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SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Saturday

March 21, 2020

Sixty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:07 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, Senator Coghill. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Our Father in Heaven,

We humbly come before you today for your grace to help us in our time of need. We have been assured by your word that you love us and have invited us to come to you with our burdens. Bringing our needs; we think and commend to you the health needs of our people around Alaska.

We also need to be guided in helping our workers and businesses throughout our communities as they face so much uncertainty. We are grateful for all who have stepped up to help! Give us your wisdom and compassion in our responses to the whole range of decisions facing us.

We desire to be helpful, clear and kind while being quick and effective. Our request is you help in our hearts to work well together. Thank you.

In Christ name,

Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Concur Messages

SB 74

Message dated March 18 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(FIN) "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL
NO. 74(FIN) "An Act relating to funding for Internet
services for school districts."
(technical title change)

Senator Hoffman moved the Senate concur in the House amendment. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 74(FIN)

Shall the Senate Concur in the
House Amendment to CSSB 74(FIN)?

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, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(FIN) "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts."

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 20 was read stating:

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

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Anita Halterman
Rhonda Boyles

State Medical Board

Sarah Bigelow Hood
Lydia Mielke

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 Wilson, Chair; Senators Begich, Shower.

SB 130

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to a seafood product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by repealing secs. 32 and 35, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Micciche, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Revak. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 124

The Judiciary Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 124 "An Act relating to the recording of documents; relating to notaries and notarization, including notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senator Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Micciche.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 133

The Health and Social Services Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 133 "An Act relating to care of juveniles and to juvenile justice; relating to employment of juvenile probation officers by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to terms used in juvenile justice; relating to mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect; relating to sexual assault in the third degree; relating to sexual assault in the fourth degree; repealing a requirement for administrative revocation of a minor's driver's license, permit, privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain a license for consumption or possession of alcohol or drugs; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Begich, Shower.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SCR 14**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 BY THE
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Authorizing the House of Representatives and the
Senate to recess for a period of more than three days.

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 all bills
transmitted to the House this legislative day.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 56**

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 "An Act establishing May 15 of each year as
Hmong-American Veterans Day" was read the second time.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 56 "An Act
establishing May 15 of each year as Hmong-American Veterans Day"
pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 56

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 BILL NO. 56 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 193

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 193(RES) "An Act relating to liability of an electric utility for contact between vegetation and the utility's facilities; and relating to vegetation management plans" was read the third time.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be held to the March 22 calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Citations

Honoring – Carl Portman
Senators Giessel, Bishop
Representative Johnston

Honoring – Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank 40th
Anniversary
Senator Coghill

Honoring – Anne B. Zink, MD
Senator Wilson

Honoring – Zoe Nelles
Representative Johnson

Honoring – Grace Christian High School Boys and Girls Cross
Country Teams 2019 Division II State Champions
Representatives Kopp, Johnston

In Memoriam – Robert Carlin “Buckwheat” Donahue
Senator Kiehl
Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam – Charles Milton Northrip
Senator Kiehl
Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam – Joe Nava
Senator Coghill
Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam – Gerald “Jerry” Rexrode
Senator Wilson
Representative Sullivan-Leonard

In Memoriam – Helen L. Tucker
Representative LeDoux, Spohnholz
Senator Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Jeffrey Brian Babcock
Representative Johnson

In Memoriam – Dallas Massie
Representative Johnson
Senator Wilson

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:24 a.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 4:51 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 22, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:51 p.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 24	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 26	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Mar 24 +	Tuesday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
Mar 26 +	Thursday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
Mar 27 +	Friday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM

FINANCE

Mar 21 Saturday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

-- Recessed Until 4:00 p.m. --

Uniform Rule 23(a) Waived

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Presentation:

Economic Support for Alaskans Impacted by COVID-19

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Telephone Only. No In-Person Testimony.

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Outside Juneau or Anchorage: 844-586-9085

Written Testimony Will be Accepted at:

finance.committee@akleg.gov

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Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:

+ HB 308 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR COVID-19

+ HB 205 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

Mar 22 Sunday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

Uniform Rule 23(a) Waived

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Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

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Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

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FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
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+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
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- Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
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- Mar 28 Saturday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
**Please Note: All Public Testimony Will be via Telephone Only. No In-Person Testimony.
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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 29 Sunday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
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 Written Testimony Will be Accepted at:
 finance.committee@akleg.gov
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 23 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 179 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT
 += SB 229 LIABILITY OF CONSULTING PHYSICIANS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 State Medical Board - Larry Daugherty
 += HB 133 JUVENILES: JUSTICE,FACILITES,TREATMENT
 += SB 238 INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT,PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 23 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -- Teleconference --
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Mar 25 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
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LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 24 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Massage Therapists - Kristin Tri
 Labor Relations Agency - Patty Burley
 Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers
 - Wendy Lawrence
 Real Estate Commission - Samuel Goldman
 Board of Professional Counselors - Laura Patin
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 23 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 204 STATE LAND SALES; PLATS; RIVERS
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SJR 15 STATE FULL SHARE OF PROFITS IN ANWR
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 184 EXTEND FISHERY RESOURCE LAND. TAX CREDIT
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 - Continue to Access Meeting Through akleg.gov
 - All Off-Net Callers Must Hang Up Immediately
 After Testifying to Keep Lines Open
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Big Game Commercial Services Board - Peter Buist
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska - Robert Pickett
 -- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
 += SB 160 FOREST LAND USE PLANS; TIMBER SALES
 -- Public Testimony --
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RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Fisheries - John Wood
 += SB 70 REPEAL OCEAN POLLUTION MONITORS/FEE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 214 HUNTING/FISHING ID CARDS: DISABLED VETS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 194 ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTORS
 -- Public Testimony --
 += HB 203 TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE CRAB
 -- Public Testimony --
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STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 24 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HB 115 ABSENTEE VOTING
 -- Public Testimony --
 + HB 113 MILITARY FAMILY EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + HB 221 STATE RECOGNITION OF TRIBES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 24 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 8:15 AM
 -- Please Note Time & Location --
 + HB 208 RENAMING COLLEGE RD AS ALAN BORAAS RD
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 26 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:00 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Budget Closeout

Apr 02 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:00 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
Will Meet if Needed

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 25 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Alaska Marine Highway System