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Friday

February 15, 2019

Thirty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:34 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Begich, Kiehl were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Coghill, Shower were absent.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Coghill, Shower be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Coghill, Shower were excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Michael Grubbs, Ordained Deacon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Psalm 67 begins with this bidding: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving power among all nations."

Bless our Senators as they discern the right path. Help them assess and prioritize the needs of this great state. Guide our Senators and all staff who support them as the days lengthen, the pressures mount, and the resources dissipate. Help them prioritize the issues before them given the needs of the state.

Psalm 2 asks us: Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the people mutter empty threats? The responses to these concerns reside in the well-reasoned, equitable and just actions of our law makers. May unity and common purpose emanate from this chamber. May the good work continue.

Amen.

Senator Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the thirtieth and thirty-first legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Representative Sullivan-Leonard and Representative Hopkins called on the Senate to inform the body the House was organized and ready to do business.

Communications

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

Office of the Governor
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights
2018 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 18.80.150

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
2018 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.81.200

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 60

SENATE BILL NO. 60 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska State Defense Force."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam - Ray Lloyd Smith

Senator(s) Kawasaki, Giessel, Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Representative(s) Hopkins, Wool

In Memoriam - Jerry C. Brigham

Senator(s) Kawasaki, Giessel, Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

In Memoriam - Ruth Piser

Representative(s) Wilson

Senator(s) Giessel, Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

In Memoriam - Holly Myles

Representative(s) Wilson

Senator(s) Giessel, Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

In Memoriam - Keith Alan Goss

Representative(s) Wilson

Senator(s) Giessel, Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

In Memoriam - Verdie Graham

Representative(s) Wilson

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 citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Special Orders

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable John “Jack” Coghill, who served as a member of the Alaska Territorial House of Representatives, the Alaska Constitutional Convention, the Alaska House of Representatives, the Alaska Senate and served as Lieutenant Governor of Alaska. Without objection, the Senate observed a moment of silence.

Adjournment

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 18, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:45 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 19	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 21	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Presentation:		
	University of Alaska: "The Power of University Research" by Dr. Larry Hinzman, UAF Vice Chancellor for Research		
	-- Teleconference Listen Only --		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	SB 53	UNIV. REPORTING REQS FOR ACCREDITATION	
		-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --	
		-- Teleconference Listen Only --	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

FINANCE

Feb 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 Departmental Review Continued:
 - Law
 - Corrections
 - Military & Veterans Affairs
 - Judiciary
 -- Items Below Removed from Agenda --
 - Natural Resources
 - Environmental Conservation
 - Fish & Game
 - Labor & Workforce Development
 - Commerce, Community & Economic Development
 - Administration
 - Revenue
 - Education & Early Development
 - University

Feb 18 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 Departmental Review Continued:
 - Education & Early Development
 - Statewide
 - Health & Social Services - Rescheduled to 2/22

Feb 19 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 Departmental Review Continued:
 - University of Alaska
 - Transportation & Public Facilities
 - Revenue

Feb 20 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 Departmental Review Continued:
 - Fish & Game
 - Natural Resources
 - Environmental Conservation
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 21	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 20	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+	Departmental Review Continued:		
	- Labor & Workforce Development		
	- Administration		
	- Commerce, Community & Economic Development		
	- Governor		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 22	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 20	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+	Departmental Review Continued:		
	- Health & Social Services - Rescheduled from		
	2/18/19		
	- Item Below Removed from Agenda -		
+	Legislative Finance Overview & Analysis by David		
	Teal, Director of Legislative Finance		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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		
Feb 18	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 20	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 7	MED. ASSISTANCE WORK REQUIREMENT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 22	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+= SB 12 ASSAULT; SEX OFFENSES; SENTENCING CREDIT

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+= SB 35 CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:

+= SB 41 NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

Feb 18 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+= SB 12 ASSAULT; SEX OFFENSES; SENTENCING CREDIT

+= SB 35 CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE

-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 20 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ Presentations:

- Alaska Judicial Council by Suzanne DiPietro

- Uniform Crime Reporting Annual Report by Kathy Monfreda

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+= SB 12 ASSAULT; SEX OFFENSES; SENTENCING CREDIT

+= SB 35 CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 19 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ Presentation:

Innovation in Alaska by Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld
& Asta Kristin Sigurjonsdottir

+= SB 16 ALCOHOL LIC:FAIRS,THEATRES,CONCERTS;BONDS

-- Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 15	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Timber Industry Update by: - Chris Maisch, State Forester, Alaska Division of Forestry - David Schmid, Regional Forester, US Forest Service - Alaska Region - Jaeleen Kookesh, Vice President, Sealaska Corporation - Owen Graham, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 18	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: "Oil & Mining Solutions at the University of Alaska" by Dr. Bill Schnabel, Dean, UAF College of Engineering & Mines		
Feb 20	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 43	EXTEND BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD -- Public Testimony --		
Feb 22	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 33	ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION		
+= SB 34	PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS -Public Testimony Estimated to Start at 6:00 pm- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
Feb 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Commissioner-Designee Tshibaka, Department of Administration -- Teleconference <Invitation Only> --		
+= SB 34	PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS		
+= SB 33	ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 19	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 21	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**CORRECTIONS**

Feb 20 +	Wednesday Fiscal Situation, FY2020 Budget Overview	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:15 PM
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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 19 +	Tuesday FY20 DEED Budget	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
Feb 26 +	Tuesday FY20 DEED Budget	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 21	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Feb 28	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Mar 07	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 18	Monday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Meeting Rescheduled to 2/25/19 --		
+	FY20 Budget Proposal Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 25	Monday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Meeting Rescheduled from 2/18/19 --		
+	FY20 Budget Proposal Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

JUDICIARY

Feb 20	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Alaska Judiciary Overview Presentations:		
	- Operations of the Alaska Court System		
	- The Alaska Judicial Council		
	- The Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

LAW

Feb 15	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	-- Rescheduled from 02/14/19 --		
+	FY 2020 Budget		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LAW (continued)

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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MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 19 +	Tuesday Fiscal Situation, FY2020 Budget Overview	Butrovich 205 	5:15 PM
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 21	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 	4:30 PM
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Feb 28	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 	4:30 PM
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Mar 07	Thursday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 	4:30 PM
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TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 21	Thursday Agenda TBA	Senate Finance 532 	7:45 AM
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Feb 28	Thursday Agenda TBA	Senate Finance 532 	7:45 AM
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Mar 07	Thursday Agenda TBA	Senate Finance 532 	7:45 AM
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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 19 +	Tuesday FY20 University Budget	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
Feb 26 +	Tuesday FY20 University Budget	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 19	Tuesday Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 20	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Joel H. Bolger, Chief Justice	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 21	Thursday Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM