

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 6, 2019**

**Fifty-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:10 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Caroline Malseed, St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Creator Spirit, I pray to you for the people of the State of Alaska, and for these Senators who represent them. Unite all who dwell in this state in common purpose, in respect for one another, in graciousness and in kindness. Let the laws and policies of our government promote wellbeing, opportunity and health for all. Preserve us from minds and structures that grant privilege to some, but not for all; that exclude some from access to justice; and that divide us by race, gender, language and other arbitrary segmentation. Help us to remember we are all your children and your intention is that we be a people of equity. Help us to live by your will, our Creator.

Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent 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**

Letter dated March 5 was read stating in accordance with art. III, secs. 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation:

The following appointee has withdrawn his name from consideration, effective immediately:

Al Haynes – Wasilla

In his place, please consider the following appointee for confirmation:

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Kimberly Ziegler – Palmer

Appointed: 3/4/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Communications**

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

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Alaska Energy Authority

2018 Report to Alaskans

in accordance with AS 44.83.940

Alaska Energy Authority

Power Cost Equalization Program

Statistical Report FY 2018

Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska Training Program Performance  
for Participants Exiting Programs in State Fiscal Year 2017  
in accordance with AS 23.15.580

Technical and Vocational Education Program Report  
State Fiscal Year 2018  
in accordance with AS 23.15.835

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 4 was read stating:

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

#### **Board of Game**

Jerry Burnett – Juneau

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

Signing the report: Senator Birch, Chair; Senators Giessel, Coghill, Bishop, Reinbold, Kiehl.

Report dated March 5 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Community and Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

#### **Regulatory Commission of Alaska**

Dan Sullivan – Anchorage

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

Signing the report: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Birch, Costello.

Report dated March 5 was read stating:

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

**Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers**

Ashlee Stetson – Wasilla

**Board of Nursing**

Shannon Connelly – Palmer

Marisha Dieters – Eagle River

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 report: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Costello, Gray-Jackson, Bishop, Birch.

**SB 12**

The Judiciary Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12 "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to assault and sexual assault; relating to harassment; relating to credit toward a sentence of imprisonment for time spent in a treatment program or under electronic monitoring; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12(JUD) "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to assault; relating to credit toward a sentence of imprisonment for time spent in a treatment program or under electronic monitoring; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Micciche, Shower, Kiehl. Signing amend: Senator Reinbold.

The following fiscal information was published today:

- Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Administration
- Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration
- Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Health and Social Services
- Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law
- Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 61**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 61 "An Act relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners." Signing do pass: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Costello, Gray-Jackson, Bishop, Birch.

The following fiscal information was published today:

- Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

## **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

### **SJR 9**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 BY SENATOR COSTELLO,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation bill funding public education for grades kindergarten through 12.

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 74**

SENATE BILL NO. 74 BY SENATORS HOFFMAN, Bishop, Olson, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts."

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

**SB 75**

SENATE BILL NO. 75 BY SENATOR COSTELLO, entitled:

"An Act relating to a license to drive a commercial motor vehicle."

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

**SB 76**

SENATE BILL NO. 76 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act repealing the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to superior court jurisdiction over appeals from Alaska Workers' Compensation Board decisions; repealing Rules 201.1, 401.1, and 501.1, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, and amending Rules 202(a), 204(a) - (c), 210(e), 601(b), 602(c) and (h), and 603(a), Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 77**

SENATE BILL NO. 77 BY SENATOR BISHOP, entitled:

"An Act extending the liquefied natural gas storage facility tax credit; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 78**

SENATE BILL NO. 78 BY SENATOR BISHOP, entitled:

"An Act establishing May 31 of each year as Katie John Day."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SB 79**

SENATE BILL NO. 79 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to course credit for students; relating to annual reports regarding school district performance and school district employees; relating to school operating fund reserves; relating to competency examinations for teacher certificates; relating to the duties and powers of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission; relating to a virtual education consortium; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 80**

SENATE BILL NO. 80 BY SENATOR BIRCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to proposing and enacting laws by initiative."

