

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 15, 2019**

**Sixtieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:32 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Stevens, Wielechowski were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Kiehl was absent.

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

Dear Lord,

Give us strength to be the best we can be, humility to know our flaws, and love to share abundantly with ourselves and others. Amen.

Senator Kawasaki led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

### **Communications**

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

#### **Alaska Court System**

Travel for Justices, Judges and Magistrate Judges  
and Affidavit Information 2018  
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

2018 Time-to-Disposition Reports  
Appellate and Trial Courts  
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

Letter dated January 16 was received from Joel Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating in accordance with AS 24.60.130(b), he has nominated the following public member for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

H. Conner Thomas

President Giessel referred the nomination to the Judiciary Committee.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 14 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 Dental Examiners**

Dr. Jonathan P. Woller – Fairbanks

#### **Board of Veterinary Examiners**

Dr. Scott Flamme – Fairbanks

#### **Board of Nursing**

Emily Henry - Anchorage

**Alaska Labor Relations Agency**

Dennis Moen – Eagle River

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Kimberly Ziegler – Palmer

Bradley Austin – Juneau

Diane Thompson – Anchorage

Sara Faulkner – Homer

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, Birch, Bishop.

**SB 54**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 54 "An Act approving the transfer of certain Alaska Railroad Corporation land; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Wilson, Shower, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

The presence of Senator Kiehl was noted.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 91**

SENATE BILL NO. 91 BY SENATOR HOFFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the development and operation of a hydroelectric site at the Nuyakuk River Falls; providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Wood-Tikchik State Park; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

In Memoriam - Ann Dolney  
Senator Coghill  
Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Dr. Rudolph Waclav Krejci  
Representative Hopkins  
Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Herb Melchior  
Representative Hopkins  
Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - David Mangusso  
Representative Hopkins  
Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Banarsi Lal  
Representative Hopkins  
Senator Kawasaki

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 Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 17, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

**SJR 9**

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation bill funding public education for grades kindergarten through 12. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 86**

Senators Begich, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 86 "An Act establishing November as Alaska Native Heritage Month." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 29 through evening plane time, March 31. Without objection, Senator Wilson 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 11:00 a.m., March 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**

**Mar 19      Tuesday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 21      Thursday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 + SB 63 FISH TAX: REPEAL MUNI REFUNDS/REV. SHARE  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*



**EDUCATION**

**Mar 19      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205                      9:00 AM**  
 + SB 74 INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 <Time Limit May Be Set>  
 + SB 64 REPEAL STATE DEBT REIMBURSE. FOR SCHOOLS  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 <Time Limit May Be Set>  
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 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION (continued)**

- Mar 21      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              9:00 AM**  
 += SB 30 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
- + SB 6 PRE-ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS/FUNDING  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 <Time Limit May Be Set>  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Mar 22      Friday                                  Butrovich 205              9:00 AM**  
 -- Please Note Date --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

- Mar 15      Friday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
  
- Mar 18      Monday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 + - Spring Revenue Forecast  
 + - Oil & Gas Production Tax Audit Update  
 + - Severance Tax - Order of Operations  
 <Item Above Rescheduled to 3/22/19>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Mar 19      Tuesday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 + AIDEA: Update on Projects, Investments & Cash  
 Flow  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Mar 20      Wednesday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 + SB 54 ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Mar 21      Thursday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 + Port of Anchorage: Importance, Status Update &  
 Challenges  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 22**      **Friday**                              **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
 +              - Severance Tax - Order of Operations  
                  <Item Above Rescheduled from 3/18/19>  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**Mar 18**      **Monday**                              **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Presentation:  
                  Health Care Costs by Charles Silver & David Hyman  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 20**      **Wednesday**                              **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Presentations:  
                  - Overview of the Department of Health & Social  
                  Services by Commissioner Adam Crum (Continued  
                  from March 13)  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
                  - Department of Health & Social Services - Office  
                  of Children's Services Citizen's Review Panel by  
                  JP Ouellette, Chair  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 22**      **Friday**                              **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Presentation:  
                  Department of Health & Social Services - Office  
                  of Children's Services Response to the Citizen's  
                  Review Panel by Natalie Norberg, Director  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 15**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 55      TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --



