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**Juneau, Alaska                      Monday                      February 26, 2018**

**Forty-second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 10:53 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Wielechowski was absent. The seat from District E was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Gordon Krueger, Senate Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Today, I am filled with gratitude, Gratitude for the beauty that surrounds this small town. When I stare at these majestic mountains, they bring me a sense of security and peace.

When my problems begin to consume my mind, these mountains bring me back down to size. These mountains are much greater than my problems. They teach me to listen, because life speaks through nature - the changing of the seasons, salmon swimming back up the river, bears emerging in spring, the Northern Lights, and the many other acts in nature are all worthy of immense gratitude. I ask that we all take the time to stop and truly appreciate the landscape surrounding us. We are all truly blessed and may we all be grateful for the giants in our back yard.

I wish you all the best in your work,                      Thank you.

Senator MacKinnon led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirty-eighth through forty-first legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 16 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the House**

Message dated February 23 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills****HB 298**

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the number of superior court judges in the first judicial district; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 130**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to a vote of the people before a broad-based individual income tax or statewide sales tax takes effect" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 130(STA) "An Act requiring advisory votes on legislative enactment of an individual income tax and a statewide sales tax."

Signing do pass: Senator Meyer, Chair; Senator Wilson. Signing do not pass: Senator Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senators Giessel, Egan.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 165**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 165 "An Act relating to the Alaska comprehensive health insurance fund; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Stevens, Micciche, Meyer, Gardner.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 195**

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 195 "An Act relating to insurer actions based on credit history and insurance scores at insurance policy renewal; and providing for insurer consideration of consumer requests for exceptions of credit history or insurance scores." Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, MacKinnon, Cochairs; Senators Bishop, von Imhof, Stevens, Micciche. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

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

Honoring - Prudhoe Bay Oil Field Discovery 50th Anniversary  
Senator(s) Giessel, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson  
Representative(s) Lincoln

In Memoriam - Myra Heaps

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

In Memoriam - Paul Leroy Newcomer

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

In Memoriam - Ruth L. Nelson

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

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

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

#### **Special Order of Business**

In Memoriam - James D. Balamaci

Representative(s) Millet

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

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

#### **Recess**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:03 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 11:13 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 Seaton and Senator Costello to escort Senator Sullivan to the Joint Session.

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

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

The Honorable Dan Sullivan delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 17.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Sullivan received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Costello and Representative Seaton.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Kelly adjourned the Joint Session at 12:09 p.m.

**After Recess****In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

President Kelly appointed Senator Hughes and Senator Wilson to escort Mike Shower to the chamber.

President Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Shower who was appointed by the Governor (page 2076) and confirmed by the Senate Republicans (page 2097) to fill the vacancy in Senate District E.

**Oath of Office**

I, Mike Shower, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as Senator to the best of my ability.

President Kelly officially welcomed Senator Shower as a member of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature.

**Unfinished Business**

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

**SJR 14**

Senators Hughes, Micciche, MacKinnon, Meyer, Wilson, Coghil, Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to notice and consent before termination of a minor's pregnancy. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 4. Without objection, Senator Gardner was excused.

Senator Begich 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 4. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 4. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 28, 2018. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:53 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>Feb 27</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 203	AIDEA: BONDS FOR GRAPHITE CREEK PROJECT		
<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ SB 185	REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS & ADMIN		
	-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+ HB 214	BREE'S LAW; DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAMS		
	-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 02</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**FINANCE**

- 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
- 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

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- 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:  
 += SB 122 OCS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

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

**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 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**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- 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

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**RESOURCES**

**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

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**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

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**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 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 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM**  
 + Behavioral Health, Public Health  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM**  
 + Health Care Services, Public Assistance  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM**  
 + Office of Children's Services, Juvenile Justice  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM**  
 + Pioneer Homes, Seniors and Disabilities Service  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 13 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM**  
 + Closeout  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Feb 27**      **Tuesday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **11:00 AM**  
 +              Brief Agency Overview  
                  Highlights of Major Budget Changes  
                  Governor's Amendments, If Any  
                  House Changes

**Mar 06**      **Tuesday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **11:00 AM**  
 +              Budget Subcommittee Close-Out

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Feb 27**      **Tuesday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **12:00 PM**  
 +              Brief Agency Overview  
                  Highlights of Major Budget Changes  
                  Governor's Amendments, If Any  
                  House Changes

**Mar 01**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **12:00 PM**  
 +              Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
                  Committee Questions

**Mar 08**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **12:00 PM**  
 +              Budget Subcommittee Close-Out

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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**REVENUE**

**Feb 28**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**      **1:30 PM**  
 +              FY19 Budget Highlights

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 01**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **11:00 AM**  
 +              Brief Agency Overview  
                  Highlights of Major Budget Changes  
                  Governor's Amendments, If Any  
                  House Changes

**Mar 06**      **Tuesday**                              **Butrovich 205**      **12:00 PM**  
 +              Alaska Marine Highway System  
                  Committee Questions

**Mar 08**      **Thursday**                              **Butrovich 205**      **11:00 AM**  
                  Budget Subcommittee Close-Out

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

**Feb 27**      **Tuesday**                              **Gruenberg 120**      **7:00 AM**  
 +              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 26**      **Monday**                              **House Chamber**              **11:00 AM**  
Annual Address by the Honorable  
Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

**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