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

**SB 81**

SENATE BILL NO. 81 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to electric and telephone cooperatives; and relating to telephone service and related telecommunications services."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Citations**

Senator Costello 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**

Honoring - Tlingit Code Talkers  
Representative Edgmon

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

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

Honoring - Dimond High School Girls Volleyball Team 2018 State Champions  
Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Haretina Krukoff  
Senator Hoffman  
Representative Ortiz

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

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on the following dates:

from afternoon plane time, March 8 through evening plane time, March 10

from afternoon plane time, March 15 through evening plane time, March 17

from afternoon plane time, April 19 through plane time, April 21

Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 21 through afternoon plane time, April 25. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

### **SB 50**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 50 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, June 1 through evening plane time, June 13. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

Senator Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 8 through evening plane time, March 10 and from afternoon plane time, March 15 through evening plane time, March 17. Without objection, Senator Reinbold was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 8, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:41 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 07      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 07      Thursday                      Butrovich 205                      9:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 06      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +              Economic Overview of Governor's Proposed  
 Operating Budget by Ed King, Chief Economist,  
 Office of Management & Budget & Dan Robinson,  
 Chief of Research & Analysis, Department of  
 Labor & Workforce Development  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 07      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +              Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Joe Riggs - AK Mental Health Trust  
 Economic Overview of Governor's Proposed  
 Operating Budget Continued by Mouhcine Guettabi,  
 Economist, Institute of Social & Economic  
 Research, University of Alaska  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 08 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 4 NAMING SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE  
 + SB 16 ALCOHOL LIC:FAIRS,THEATRES,CONCERTS;BONDS  
 + SB 41 NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 06 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 08 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 11 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation:  
 Overview of the Department of Health & Social  
 Services by Commissioner Adam Crum  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 15 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 06 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 - Alaska Judicial Council - Dave Parker  
 - Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar -  
 Jedediah Cox  
 - Commission of Judicial Conduct - Trevor Shaw  
 - Violent Crimes Compensation Board - John  
 Francis  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 34 PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS



**RESOURCES (continued)**

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Non-Profit Corp.

- Thor Stacey, Alaska Professional Guides Association
- Mike Hopper, The Lodge at Black Rapids
- Chris Beck, Alaska Trails/Agnew Beck
- Rhonda Coston, Yakutat Borough Planner
- Dan Kirkwood, Visitor Products Cluster, Juneau Economic Development Council

**Mar 08      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 07      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
 += SB 23    APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD  
 += SB 24    PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS  
 += SCR 1    UNIFORM RULE AMENDMENT; BUDGET  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 07      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 +            Presentation:  
 Alaska Marine Highway System by Matt McLaren -  
 AMHS Business Enterprise & Development Manager

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

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

**Mar 19      Tuesday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      4:15 PM**  
 +            Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Mar 08**      **Friday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              - Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes  
                  - Division of Senior & Disabilities Services  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Mar 11**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              - Division of Behavioral Health  
                  - Alaska Psychiatric Institute  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- Mar 07**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Agenda to be Announced
- Mar 19**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 +              Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting

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**LAW**

- Mar 06**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **8:00 AM**  
 +              Continuation of FY 2020 Budget  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Mar 13**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **8:00 AM**  
 +              Continuation of FY 2020 Budget  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Mar 07**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **4:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Agenda to be Announced
- Mar 21**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 +              Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

- Mar 07**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
 +              Alaska Marine Highway System  
 This Meeting Will Recess at 8:30 a.m. & Reconvene  
 at 4:30 p.m.
- Mar 07**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:45 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Agenda TBA
- Mar 14**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
 +              Highways, Aviation & Rural Airports
- Mar 21**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
 +              State Equipment Fleet  
 +              Inventory for Client & Agency Planning (ICAP) &  
 Administrative Costs
- Mar 28**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
 +              Statewide Transportation Improvement Program  
 (STIP) Process

**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

- Mar 07**      **Thursday**                      **Adams Room 519**                      **6:00 PM**  
 -- Teleconference Listen Only --  
 Election of Chair & Vice Chair  
 Report from David Teal, Legislative Finance Director  
 - Interaction with LBA-RPLs  
 Report from Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor  
 - Handbook & Duties  
 - Procedures & Confidentiality  
 - Status of Audits  
 Executive Session  
 - FY18 Statewide Single Audit  
 - Legal Guidance Regarding the Opinion on the  
 FY18 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)  
 Other Committee Business



