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Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:36 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Begich, Bishop, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Mike Rose, Juneau Christian Center. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty God, thank you for the privilege that we have to live in the United States of America. Help us to guard and cherish our liberty and may we never take our freedom for granted. May we continually reflect that we are one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Lord, we thank you for Alaska, our home which is truly the Great Land filled with infinite promise and potential. We seek your help and wisdom in unlocking even greater resources to help our people, our state, our nation and others beyond our borders.

May your grace, favor, and wisdom be upon the Senate today for all meetings and deliberations. Heavenly Father I ask that you bless, prosper and protect the families of the Senators and their staff. May your Shalom peace rest upon all who work and assemble here today.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

Senator Reinbold led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 21 was read stating on March 18, 2019, in accordance with art. III, secs. 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted an appointee for confirmation.

The following appointee was forwarded prematurely and has declined to accept the nomination:

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Hank Bartos – Fairbanks

Messages from the House

Message dated March 20 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions****HJR 9**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(STA) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

Requesting the United States Secretary of the Treasury to mint not less than 5,000,000 \$1 coins honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich under the Native American \$1 Coin Act.

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

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Report
to the 31st Alaska State Legislature 2019
in accordance with AS 17.30.200

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 21 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:

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Charles "Chuck" Collins Jr. – Juneau
Sarah Lefebvre – Fairbanks

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Dr. Enlow Walker – North Pole

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 30

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 30 "An Act establishing the middle college program for public school students; and relating to the powers of the University of Alaska" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 30(EDC) "An Act establishing the Alaska middle college program for public school students; relating to the powers of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senators Birch, Begich.
Signing amend: Senator Costello.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, University of Alaska

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Education and Early
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 65

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 65 "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Birch, Bishop, Costello, Gray-Jackson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early
Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 66

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 66 "An Act relating to the division of labor standards and safety; relating to the division of workers' compensation; establishing the division of workers' safety and compensation; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senator Birch. Signing amend: Senators Bishop, Costello, Gray-Jackson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 89

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 89 "An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Reinbold, Micciche, Shower. Signing amend: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 95

SENATE BILL NO. 95 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act approving the transfer of certain Alaska
Railroad Corporation land; and providing for an
effective date."

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

SB 96

SENATE BILL NO. 96 BY SENATOR WILSON BY REQUEST,
entitled:

"An Act relating to the authority of first class cities and home rule cities to issue, renew, deny, suspend, revoke, and regulate certain licenses involving alcoholic beverages; and relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - West High School Girls Cross-Country Ski Team 2019
State Champions
Senator Costello
Representative Claman

In Memoriam - Dan A. Carson
Senator Kawasaki
Representative Hopkins

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 24, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 22 through morning plane time, March 25. Without objection, Senator Reinbold was excused.

SB 37

Senators Kiehl, Wilson, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 37 "An Act relating to the statewide immunization program." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 96

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 96 "An Act relating to the authority of first class cities and home rule cities to issue, renew, deny, suspend, revoke, and regulate certain licenses involving alcoholic beverages; and relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 77

Senators Coghill, Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 77 "An Act extending the liquefied natural gas storage facility tax credit; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw a prior excusal from March 22 through March 24 (page 491). Without objection, the excusal was withdrawn.

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 25, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:57 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 26 +	Tuesday Presentation: Power Cost Equalization by Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 28 +	Thursday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Mar 22 +	Friday -- MEETING CANCELED -- -- Please Note Date -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
Mar 25 +	Monday -- Please Note Time & Location -- - Joint with House Education Committee - Presentation: Alaska Council of School Administrators **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Capitol 106	8:00 AM

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 26	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+ SB 79	VIRTUAL ED/TEACHER EXAM./COURSE EXAM.		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 28	Thursday	Capitol 106	9:00 AM
	-- Please Note Location Change --		
	- Joint with House Education Committee -		
+	Presentation:		
	Alaska Board of Education & Early Development		
	Annual Report		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 29	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

