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Friday

March 6, 2020

Forty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:38 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Costello was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

We lift our hearts to you O great mystery beyond words and labels. You who fill the land with life and beauty. You who breathe your spirit into the mountains, the children, the rivers. Thank you for the gifts surrounding us. May we live in gratitude and praise.

We lift our broken hearts to you O great healer. All those who are facing illness and fear, all who are living with grief, mental illness, addictions, poverty. We bear on our shoulders the weight of the abuse of women and children in our state, we carry the heartache of families ripped apart by meth and heroin.

May your healing spirit work through our hands. Help us be gracious and present today so we may work with you in beauty and healing.

As Frederick Buechner wrote, “Here is the world.
Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be
afraid.” Amen.

Senator Shower led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 4 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27, of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submit the following list of appointees for confirmation:

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Patty Burley – Soldotna

Appointed: 3/2/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Massage Therapists

Kristin Tri – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/2/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

State Medical Board

Sarah Bigelow Hood – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/2/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Lydia Mielke – Big Lake

Appointed: 3/2/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The appointments were referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

Messages from the House

SB 144

Message dated March 4 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 144 "An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated March 5 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 203

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, entitled:

"An Act relating to transportation of live crab."

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

Standing Committee Reports

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:

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Donald Vieira

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Kayla Green

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Lisa Radley

Board of Pharmacy

Justin Ruffridge

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 Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Revak.

SCR 11

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to Gabriel David Conde. Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Wilson, Coghill, Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 167

SENATE BILL NO. 167 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 167 "An Act providing for an aggravating factor at sentencing for contractors, volunteers, and employees of the Department of Corrections; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 167

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Costello

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 167 passed the Senate.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment 30th Anniversary
Senator Wielechowski
Representatives LeDoux, Spohnholz

In Memoriam – Joe M. Floyd, Jr.
Senator Stevens
Representatives Stutes, LeDoux

Senator Hoffman 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 Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent President Giessel be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 6 through evening plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 6 through evening plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 6 through evening plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 167

SENATE BILL NO. 167 "An Act providing for an aggravating factor at sentencing for contractors, volunteers, and employees of the Department of Corrections; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 9, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:59 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 10	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 194	ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTORS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 218	ROAD SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Mar 12	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
	Professional Teaching Practices Commission		
	- Lem Wheelles		
	-- Public Testimony on All Appointees --		
+ SB 113	TEACHERS: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 149	HIGH SCHOOL START TIME		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 13 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 06 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += HB 139 AK PERM. FUND CORP. PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 + SB 30 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += HB 234 APPROP:SUPP; REAPPROP; CAP; AMEND; CBR

Mar 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + HB 96 PIONEERS' HOME AND VETERANS' HOME RATES
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 137 EXTEND BOARD OF PAROLE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 172 EXTENDING THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointees:
 Lucinda Mahoney, Revenue Commissioner
 + SB 150 INTENSIVE MGMT SURCHARGE/REPEAL TERM DATE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 155 EXPLORATION & MINING RIGHTS; ANNUAL LABOR
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ SB 120 ADMINISTRATION OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

+ SB 179 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT

+ SJR 13 CONST. AM: PROHIBIT ABORTION/FUNDING

-- Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 09 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

State Medical Board - David Boswell

+ SB 229 LIABILITY OF CONSULTING PHYSICIANS

-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ SB 179 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT

+ SB 238 INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT; PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

State Medical Board

- Samuel Abbate

- Christopher Gay

- Steve Parker

- Richard Wein

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 06 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

State Board of Parole - Leitoni "Lei" Tupou

Commission on Judicial Conduct - Robert Sheldon

-- Public Testimony on All Appointees --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:

+ SB 8 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS

+ SB 191 TRUSTS, TRUSTEES, COMMUNITY PROPERTY

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JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 09 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's/Other Appointees:
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
 - Deb Fancher
 - Lee Holmes
- + Commission for Human Rights
 - William Craig
 - Elizabeth Engle
 - Kyle Foster
 - Evelyn Falzerano
- + -- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
- + SJR 13 CONST. AM: PROHIBIT ABORTION/FUNDING
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Presentation:
SJR 13 Slide Presentation by Lisa Hart, Staff to
Senator Hughes
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
Public Defender Agency - Samantha Cherot
Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar
 - William Granger
- + Alaska Police Standards Council - Daniel Wetherly
State Commission for Human Rights - Jamie Allard
- + -- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
- + SJR 13 CONST. AM: PROHIBIT ABORTION/FUNDING
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 - Teleconference Listen Only --

