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March 9, 2020

Forty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:05 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Costello was absent.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Costello be excused from a call of the Senate today through March 14. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

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.

Heavenly Father, thank you that your goodness, and faithfulness surround us and your mercy is new every morning. With deep appreciation we thank you for the privilege to live in this great nation where we are free to pray, worship, and express our faith. Almighty God I ask today that you would grant wisdom and guidance to all those who exercise leadership in directing the affairs of our state. Lord we pray for your blessing and protection over the Senate, their families and all supporting staff. Grant us wisdom, protection and peace regarding the coronavirus; may we have divine intervention.

Thank you for your answers to our requests. In your name I pray, Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 6 regarding fire damage in the North Slope Borough City of Kaktovik, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs and are on file in the Senate Secretary's office.

A finance plan dated January 27, 2020, regarding the 2019 August Summer Wildfire with an accompanying letter dated March 6, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The finance plan and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs and are on file in the Senate Secretary's office.

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated March 6 were read stating:

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

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Robert Sheldon

Jane Mores

State Board of Parole

Leitoni "Lei" Tupou

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 Coghill, Chair; Senators Micciche, Kiehl, Reinbold, Hughes.

SB 120

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 120 "An Act relating to administration of psychotropic medication to a patient without the patient's informed consent; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 120(HSS)

Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senator Giessel. Signing no recommendation: Senator Shower.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 123

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 123 "An Act relating to the regulation of electric utilities and electric reliability organizations; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Senate Special Committee on the Railbelt Electric System Committee Substitute offered on page 1866.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(RBE) "An Act relating to the creation and regulation of electric reliability organizations; relating to participation of electric utilities in electric reliability organizations; relating to duties of electric reliability organizations; providing for integrated resource planning; requiring project preapproval for certain interconnected large energy facilities; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator von Imhof, Cochair; Senators Hoffman, Wielechowski, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SJR 13

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to abortion. Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Shower, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 29

HOUSE BILL NO. 29 "An Act relating to insurance coverage for benefits provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Wilson, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Health and Social Services Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 1809. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 29(HSS) was adopted.

Senator Wilson offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 15:

Delete "January 1, 2021"

Insert "immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)"

Senator Wilson moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Kawasaki objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

President Giessel stated SCS HB 29(HSS) am S will advance to third reading on the March 10 calendar.

Second Reading of House Resolutions

HJR 25

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 Encouraging the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Governor of the state to assist the National Park Service in its efforts to ensure long-term access into Denali National Park and Preserve by way of the existing roadway, was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the resolution be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 was read the third time.

Senators Wilson, Revak, Kawasaki, Wielechowski, Shower, Gray-Jackson, Hughes, von Imhof, Micciche, Coghil, Bishop, Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 Encouraging the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Governor of the state to assist the National Park Service in its efforts to ensure long-term access into Denali National Park and Preserve by way of the existing roadway, pass the Senate?"

The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 25

Third Reading - Final Passage

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, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Unfinished Business

SB 184

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 184 "An Act extending the fishery resource landing tax credit for certain taxpayers that harvest fishery resources under the provisions of a community development quota; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 36, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 176

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 176 "An Act relating to pollutants; relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation; and relating to firefighting substances." 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 27 through evening plane time, March 29. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Enrollment

SB 101

SENATE BILL NO. 101 "An Act establishing March 12 of each year as Ashley Johnson-Barr Day" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:58 p.m., March 9, 2020.

Adjournment

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 10, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:36 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 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+ SB 113	TEACHERS: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 149	HIGH SCHOOL START TIME		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+ SB 113	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 13	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+ SB 113	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE

Mar 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + HB 96 PIONEERS' HOME AND VETERANS' HOME RATES
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 123 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

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:
 += SB 55 TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS

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 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

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

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 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:
+= SB 191 TRUSTS, TRUSTEES, COMMUNITY PROPERTY

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JUDICIARY (continued)

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

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

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

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

RESOURCES

Mar 09 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 189 SPORT FISHING ENHANCEMENT SURCHARGE
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- 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

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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:
- + SB 133 SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS: TESTING

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

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

- + Overview

CORRECTIONS

Mar 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM

- MEETING CANCELED --
- + Reentry & Recidivism Reduction
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 12 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Alaska Psychiatric Institute
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 13 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Senior Health: Pioneer Homes, Senior &
Disabilities Services
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

JUDICIARY

Mar 12 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ 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

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 12 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ -- MEETING CANCELED --
FY21 Agency Budget

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
Will Meet if Needed

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 11 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ 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

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 12	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	- FY21 Agency Budget: Governor's Proposal vs House Version		
	- Update on State Recorders' Offices		
	- \$595,000 UGF Increment for Office of Project Management & Permitting		
	- Update on Hunting Guide Concession Program		
Mar 19	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	FY21 Agency Budget		
Mar 26	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	Budget Closeout		
Apr 02	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
	Will Meet if Needed		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

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

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	-- 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		

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OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

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

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

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| Mar 17 | Tuesday | Davis 106 | 12:01 PM |
| | Lunch & Learn:
"Trapping in Alaska: Techniques & Gear" by
Randy Zarnke, Alaska Trappers Association
Sponsored by Representative Talerico | | |
| 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 | | |