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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**April 3, 2019**

**Seventy-ninth Day**

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

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Bishop, Wielechowski were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Eugene Williams, First Baptist Church of Juneau, Alaska. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of all glory,

How shall we present ourselves to You this day but in such a way as to plead our total dependence upon You? As Creator, You have established our presence upon this planet. You will sustain our very lives until the day of our last breath. You have provided ample opportunities for everyone in this place to respond to the glorious salvation found in Your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

I plead in the name of Jesus this morning that You would grant each of us more opportunities to recognize and to respond to Your will for mankind. Help us today to worship You and not to worship Your creation.

Strengthen these Senators today and in the days ahead to accomplish thorough research, to set forth well thought out recommendations and to cast votes that will please and honor You.

Continue to remind us of our own weaknesses in the light of Your majestic might. And may we never forget that our time on this earth is fleeting. Help us to accomplish the tasks that we have been assigned with a fervor not unlike that exhibited through Elijah on Mount Carmel as You defeated the false prophets.

And then help each of us not to be fearful of any threats from others as Elijah was intimidated by Jezebel. Remind us of our Savior's words in the gospel of Matthew: "*[D]o not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell*" (10:28).

Lord God, the work before us is great and the distractions are many. But You are greater than all. Help us this day.

I pray these things this day in the name of Jesus, the one and only living Son of God. Amen.

Senator Wilson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated April 1 was read stating in accordance with art. III, secs. 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution [AS 39.05.080] and AS 16.05.221, I submit the following appointees for confirmation:

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**Board of Fisheries**

Gerad Godfrey - Eagle River

Appointed: 7/1/2019                      Term Expires: 6/30/2022

Israel Payton - Wasilla

Appointed: 7/1/2016                      Term Expires: 6/30/2019

Reappointed: 7/1/2019                      Term Expires: 6/30/2022

Karl Johnstone - Anchorage

Appointed: 5/1/2019                      Term Expires: 6/30/2021

Marit Carlson-Van Dort - Anchorage

Appointed: 5/1/2019                      Term Expires: 6/30/2021

**Board of Game**

Allen "Al" Barrette - Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/1/2019                      Term Expires: 6/30/2022

Orville Huntington - Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/1/2019                      Term Expires: 6/30/2022

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

**Communications**

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

Alaska Legislative Task Force on Reading Proficiency and Dyslexia  
Final Report, March 29, 2019  
in accordance with ch. 52, SLA 2018

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 29 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 24.60.130 the Judiciary Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to the Senate for consideration:

**Select Committee on Legislative Ethics**

H. Conner Thomas

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

Signing the report: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Micciche, Reinbold, Shower, Kiehl.

**Select Committee on Legislative Ethics - Ratification**

Senator Costello moved H. Conner Thomas be ratified as a Public Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall H. Conner Thomas be ratified as a Public Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall H. Connor Thomas be Ratified as a  
Public Member to the Select Committee on  
Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Begich, Birch, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Wielechowski

and so, H. Conner Thomas was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Reports dated April 2 were read stating:

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

**Board of Education and Early Development**

Bob Griffin – Anchorage

Sally Stockhausen – Ketchikan

**University of Alaska Board of Regents**

John Bania – Wrangell

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 Stevens, Chair; Senators Begich, Costello, Birch, Hughes.

Report dated April 2 was read stating:

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

**Alaska Police Standards Council**

Stephen Dutra – North Pole

Burke Waldron – Bethel

Rebecca Hamon – King Salmon

Joseph White – Ketchikan

**Chief Administrative Law Judge**

Kathleen Frederick

**Alaska Public Offices Commission**

Rick Stillie – Delta Junction

**State Board of Parole**

Edie Grunwald – Palmer

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 Shower, Chair; Senators Kawasaki, Coghill, Micciche, Reinbold.

**SB 83**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 83 "An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to the public utility regulatory cost charge; relating to the regulation of telecommunications; relating to exemptions, charges, and rates applicable to telecommunications utilities; relating to regulation of telephone services; and relating to alternate operator services." Signing do pass: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Costello, Birch.

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 Rules Committee.

**HB 34**

The Transportation Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 34 "An Act naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge." Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Shower, Wilson, Kiehl.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 88**

The Transportation Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 88 "An Act naming the Trooper Gabe Rich Memorial Bridge." Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Shower, Wilson, Kiehl.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SJR 6**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget reserve fund and establishing the savings reserve fund; and relating to the permanent fund, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(JUD) Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit, relating to the budget reserve fund, and relating to the permanent fund.

Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Micciche, Shower.  
Signing do not pass: Senator Kiehl. Signing amend: Senator Reinbold.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 68**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68 BY SENATOR GIESSEL BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of dental hygiene; establishing an advanced practice permit; prohibiting unfair discrimination under group health insurance against a dental hygienist who holds an advanced practice permit; and relating to medical assistance for dental hygiene services."

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

**SB 102**

SENATE BILL NO. 102 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to retirement incentives for members of the defined benefit retirement plan of the teachers' retirement system and the defined benefit retirement plan of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 29**

SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Marine Pilots; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Giessel stated SENATE BILL NO. 29 will advance to third reading on the April 5 calendar.

**SB 54**

SENATE BILL NO. 54 "An Act approving the transfer of certain Alaska Railroad Corporation land; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Giessel stated SENATE BILL NO. 54 will advance to third reading on the April 5 calendar.

