Cash Joyce, Wasilla  
 - Mr. Robert Beans, Palmer  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --  
 + SB 202 NATIVE CORP. LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATION  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Alaska Minerals Commission  
 Overview of Annual Report  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Update on the Alaska LNG Project  
 Alaska Gasline Development Corporation  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += HB 44 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS: VOTING & CONFLICTS  
 += SB 130 VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW TAXES

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Feb 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**

- + SCR 17 APRIL 2018:SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 204 DISABLED VET PLATES:CHIROPRACTORS CERTIFY  
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 192 VOTING: ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY; FEES  
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 207 TRANSFER DUTIES FROM DCCED  
-- Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**

- + SB 212 PEACE OFFICER/FIREFIGHTER RETIRE BENEFITS  
-- Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

- MEETING CANCELED --
- + Southcoast Region Overview and Project Update

**Feb 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

- + Southcoast Region Overview and Project Update

**Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

- + SB 163 DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES
- + HB 204 OVERTAKING/PASSING ROAD WORK VEHICLES
- + HB 82 OFF HWY DRIVER'S LIC.;REGISTRATION;INSUR.

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM**

- + Medicaid Reform, Supplemental Budget Request  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

<b>Feb 27</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Behavioral Health, Public Health -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>Mar 01</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> Health Care Services, Public Assistance -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>Mar 06</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Office of Children's Services, Juvenile Justice -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>Mar 08</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> Pioneer Homes, Seniors and Disabilities Service -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>Mar 13</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Closeout -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>

**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Feb 27</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Brief Agency Overview Highlights of Major Budget Changes Governor's Amendments, If Any House Changes	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Mar 06</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Budget Subcommittee Close-Out	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Feb 27</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Brief Agency Overview Highlights of Major Budget Changes Governor's Amendments, If Any House Changes	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
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**NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+	Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Committee Questions		
<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+	Budget Subcommittee Close-Out		

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>
+	FY19 Budget Proposal Overview -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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**REVENUE**

<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation		
+	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation		
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	FY19 Budget Highlights		

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Brief Agency Overview Highlights of Major Budget Changes Governor's Amendments, If Any House Changes		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+	Alaska Marine Highway System Committee Questions		
<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Budget Subcommittee Close-Out		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Feb 23      Friday                      Gruenberg 120      12:00 PM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 +      Sexual & Other Workplace Harassment Subcommittee  
 Agenda: Policy  
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

**Mar 08      Thursday                      Capitol 106      9:30 AM**  
 Senate Subcommittee  
 +      Public Comment  
 EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 Public Session

**Mar 08      Thursday                      Capitol 106      10:30 AM**  
 +      Approval of January Minutes  
 Public Comment  
 Chair/Staff Report  
 a. Outside Counsel Contract  
 b. Private Investigator Contract  
 c. Personnel  
 EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 Public Session  
 Other Business  
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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

**Feb 22      Thursday                      House Chamber      11:00 AM**  
 Annual Address by the Honorable  
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

**Feb 26      Monday                      House Chamber      11:00 AM**  
 Annual Address by the Honorable  
 Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator  
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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

- Feb 22**      **Thursday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **9:00 AM**  
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
Presentation on China, LNG, & the Alaska Gas Pipeline  
by Dr. Wenran Jiang, LBA Consultant  
Sponsored by Senator Stedman, Chair, LBA  
Committee
- Mar 08**      **Thursday**                              **Capitol 106**              **12:00 PM**  
Lunch & Learn:  
Ethics in Action in the Alaska Legislature  
Presenter:  
Dr. Charla Brown, Assistant Professor of Human  
Resource Management, University of Alaska  
Southeast  
Sponsored by Representative Kito