**JUDICIARY (continued)**

- Mar 18 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 89 LEGISLATURE: ETHICS, CONFLICTS  
 --Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 += SB 35 CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 20 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 89 LEGISLATURE: ETHICS, CONFLICTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 34 PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 22 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 34 PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 23 APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 24 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Mar 19 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Boards TBA  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 65 DEPT. OF LABOR: TECHNICAL ED. PROGRAMS  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 + SB 66 LABOR STANDARDS/SAFETY; WORKER COMP.  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Mar 21 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Boards TBA  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 69 EXEMPT CHARITABLE GAMING FROM PERMIT/FEEES  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 + SJR 8 U.S.-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT ON TRADE  
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**RESOURCES**

**Mar 15 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 51 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 18 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 += SB 70 REPEAL IND. OCEAN POLLUTION MONITORS/FEE  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 51 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION  
 -- Public Testimony - Sign Up by 4:30 p.m. --  
 <Time Limit May Be Set>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Presentation:  
 Alaska LNG Update by Joe Dubler, Interim  
 President, Alaska Gasline Development Association

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STATE AFFAIRS

**Mar 19 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Alaska Police Standards Council - Jennifer Winkelman  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 += SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION  
 + SJR 6 CONST AM:APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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TRANSPORTATION

**Mar 19 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 75 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENSING REQ'S  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

**Mar 19 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 11:15 AM**  
 + Department Overview of Governor's Amended Budget  
 - Office of Public Advocacy  
 - Public Defender Agency  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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CORRECTIONS

**Mar 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:15 PM**  
 + Department Overview of Governor's FY2020 Budget

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 19**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:00 PM**  
 +              FY20 Department of Education & Early Development  
 Budget

**Mar 26**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:00 PM**  
 +              FY20 Department of Education & Early Development  
 Budget

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

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

**Mar 26**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019  
 Meeting

**Apr 02**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 Agenda to be Announced

**Apr 09**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Budget Closeout

**Apr 16**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Continue Budget Closeout if Needed

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 15**      **Friday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              -- Please Note Location Change --  
 - Division of Public Health  
 - Community Matching Grants  
 - Department Support Services  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

**Mar 18**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Division of Public Assistance  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 22**      **Friday**                              **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Division of Public Assistance  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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

**Apr 05**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting

**Apr 12**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Budget Closeout

**Apr 19**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Continue Budget Closeout if Needed

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

**Mar 27**      **Wednesday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting

**Apr 03**      **Wednesday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 Agenda to be Announced

**NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

<b>Apr 10</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Budget Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
<b>Apr 17</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Continue Budget Closeout if Needed	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<b>Mar 21</b> + +	<b>Thursday</b> State Equipment Fleet Inventory for Client & Agency Planning (ICAP) & Administrative Costs	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
<b>Mar 28</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Process	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>

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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

<b>Mar 19</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> FY20 University Budget	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 26</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> FY20 University Budget	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Mar 28</b> + + +	<b>Thursday</b> -- Please Note Location Change -- Welcome New House Legislators Public Comment Election of House Committee Chair and Vice-Chair For 2019-2020 <b>(Continued on Next Page)</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS  
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- + Advisory Opinions
  - AO 19-02
  - AO 19-03
  - AO 19-04
  - AO 19-05
- + Chair/Staff Report
  - H 17-3 Complaint Update
  - 2019 Ethics Training
- + 2019 Legislation Update
- + Other Business

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

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|---------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 15</b> | <b>Friday</b>  | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn:<br>Year of the Salmon by Jill Weitz, Director of<br>Salmon Beyond Borders & Chris Sergeant, Research<br>Scientist, University of Montana<br>Sponsored by Representative Ortiz |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 18</b> | <b>Monday</b>  | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn:<br>Campaign Finance by Jeff Clements, President,<br>American Promise<br>Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki   |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 19</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn:<br>"Overcharged: Why Americans Pay Too Much for<br>Healthcare" by the Authors of the Book, Charles<br>Silver & David Hyman<br>Sponsored by Senator Giessel                    |                      |                 |

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)**

<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
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Lunch & Learn:  
Sharing Hope: Stories from Alaskans Affected by  
Mental Illness by the National Alliance on Mental  
Illness Board of Directors: Shirley Holloway,  
Moderator; Dr. Joanne Gartenberg, Physician;  
Lily Wertz & Jason Lessard from Anchorage  
Sponsored by Senator Kiehl