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Twenty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Shower was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Gordon Blue, Church of the Holy Trinity. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Make this a day acceptable to You, and let our cry come to You. Guide this body of your people, the Alaska Senate, lead them into right pathways.

Kindle their light, to break forth like the dawn, and the healing of our State shall spring up quickly. Lord, may the light of this healing rise in the darkness, and lift the gloom of the people to the hope of the noonday.

Send out your guidance continually, and satisfy the needs of trust in parched places. Make the bones of our affections strong; and make us like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Renew the wisdom of the ancestors so they shall raise up the foundations of many generations; let them be called the repairers of the breach, and the restorers of streets to live in. Amen.

Senator Reinbold led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-fifth through twenty-seventh legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated February 8 were read stating:

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

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Moses Toyukak Sr. – Manokotak

Marilyn Charles – Emmonak

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Jason Bunch – Kodiak

Cash Joyce – Wasilla

Tom Harris – 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: Senator Birch, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Reinbold, Coghill, Giessel, Kawasaki.

SB 32

In accordance with Uniform Rule 48(d), Senator Hughes, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent SENATE BILL NO. 32 "An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to probation; relating to sentencing; relating to reports of involuntary commitment; amending Rule 6, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date" be discharged

from the Judiciary Committee. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, the bill was discharged from the Judiciary Committee.

President Giessel added a State Affairs Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the State Affairs, then Finance Committees.

SB 34

President Giessel added a Judiciary Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 34 "An Act relating to probation; relating to a program allowing probationers to earn credits for complying with the conditions of probation; relating to early termination of probation; relating to parole; relating to a program allowing parolees to earn credits for complying with the conditions of parole; relating to early termination of parole; relating to eligibility for discretionary parole; relating to good time; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary and Finance Committees.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 48**

SENATE BILL NO. 48 BY SENATOR BEGICH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the goal of obtaining 50 percent of the energy used by the state and state-funded facilities from clean energy sources by 2025."

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

SB 49

SENATE BILL NO. 49 BY SENATOR BEGICH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the retrofitting of certain public facilities and community facilities; relating to the performance of energy audits on schools and

community facilities; and relating to the duties of the Alaska Energy Authority and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

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

SB 50

SENATE BILL NO. 50 BY SENATOR BISHOP, entitled:

"An Act imposing an annual educational facilities maintenance and construction tax on net earnings from self-employment and wages; relating to the administration and enforcement of the educational facilities maintenance and construction tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 51

SENATE BILL NO. 51 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act requiring the designation of state water as outstanding national resource water to occur by law; relating to the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Natural Resources to nominate water for designation as outstanding national resource water; relating to management of outstanding national resource water by the Department of Environmental Conservation; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 52

SENATE BILL NO. 52 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 53

SENATE BILL NO. 53 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam - Senator Bettye Jean Davis
Representative(s) Drummond, Tarr
Senator(s) Giessel, Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 227) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 14 through evening plane time, February 17. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

SB 53

Senators Begich, Bishop, Hughes, Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to the duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska." Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Giessel made the following appointments:

National Conference of State Legislatures**Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee**

Senator Kawasaki

Budgets and Revenue Committee

Senator Gray-Jackson

Senator Micciche

Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Senator Kawasaki

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education**Legislative Advisory Committee**

Senator Stevens

Pacific Northwest Economic Region

Senator Costello

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Senator Stevens

Announcements

Senator Wilson, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived for a Health and Social Services Committee meeting on February 13 at 1:30 p.m.: An Overview of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 13, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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FINANCE