FINANCE

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		
Mar 25	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview of Alaska's WWAMI Program		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	K-12 Education Funding Considerations		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 27	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 55	TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 61	COMM FISHERMEN'S FUND:VESSEL OWNER CLAIMS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	Discussion on Permanent Fund Dividend Calculation		
	<Item Above Added to Agenda>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 28 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Department of Natural Resources:
 Permitting Leases & Land Conveyances
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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> --

Mar 25 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 93 MEDICAL PROVIDER INCENTIVES/LOAN REPAYM'T
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 <Time Limit May Be Set>

Mar 27 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 1 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 93 MEDICAL PROVIDER INCENTIVES/LOAN REPAYM'T
 += SB 1 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 <Time Limit May Be Set>

JUDICIARY

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

- + SB 34 PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
-- 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

Mar 25 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SJR 6 CONST AM:APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND
<Pending Referral>
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 6:00 PM

- Please Note Time & Location --
- + SB 23 APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 24 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS
-- Public Testimony --

Mar 29 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Appointee:
Select Committee of Legislative Ethics -
H. Conner Thomas
- + SJR 6 CONST AM:APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND
<Pending Referral>
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 30 Saturday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 10:00 AM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 26 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+= SB 69 EXEMPT CHARITABLE GAMING FROM PERMIT/FEES
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 += SJR 8 U.S.-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT ON TRADE
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + SB 83 TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION/EXEMPTIONS
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + SB 52 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 44 TELEHEALTH: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; DRUGS
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 28 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+= SB 52 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ Presentation:
 Alaska LNG Update by Joe Dubler, Interim
 President, Alaska Gasline Development Association

Mar 25 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission -
 Jessie Chmielowski
 + Presentation:
 The Pebble Partnership: Project Update, Draft
 EIS & Next Steps

Mar 27 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+= SB 51 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION
 + SB 42 QUITCLAIM LAND TO UNITED STATES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 29 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 90 COOK INLET; NEW ADMIN AREA; PERMIT BUYBACK
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 25 Monday Butrovich 205 5:00 PM
 -- Please Note Date & Time --
 += SJR 6 CONST AM: APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND
 -- Public Testimony - Starts at 5:00 p.m. --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>

Mar 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += SJR 6 CONST AM: APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND
 + SJR 4 CONST. AM: STATE TAX; INITIATIVE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Wednesday Butrovich 205 6:00 PM
 -- Please Note Date & Time --
 += SJR 4 CONST. AM: STATE TAX; INITIATIVE
 -- Public Testimony - Starts at 6:00 p.m. --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>

Mar 28 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SJR 4 CONST. AM: STATE TAX; INITIATIVE
 + SJR 5 CONST. AM.: PERMANENT FUND & DIVIDEND
 -- Public Testimony - Starts at 6:00 p.m. --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 28 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 75 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENSING REQ'S
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 84 NAMING TROOPER GABE RICH MEMORIAL BRIDGE
 -- Public Testimony --

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Mar 26 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:15 AM**
 + Department Overview of Governor's Amended Budget
 - Division of Retirement & Benefits
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

Mar 25 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
 + - Division of Juvenile Justice
 - Office of Children's Services
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 29 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
 + - Division of Health Care Services
 - Medicaid Services
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Apr 05 +	Friday Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
Apr 12 +	Friday Budget Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
Apr 19 +	Friday Continue Budget Closeout if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 27 +	Wednesday Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
Apr 03	Wednesday Agenda to be Announced	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
Apr 10 +	Wednesday Budget Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
Apr 17 +	Wednesday Continue Budget Closeout if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 26 +	Tuesday Facilities Services	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 28 +	Thursday Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Process	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	FY20 University Budget		
Mar 28	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
+	FY20 Budget Overview Continued with University President		

JOINT COMMITTEES**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

Mar 28	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	10:30 AM
	-- Please Note Location Change --		
+	Welcome New House Legislators		
+	Public Comment		
+	Election of House Committee Chair and Vice-Chair For 2019-2020		
+	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		

OTHER MEETINGS**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

Mar 27	Wednesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	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		

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Mar 28	Thursday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Expanding Broadband in Alaska by Rob Scott, Senior Manager & Network Engineer & Heather Cavanaugh, Director of External Affairs Sponsored by Senator Gray-Jackson		