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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 7, 2018**

**Fifty-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 11:05 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Gina Halverson, The Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, thank you. Thank you, for allowing me to influence the world around me. Thank you, for the faith You have entrusted to me. I recognize You as holy, almighty, and redeemer. I ask that You go before the leaders here in the decision they make and the world they create. I ask that You go before the conflicts and disagreements, give them wisdom to subside, eliminate and resolve the issues before them. I ask that you give the ability for all to work together, through every disagreement, in harmony. Give us the ability to live with the decision we work in harmony to preserve and establish and that it will Honor You. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Senator Shower led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the forty-ninth and fiftieth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the Governor****HB 186**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on March 6 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 186 "An Act relating to the donation of food; and relating to food banks."

Chapter 1, SLA 2018  
Effective Date: 6/4/18

**Messages from the House**

Message dated March 5 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills****HB 96**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act amending the calculation of adjusted gross income for purposes of the tax on gambling activities aboard large passenger vessels; repealing a provision allowing an investigation expense under the Alaska Small Loans Act to be in place of a fee required under the Alaska Business License Act; repealing the amount that may be deducted from the tobacco excise tax to cover the expense of accounting and filing for

the monthly tax return; repealing the discount on cigarette tax stamps provided as compensation for affixing the stamps to packages; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 275**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 275(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; relating to license renewal and criminal history record checks for massage therapists; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 278**

HOUSE BILL NO. 278 BY REPRESENTATIVES JOSEPHSON, Tuck, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 279**

HOUSE BILL NO. 279 BY REPRESENTATIVES JOSEPHSON, Tuck, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Real Estate Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 280**

HOUSE BILL NO. 280 BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON,  
entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board  
of Marital and Family Therapy; and providing for an  
effective date."

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

**Communications**

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

Local Boundary Commission  
2017 Annual Report to the Second Session of the  
Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature

Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board  
Alaska Training Program Performance Report  
For Participants Exiting Programs in SFY 2016  
February 2018

**Standing Committee Reports**

Reports dated March 7 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Finance Committee reviewed  
the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a  
joint session for consideration:

**Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees, Alaska**  
Verné Boerner – Anchorage

**Regulatory Commission of Alaska**  
Janis Wilson – Anchorage  
Paul Lisankie – Anchorage

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the reports: Senators Hoffman, MacKinnon, Cochairs; Senators Bishop, von Imhof, Stevens, Micciche.

**SB 163**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 163 "An Act relating to commercial motor vehicles." Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Chair. Signing do pass: Senator Egan. Signing amend: Senator Wilson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SB 196**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to an appropriation limit; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Meyer, Chair; Senators Giessel, Wilson. Signing do not pass: Senator Egan. Signing no recommendation: Senator Coghil.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SJR 15**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,

Urging federal government employees to follow lawful Acts of the United States Congress; urging the federal government to terminate federal agency employees who fail to follow the law; and urging the

United States Secretary of Agriculture to review the actions of and inaction by the United States Forest Service relating to unlawful management of the Tongass National Forest in ways that are damaging to citizens of Alaska.

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

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 215**

SENATE BILL NO. 215 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to multi-line telephone systems."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Second Reading of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 204**

SENATE BILL NO. 204 "An Act relating to special registration plates for vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities" was read the second time.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 204 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 204 "An Act relating to special registration plates for vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 204

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 204 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring - Alaska Veterans Museum

Representative(s) LeDoux

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

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

### **Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Kate and Ben Mitchell

Representative(s) Seaton

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

In Memoriam - Daniel Kakikseenoruk Karmun, Sr.  
Representative(s) Foster  
Senator(s) Olson, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan,  
Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche,  
Shower, 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.

### Unfinished Business

#### SJR 1

Senator Wielechowski moved SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 be discharged from the Judiciary Committee. Senator Micciche objected.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, establishing the earnings reserve account, and relating to the permanent fund dividend, be discharged from the Judiciary Committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

#### SJR 1

Discharge from Judiciary Committee?

**YEAS: 7 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 failed to be discharged from the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to take up the Sense of the Senate that had been tabled February 12 (page 1997).

Senator Micciche objected.



The question being: "Shall the Senate take up the Sense of the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall the Senate take up  
the Sense of the Senate?

**YEAS: 5 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Begich, Egan, Gardner, Olson, Wielechowski

Nays: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wilson

Olson changed from "Nay" to "Yea".

and so, the Sense of the Senate failed to be taken up.

### **SJR 1**

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, establishing the earnings reserve account, and relating to the permanent fund dividend. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 14 through morning plane time, March 18. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Engrossment**

#### **SB 204**

SENATE BILL NO. 204 "An Act relating to special registration plates for vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 8, 2018. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:49 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**

**Mar 08      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 07      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 += SB 185 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS & ADMIN  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 09      Friday                                  Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 + SCR 15 MARCH 27, 2018:AK EDUCATION & SHARING DAY  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 07      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees  
 Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees:  
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**FINANCE (continued)**

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Mr. Mike Powers  
Ms. Verne Boerner  
Regulatory Commission of Alaska:  
Ms. Janis Wilson  
Mr. Paul Lisankie

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 08 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

+ HB 321 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL OP.; FUND; AMENDING  
<Bill Hearing Canceled>

+ SB 92 VESSELS: REGISTRATION/TITLES; DERELICTS

+ SB 158 OIL/HAZARDOUS SUB.:CLEANUP/REIMBURSEMENT

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 09 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees:  
Verne Boerner  
Mike Powers

-- Public Testimony on Appointees --  
+ Presentation: DHSS Office of Children's Services  
Response to the Citizen Review Panel  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+ SB 169 MEDICAID: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COVERAGE

**Mar 09 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

- Mar 12 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: Randall Burns, Director, DHSS  
 Division of Behavioral Health  
 "Behavioral Health Continuum of Care and the  
 Alaska Psychiatric Institution"  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 193 MED. ASSISTANCE WORK REQUIREMENT  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + HB 138 MARCH: SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 81 DHSS CENT. REGISTRY; LICENSE; BCKGROUND CHK
- Mar 16 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + HB 123 DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH CARE COSTS  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**JUDICIARY**

- Mar 07 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 109 CRIM HIST CHECK: ST EMPLOYEES/CONTRACTORS  
 + SB 124 ABORTION PROCEDURES; CHILD SURRENDER  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 09 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 += SB 124 ABORTION PROCEDURES; CHILD SURRENDER  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 08 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += HB 157 LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSN.  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 205 TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION/EXEMPTIONS  
 -- Public Testimony --

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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees  
 Big Game Commercial Services Board:  
 - Mr. Adam Trombley  
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska:  
 - Commissioner Janis Wilson  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --  
 + SJR 13 URGING CO-MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SEA OTTERS  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Mar 09 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 12 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 211 TEMP. TRANSFER OF COMM. FISHING PERMITS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SJR 13 URGING CO-MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SEA OTTERS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees  
 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission:  
 -Commissioner Designee Dale Kelley  
 -Commissioner Designee Vance Fate Putman  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --

**Mar 16 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ SB 186 VOTER REGISTRATION & PFD APP REGISTRATION  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 14 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 4:00 PM**  
-- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --  
Budget Subcommittee Closeout  
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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 13 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
-- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --  
Budget Subcommittee Closeout  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 13 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 2:30 PM**  
FY19 Budget Closeout  
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**FISH & GAME**

**Mar 13 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM**  
Close-Out  
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**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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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 13**      **Tuesday**                              **Fahrenkamp 203**              **4:00 PM**  
 FY19 Budget Closeout

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 13**      **Tuesday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **11:00 AM**  
 +              -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Budget Subcommittee Close-Out, if Necessary

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**LAW**

**Mar 13**      **Tuesday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **4:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --  
 Budget Subcommittee Closeout

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Mar 08**      **Thursday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **12:00 PM**  
 +              -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- Agenda Change --  
 Budget Subcommittee Close-Out  
 <Above Item Rescheduled to 3/13/18>  
 <New Item Added Below>  
 +              Committee Questions



**NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

**Mar 13 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**  
 + Budget Subcommittee Close-Out  
 --Above Item Rescheduled from 03/08/18 --  
 -- Above Item Removed from Agenda --  
 -- Below Item Rescheduled from 03/08/18 --  
 + Committee Questions

**Mar 15 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**  
 + Budget Subcommittee Close-Out, if Needed  
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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- Agenda Change --  
 + Budget Subcommittee Close-Out  
 <Above Item Rescheduled to 03/15/18>  
 <Below Items Rescheduled from 03/06/18>  
 + Alaska Marine Highway System  
 Committee Questions

**Mar 13 Tuesday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM**  
 + <Below Items Rescheduled from 03/08/18>  
 Alaska Marine Highway System  
 Committee Questions

**Mar 15 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM**  
 + -- Rescheduled from 03/08/18 --  
 Budget Subcommittee Close-Out  
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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Mar 14 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 7:45 AM**  
 FY19 Budget Closeout  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Mar 22      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              11:30 AM**  
 Briefings by:  
 +      Lieutenant General Kenneth S. Wilsbach  
       Commander, Alaska North American Aerospace  
       Command Region  
       Commander, Alaska Command, U.S. Northern Command  
       Commander, Eleventh Air Force  
 +      Major General Mark O'Neil  
       Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska  
 +      Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister  
       Commander, Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard District  
 +      Major General Laurel J. Hummel  
       The Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard  
       Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and  
       Veterans' Affairs

**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

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
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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