- Feb 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ - Joint with Senate Health & Social Services -
Alaska Healthcare Transformation Project Update:
- Sandra Heffern, Executive Director, Effective Health Design
- Scott Leitz, Senior Fellow, NORC at the University of Chicago
- Lynne Snyder, Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist, NORC at the University of Chicago
- Feb 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ Evaluating Multi-agency Initiatives on Housing & Homelessness by:
- Dick Mandsager, Rasmuson Foundation Senior Fellow for Homelessness
- Mike Abbott, CEO, Alaska Mental Health Authority
- Bryan Butcher, CEO/Executive Director, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Brian Wilson, Executive Director, Alaska Coalition on Housing & Homelessness
- Jasmine Khan, Executive Director, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
- Feb 13 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ SB 37 RENEWAL OF VACCINE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
Mental Health Board of Trustees
- Ken McCarty
- John Sturgeon
- Joe Riggs
Regulatory Commission of Alaska
- Dan Sullivan
- Feb 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
<Pending Introduction & Referral of SSSB 20>
OMB Director Arduin
Departmental Review:
Public Safety, Law, Corrections, Military & Veterans Affairs
Judiciary, Governor, Legislature

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 <Pending Introduction & Referral of SSSB 20>
 Departmental Review Continued:
 - Natural Resources
 - Environmental Conservation
 - Fish & Game
 - Labor & Workforce Development
 - Commerce, Community & Economic Development
 - Administration
 - Revenue
 - Education & Early Development
 - University

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- Please Note Time & Location Change --
 - Joint with Senate Finance -
 + Presentation:
 Alaska Health Care Transformation Project Update
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 -- Teleconference Listen Only --

Feb 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Uniform Rule 23 Waived --
 Overview: Alaska Psychiatric Institute
 DHSS Division of Behavioral Health
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 15 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 7 MED. ASSISTANCE WORK REQUIREMENT
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 -- Teleconference Listen Only --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

- Feb 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Lieutenant Governor Successor-Designee Johnson
 -- Teleconference Invitation Only --
 += SB 34 PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS
- Feb 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 34 PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION

TRANSPORTATION

- Feb 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointee:
 Edward Sinclair, Board of Marine Pilots
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Overview:
 Alaska Railroad by President & CEO Bill O'Leary
- Feb 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

- Feb 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM**
 + - Fiscal Situation, Program Requirements,
 Department History, Missions & Outcomes
 + - Division Overviews
 Continuation of Program Overviews - If Necessary
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

- Feb 19 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**
 + FY20 DEED Budget

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Feb 26 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
 + FY20 DEED Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 21 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
 Agenda to be Announced

Feb 28 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
 Agenda to be Announced

Mar 07 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
 Agenda to be Announced

FISH & GAME

Feb 12 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **11:15 AM**
 + - "Alaska's Fiscal Situation" by Legislative
 Finance Division
 - Department Program Requirements
 - Department 10-Year Budget History by
 Legislative Finance Division
 - Department Mission & Outcomes
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 11 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:00 AM**
 + State Fiscal Overview & Department History,
 Mission & Outcomes
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 18 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
 + FY20 Budget Proposal Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 21	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 28	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 07	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

LAW

Feb 14	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- FY 2020 Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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Feb 15	Friday -- Rescheduled from 02/14/19 -- FY 2020 Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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Mar 06	Wednesday Continuation of FY 2020 Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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Mar 13	Wednesday Continuation of FY 2020 Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 21	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:30 PM
Feb 28	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:30 PM
Mar 07	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:30 PM

REVENUE

Feb 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + - Fiscal Situation, Program Requirements,
 Department History, Missions & Outcomes
 + - Division Overviews
 Continuation of Program Overviews - If Necessary
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 Agenda TBA

Feb 28 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 Agenda TBA

Mar 07 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 Agenda TBA

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 19 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 2:00 PM
 + FY20 University Budget

Feb 26 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 2:00 PM
 + FY20 University Budget

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 19 Tuesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

JOINT SESSION (continued)

Feb 20 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable
 Joel H. Bolger, Chief Justice

Feb 21 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 School District Legislative Fly-In
 Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public
 School System
 All Senators & School District Participants of
 the Fly-In are Encouraged to Attend

Feb 12 Tuesday Capitol 106 12:00 PM
 Lunch & Learn:
 "Feeding Alaska: The Community Impact of Hunger
 in Alaska" by Andrew Cutting, Jonathan Pistotnik
 & Matthew Hirschfeld of The Alaska Food Coalition
 Sponsored by Senator Gray-Jackson &
 Senator Costello