Mar 13 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 76 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SJR 13 CONST. AM: PROHIBIT ABORTION/FUNDING
 - Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 10 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 - Board of Direct-Entry Midwives - Amanda Penwell
 - Board of Psychologists & Psychological Examiners
 - Bradley McConnell
 - Bernard Gatewood
 - Christina Durham
 - Board of Nursing - Lena Lafferty
 - Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers
 - Wendy Lawrence
 - Board of Architects, Engineers & Land Surveyors
 - Fred Wallis
 - Public Testimony on All Appointees --
- += SB 182 AGE FOR NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG.
- + SB 68 DENTAL HYGIENIST ADVANCED PRAC PERMIT
 - Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 12 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 - Board of Barbers & Hairdressers
 - Cheryl Brantley
 - Zera "Blake" Thomas
 - Board of Nursing - Catherine Hample
 - Public Testimony on All Appointees --
 - += SB 68 DENTAL HYGIENIST ADVANCED PRAC PERMIT
 - + SB 173 LICENSE MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS
 - Public Testimony --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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RESOURCES

Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 176 REGULATE PFAS USE; FIRE/WATER SAFETY
 - Public Testimony --
- + SB 232 PERSONAL USE FISHING PERMIT FEES
 - Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 09	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 189	SPORT FISHING ENHANCEMENT SURCHARGE		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 193	ELECTRIC UTILITY LIABILITY		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 11	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 161	GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Presentation:		
	Geothermal Resources by Steve Masterman, DGGS		
	Director		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 13	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SJR 15	STATE FULL SHARE OF PROFITS IN ANWR		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 184	EXTEND FISHERY RESOURCE LAND. TAX CREDIT		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 88	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 231	VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS		
	-- Teleconference Listen Only --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 210	LICENSE PLATES: SPECIALTY ORGANIZATIONS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 209	DRIVER LICENSES & IDENT. CARDS FOR INMATE		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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TRANSPORTATION

Mar 10	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Mar 12	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 10 +	Tuesday Overview	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
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CORRECTIONS

Mar 09 +	Monday Reentry & Recidivism Reduction -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 06 +	Friday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Senior Health: Pioneer Homes, Senior & Disabilities Services -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
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Mar 12 +	Thursday Alaska Psychiatric Institute -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
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Mar 13 +	Friday Senior Health: Pioneer Homes, Senior & Disabilities Services -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
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JUDICIARY

Mar 12 +	Thursday Alaska Judiciary Overview Presentations: FY21 Agency Budget Invited Testimony by: - Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director, Alaska Court System - Rhonda McLeod, Chief Financial Officer, Alaska Court System	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
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LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 12 +	Thursday FY21 Agency Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Mar 19	Thursday Will Meet if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 11 +	Wednesday Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs: FY21 Agency Budget Invited Testimony by: - Craig Christenson, Deputy Commissioner, DMVA - Stephanie Richard, Administrative Services Director, Office of Management & Budget	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 12 +	Thursday FY21 Agency Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
Mar 19	Thursday Will Meet if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM

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TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 11 +	Wednesday State Equipment Fleet & State Facilities Services	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 18 +	Wednesday Federal Programming	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Mar 25 +	Wednesday Alaska Marine Highway System	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 10 +	Tuesday -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Ranked-Choice Voting Initiative Hearing per AS 24.05.186 - Cori Mills, Department of Law - Megan Wallace & Noah Klein, Legislative Legal - Gail Fenumiai, Division of Elections **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Mar 17	Tuesday Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 10	Tuesday	Davis 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: "American Red Cross of Alaska - Sleeves Up, Hearts Open, All In!" by Tanguy Libbrecht, Regional Executive & Buddy Custard, Board Chair of Red Cross of Alaska Discussion on the Wide Variety of Work Done by Red Cross Volunteers & Employees Sponsored by Representative LeBon		
Mar 11	Wednesday	Davis 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: "Maritime Operations: Present & Future Impact on Alaska's Economy & Welfare" by Captain Ed Page Sponsored by Representative Hannan		
Mar 17	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: "Is Nuclear Energy an Option for Alaska? An Overview of Micro Reactors Technology Trends & Possible Alaska Applications" by Gwen Holdmann, Director of the Alaska Center for Energy & Power of the University of Alaska Fairbanks The Overview Will Discuss the Possible Applications of Micro-Nuclear Reactors in Alaska; as they are Compact, Location-Flexible, No-Emissions, High-Reliability Sources of Heat & Power Sponsored by Representative Wool & Senator Hoffman		
Mar 18	Wednesday	Davis 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Aerospace Day in the Capitol: "Alaska Aerospace Corporation, Poker Flats, ACUASI" by Mark Lester, AAC President & CEO and Ross Garelick Bell, Executive Director of the Aerospace States Association Sponsored by Senator Stevens		