**Citations**

Honoring - Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer II  
Senator Coghill

Honoring - Doug Ward  
Representative Ortiz  
Senator Stedman

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Honoring - Mari Freitag  
Representative Ortiz  
Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - South Peninsula Behavior Health Services  
Representative Vance  
Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Barry Wendell Jackson  
Senators Kawasaki, Coghill

In Memoriam - Moses Samuelson  
Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - John David Greenway Sr.  
Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Jack Arthur Wright  
Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Ruth Ann Crow  
Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Frank Danner  
Senator Birch  
Representative Drummond

In Memoriam - John Bruce "Jack" Coghill  
Representative Talerico  
Senators Coghill, Bishop

In Memoriam - Zenas Edward Zeine  
Representative Stutes

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****SB 74**

Senators Stevens, Gray-Jackson, Hughes, von Imhof, Micciche, Costello, Begich, Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 74 "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 102**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 102 "An Act relating to retirement incentives for members of the defined benefit retirement plan of the teachers' retirement system and the defined benefit retirement plan of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, May 17 through evening plane time, June 8. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on April 5, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

**Announcements****SB 40**

Senator Shower, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 40 "An Act establishing the month of February as Black History Month" for the State Affairs Committee meeting on April 4. 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 10:30 a.m., April 5, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:38 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**

**Apr 04                      Thursday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Apr 04                      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                                      9:00 AM**  
 += SB 79 VIRTUAL ED/TEACHER EXAM./COURSE EXAM.  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 <Items Below Added to Agenda>  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
   - University of Alaska Board of Regents - Darroll Hargraves - Postponed from 3/2/19  
   - State Board of Education & Early Development - Tiffany Scott - Postponed from 3/2/19  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 05                      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                                      9:00 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

- Apr 03      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +              Education Data Analysis  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 04      Thursday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +    SB 65    DEPT. OF LABOR: TECHNICAL ED. PROGRAMS  
                  -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 +    SB 66    LABOR STANDARDS/SAFETY; WORKER COMP.  
                  -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 +=   SB 55    TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS
- Apr 05      Friday    Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +              Deferred Maintenance Update: OMB & DOT  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Apr 03      Wednesday                                  Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 +=   SB 93    MEDICAL PROVIDER INCENTIVES/LOAN REPAYM'T
- Apr 05      Friday    Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

- Apr 03      Wednesday                                  Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 +    SJR 5    CONST. AM.:PERMANENT FUND & DIVIDEND  
                  <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
                  <Pending Referral>  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 +=   SJR 4    CONST. AM: STATE TAX; INTIATIVE  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

- Apr 03      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      6:00 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time --  
 += SJR 4    CONST. AM: STATE TAX; INTIATIVE  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SJR 5    CONST. AM.:PERMANENT FUND & DIVIDEND  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 <Pending Referral>  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 05      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 06      Saturday                                  Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      10:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- Please Note Date & Time --  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Apr 04      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\*\*

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**RESOURCES**

- Apr 03      Wednesday                                  Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
 +    SB 87    LIMIT NONRESIDENT TAKING OF BIG GAME  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Invited Testimony Will Be:  
 - Mark Richards, Resident Hunters of Alaska  
 - Sam Rohrer & Thor Stacey, Alaska Professional  
 Hunters Association  
 - Gary Colbath, Alaska Bowhunters Association  
 - Rod Arno, Alaska Outdoor Council  
 += SB 51    NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Apr 05      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
 + SB 91 NUYAKUK RIVER: HYDROELECTRIC SITE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 95 ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Apr 04      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time --  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 - Alaska Police Standards Council - Stephen  
 Dutra, Burke Waldron, Rebecca Hamon, Joseph White  
 - Chief Administrative Law Judge - Kathleen  
 Frederick  
 - Alaska Public Offices Commission - Rick Stillie  
 - Alaska Parole Board - Edie Grunwald  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 <Items Above Removed from Agenda>  
 += SB 32 CRIMES; SENTENCING; MENT. ILLNESS; EVIDENCE  
 + SB 78 ESTABLISH MAY 31 AS KATIE JOHN DAY  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived  
 + SB 92 PFD CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL FUND  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived  
 + SB 40 BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SJR 5 CONST. AM.: PERMANENT FUND & DIVIDEND

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Apr 04      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**CORRECTIONS**

**Apr 05**      **Friday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                                      **5:15 PM**  
 +                      Review of the Governor's FY2020 Budget

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Apr 09**      **Tuesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                                      **1:00 PM**  
 +                      FY20 Department of Education & Early Development  
 Budget

**Apr 16**      **Tuesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                                      **1:00 PM**  
 +                      FY20 Department of Education & Early Development  
 Budget

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**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**

**Apr 05**      **Friday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                                      **7:45 AM**  
 +                      Alaska Psychiatric Institute  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Apr 05**      **Friday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                                      **7:45 AM**  
 +                      -- Meeting Rescheduled to 4/11/19 at 3:30 p.m. --  
 Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019  
 Meeting

**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

- Apr 11**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 -- Meeting Rescheduled from 4/5/19 --  
 +              Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting
- Apr 12**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 -- Meeting Rescheduled to 4/18/19 at 3:30 p.m. --  
 +              Budget Closeout
- Apr 18**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 -- Meeting Rescheduled from 4/12/19 --  
 +              Budget Closeout
- Apr 19**      **Friday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 +              Continue Budget Closeout if Needed

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

- Apr 03**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**                      **5:15 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 +              Review of the Governor's FY2020 Budget

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Apr 03**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Agenda to be Announced
- Apr 10**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Budget Closeout
- Apr 17**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **7:45 AM**  
 +              Continue Budget Closeout if Needed

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<b>Apr 04</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>Apr 09</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> FY20 University Budget	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
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<b>Apr 16</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> FY20 University Budget	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
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