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Wednesday

March 11, 2020

Fifty-first 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 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.

Lord thank you for being light in darkness, for your peace in our pain. Thank you for your strength in our weakness, and your love in our life. Thank you for being the Good shepherd, for giving us mercy instead of judgement and for granting us favor and grace.

May your unfailing wisdom bring guidance and direction to all in the Senate today. Lord we also pray for our President and every political leader and representative in the United States of America. We pray that we might stay free to live lives of peace and tranquility.

In Your name I pray,

Amen.

Senator von Imhof led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the fiftieth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

A Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated March 11 regarding the COVID-19 disease outbreak, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 10 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 Nursing

Lena Lafferty

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Amanda Penwell

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Fred Wallis

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Bradley McConnell

Bernard Gatewood

Christina Durham

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.

SB 133

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 133 "An Act relating to testing of sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 133(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Coghil, Kawasaki.
Signing amend: Senator Wilson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 182

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 182 "An Act raising the minimum age to purchase, sell, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(L&C) "An Act raising the minimum age to purchase, sell, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to transporting tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senator Revak.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

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

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 194

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 194 "An Act relating to advanced nuclear reactors" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 194(CRA)

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Hoffman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Micciche.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental
Conservation

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

SB 195

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 195 "An Act relating to election of a domestic insurer's board of directors." Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Revak.

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 206

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."
(Title Change SCR 12)

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, von Imhof, Cochairs; Senators Hoffman, Wilson, Wielechowski, Bishop, Olson.

The bill is on today's calendar.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 12

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 206, making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

Consideration of the Calendar

President Giessel stated in accordance with Rule 43(b), Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules, engrossment may be waived on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) and SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 206**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered today. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

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

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 206(FIN)
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Dates

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 CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) 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 clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SCR 12

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 2007). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 206, making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 12
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, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Unfinished Business

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from November 25 through December 27. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Senator Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 19 through March 23. Without objection, Senator Reinbold was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

HB 206

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

SCR 12

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 206, making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program, 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 12, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 12 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

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

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

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FINANCE

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:
- + HB 206 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

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 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- + SB 179 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
- + 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

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2014

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JUDICIARY

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 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 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

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RESOURCES (continued)

- 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 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:
- += SJR 14 CONST. AM: VOTES NEEDED FOR VETO OVERRIDE
- Public Testimony --
- += SB 183 ABANDONED VEHICLES; PRIVATE PROPERTY
- Public Testimony --

TRANSPORTATION

- Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
- No Meeting Scheduled

- Mar 17 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 8:00 AM**
- Please Note Time & Location --
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
- Board of Marine Pilots
- Richard Harris
- Lucas Hasenbank
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

- Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
- No Meeting Scheduled

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:10 PM**
+ FY21 DOA Budget Closeout

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
+ FY21 DEED Budget Closeout

FISH & GAME

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:20 PM**
+ FY21 DFG Budget Closeout

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: Budget Closeout
Invited Testimony by:
- Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director,
Alaska Court System
- Rhonda McLeod, Chief Financial Officer, Alaska
Court System

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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**
+ FY21 Agency Budget: Budget Closeout
- Mar 26** **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Budget Closeout
- Apr 02** **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
Will Meet if Needed
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MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

- Mar 11** **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ 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

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NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 19 +	Thursday FY21 Agency Budget: Budget Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
Mar 26 +	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Budget Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
Apr 02	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Will Meet if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM

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

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 11	Wednesday Lunch & Learn: "Maritime Operations: Present & Future Impact on Alaska's Economy & Welfare" by Captain Ed Page Sponsored by Representative Hannan	Davis 106	12:00 PM
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| 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 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 | | |