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Twenty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Myers, von Imhof were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bishop, Shower, Wielechowski were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Kiehl. Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Mitzvah goreret mitzvah, aveirat goreret aveirah.
Lih'yot tzaddik zeh tov m'od.

Modeh ani l'fanecha, Melech chai v'kayam,
shehechezarta bi nishmati b'chmelah,
Rabbah emunatecha.

One mitzvah leads to another.
One sin leads to another.
To be righteous is very good.

I offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign,
that You have restored my soul to me in mercy; how
great is Your trust. Amen.

Senator Reinbold led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Bishop, Shower be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Bishop, Shower were excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Wielechowski be excused from a call of the Senate through evening plane time today. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-fifth through twenty-seventh legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 1 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

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

Department of Revenue

Summary of Calendar Year 2020 Alaska Education Tax Credits
in accordance with AS 43.05.010

Message dated January 28 was read stating:

Chief Justice Joel H. Bolger respectfully requests the opportunity to address the Thirty-second Alaska State Legislature for the purpose of the annual State of the Judiciary address on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the request to address the legislature. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 86**

SENATE BILL NO. 86 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to occupational licensing; relating to temporary licenses, permits, and certificates; and providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business**SB 19**

Senators Hughes, Begich, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 17, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:15 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

Feb 16	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 18	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 15	Monday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+ SB 19	EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SJR 8	COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY LAND GRANT		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 42	VIRTUAL AND EARLY EDUCATION, READING		
+ SB 8	PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 17	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Presentation:		
	Alaska State School Board Report by James Fields		
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees to the Board of Education and Early Development:		
	- Lorri van Diest		
	- Keith Hamilton		
	- Sally Stockhausen		
	- Jeffry Erickson		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION (continued)

Feb 19	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Presentation:		
	"National Landscape and Policy Trends in Early Literacy" by Tom Kelly, Senior Policy Analyst with Education Commission of the States		
+= SB 42	VIRTUAL AND EARLY EDUCATION, READING		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 8	PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

FINANCE

Feb 15	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ SB 56	EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 16	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	- Sweep / Reverse Sweep		
+	- Follow Up: Department of Education & University of Alaska		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 17	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Alaska Municipal League - Municipal Impacts from State Budget Actions		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 18	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Executive Order 119 - DHSS Reorganization		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 19	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Governor's FY22 Budget Amendments		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 16	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 65	LIABILITY CONSULTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 70	OPIOID OVERDOSE DRUGS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 18	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JUDICIARY

Feb 15	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
+	Alaska State Commission for Human Rights		
	William Craig - Sitka		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+ SB 14	SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Feb 17	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	"History of Pandemics" by David Barton, Historian		
	Wall Builders		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 19	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	Concerns Government's COVID Response		
	"The Stand" Simone Gold, JD MD		
	University of Alaska Anchorage COVID Projection		
	Model, Epidemiologist Tom Hennessey TBA		
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: TBA		

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Feb 15 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 69 EXEMPT RENEWABLE ENERGY ELECTRIC PLANTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 17 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 24 VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR CORPORATIONS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 19 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 45 AGE FOR NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG.
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

- Feb 15 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 22 INTENSIVE MGMT SURCHARGE/REPEAL TERM DATE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Big Game Commercial Services Board
 -Michael Flores
 -Peter Buist
 -Aaron Bloomquist
 Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
 -Jeremy Price
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 19 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Game
 -Stanley Hoffman Jr.
 -Jacob Fletcher
 -Lynn Keogh Jr.
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 -Robert Pickett
 + -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 43 ELECTIONS, VOTING, CAMPAIGN FINANCE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Alaska Public Offices Commission - Heather Hebdon
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> TBA --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony - TBA --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Overview:
 "Roads & Highways" by:
 - John MacKinnon, Commissioner
 - Rob Carpenter, Deputy Commissioner
 - Ryan Anderson, Northern Region Director
 - Lance Mearig, Southcoast Region Director
 - Wolfgang Junge, Central Region Director
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Feb 18	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Overview:		
	"Statewide Aviation & International Airports"		
	by Deputy Commissioner John Binder		
+	SJR 9	URGE EXEMPTION FOR CRUISE SHIPS	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 23	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	12:30 PM
+	Senate Budget Subcommittee Overview		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 15	Monday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
+	Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development Budget Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

CORRECTIONS

Feb 17	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
+	Department of Corrections - Budget Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

Feb 18	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
+	Department of Corrections Budget Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 FY22 Department of Education & Early Development
 Budget

Feb 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 FY22 Department of Education & Early Development
 Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM
 + Department of Environmental Conservation -
 Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FISH & GAME

Feb 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 12:30 PM
 + Senate Budget Subcommittee Overview

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Feb 22 Monday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Feb 26 Friday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Mar 01 Monday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

Mar 05 Friday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

JUDICIARY

Feb 17 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:15 PM**
 + - Alaska Judiciary Overview of Fiscal Situation,
 Program Requirements, Agency History, Agency
 Mission, & Outcomes
 - Anticipated Alaska Judiciary Budget Request by
 Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director,
 Alaska Court System

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 16 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 23 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 02 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LAW

Feb 16 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **7:30 AM**
 + Department Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 18 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:30 PM**
 + FY 2022 Budget
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 23 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **7:30 AM**
 + FY 2022 Budget
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 25 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:30 PM**
 + FY 2022 Budget
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 11:30 AM
 +
 - Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
 Overview of Fiscal Situation, Program
 Requirements, Agency History
 +
 - Introduction of Governor's Department of
 Military & Veterans Affairs FY22 Budget Request
 Testimony by Invitation:
 - Craig Christensen, Deputy Commissioner of
 Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
 - Stephanie Richard, Administrative Service
 Director, Office of Management & Budget

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 04 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 15 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 4:00 PM
 +
 Department Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 17 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 4:00 PM
 +
 FY 2022 Budget
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 22 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 4:00 PM
 +
 Department Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Feb 24	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
+	FY 2022 Budget		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 17	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	- Department of Transportation & Public		
	Facilities Operating Budget Lookback, FY22		
	Highlights & Comparing FY22 to FY21		
+	- CARES Act Effect on FY21 & FY22 Operating		
	Budget		
+	- Division of Facilities Services -		
	Consolidation Update		

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 17	Wednesday	Senate Chamber	11:00 AM
	Address to the Legislature		
	The Honorable Joel H. Bolger, Chief Justice		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		