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Eighty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 12:37 p.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator von Imhof was absent.

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

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for this glorious, wonderful day. Thank you for the songbirds this morning, and that spring has finally arrived here in Juneau. May we keep our hearts and minds open as we move forward on these last days of the final stretch. May your blessings go out to each and every one of us and our family members that aren't here with us. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent Senator von Imhof be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator von Imhof was excused.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh legislative days 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 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
Annual Report FY 2020
in accordance with AS 16.51.100

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated April 14 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

Rick Castillo
William Granger

Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission

Deirdre Ford
Amy Steele
James Rhodes

Signing the report: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Shower, Hughes, Myers, Kiehl.

Reports dated April 14 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Resources Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Martin Boniek

Board of Game

Jacob Fletcher

Lynn Keogh Jr.

Stanley “Stosh” Hoffman Jr.

Jerry Burnett

Signing the reports: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Kawasaki, Stevens, Micciche, von Imhof, Kiehl.

Reports dated April 15 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

James “Jim” Cockrell

Military Appeals Commission

Scott Oravec

Signing the reports: Senator Shower, Chair; Senators Holland, Reinbold, Costello.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 101**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 101 "An Act extending the termination date of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Micciche, Bishop, von Imhof. Signing no recommendation: Senators Stevens, Kiehl. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The committee recommended a further referral to the Finance Committee.

President Micciche added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 111

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public schools; relating to early education programs; relating to funding for early education programs; relating to school age eligibility; relating to reports by the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to reports by school districts; relating to certification and competency of teachers; relating to assessing reading deficiencies and providing reading intervention services to public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; relating to textbooks and materials for reading intervention services; establishing a reading program in the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to school operating funds; relating to a virtual education consortium; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 111(EDC)
(forthcoming)

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senator Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hughes, Micciche. Signing amend: Senator Begich.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 36

The Transportation Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 36 "An Act relating to an application for a license to operate as a dealer in motor vehicles; and requiring a dealer in motor vehicles to maintain liability and property insurance" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 36(TRA)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Myers, Chair; Senators Shower, Micciche. Signing amend: Senator Kiehl.

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

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

HB 76

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(FIN) am "An Act extending the January 15, 2021, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; approving and ratifying declarations of a public health disaster emergency; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; fingerprinting requirements for health care providers; charitable gaming and online ticket sales; access to federal stabilization funds; wills; unfair or deceptive trade practices; meetings of shareholders; and school operating funds; relating to informed consent for COVID-19 vaccines; relating to personal objections to the administration of COVID-19 vaccines; providing immunity from liability and disciplinary action for occupational licensees for exposure of clients to COVID-19; providing immunity from liability for persons

engaging in business and their employees for exposure of customers to COVID-19; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(FIN)
"An Act extending the January 15, 2021, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; approving and ratifying declarations of a public health disaster emergency; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: emergency powers of the governor; emergency powers of the commissioner of health and social services; occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; charitable gaming and online ticket sales; access to federal stabilization funds; wills; unfair or deceptive trade practices; school operating funds; workers' compensation; program execution; civil liability; immunity from liability and disciplinary action for occupational licensees for exposure of clients to COVID-19; immunity from liability for persons engaging in business and their employees for exposure of customers to COVID-19; and abortion funding; and providing for an effective date."
(Title Change SCR forthcoming)

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Bishop, Cochairs; Senator Hoffman. Signing amend: Senators Wilson, Wielechowski, Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 125

SENATE BILL NO. 125 BY SENATOR VON IMHOF, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transferability of hunts awarded by drawing; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 126

SENATE BILL NO. 126 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duration of a regular session of the legislature; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - Verona Hyacinth Gentry
Representative(s) Spohnholz
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Chris & Joanna Owens and Their Family
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Stevens

Honoring - Newhalen High School Malamutes 2021 ASAA 1A Girls'
Basketball Champions
Representative(s) Edgmon

Honoring - Vince Beltrami
Representative(s) Josephson, Tuck
Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring - Hooper Bay Lady Warriors 2021 Girls State 2A Basketball Champions

Representative(s) Foster

Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 50th Anniversary in Senate District T

Representative(s) Foster, Patkotak

Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Verné Boerner

Representative(s) Spohnholz, Shaw, Zulkosky

Honoring - Kendra Kloster

Representative(s) Spohnholz, Tuck

Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - District 39 Tribal Health Clinics' Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Representative(s) Foster

Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - District 39 Native Village Tribes' Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Representative(s) Foster

Senator(s) Olson

In Memoriam - Shawn Lyons

Senator(s) Begich

Representative(s) Tuck

In Memoriam - Vernon Bartlett Brice

Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Jack Mann

Senator(s) Bishop, Hughes

In Memoriam - Jack Noble Reiland

Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Dr. Hugh "Bud" Fate, Jr.

Senator(s) Bishop, Myers

Representative(s) LeBon

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In Memoriam - Mary Jane Fate
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Erwin
Representative(s) Josephson

In Memoriam - Darlene "Petesy" Lust
Representative(s) Rauscher
Senator(s) Shower

In Memoriam - Louise L. "Avevuk" (Keller) Bauman
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson

In Memoriam - Patricia Bowen Elias
Representative(s) Cronk

Senator Hughes 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.

Adjournment

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 19, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Gina Spartz
Deputy Senate Secretary

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

- + indicates teleconference
- = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Apr 20 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 72 SEC. SCHOOL CIVICS EDUCATION
 + SB 81 VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
 + SB 46 LAW ENFORCEMENT: REGISTRY; USE OF FORCE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 22 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + SJR 13 IMPROVE BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION

Apr 16 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 111 EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 19 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 94 EDUCATION & SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAMS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION (continued)

Apr 21 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SJR 10 CONST. AM: IN-PERSON PUBLIC EDUCATION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 34 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 23 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 119 OATH OF OFFICE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE

Apr 16 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 10 FREE/REDUCED TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER
 += HB 76 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 19 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 71 COUNCIL ON ARTS: PLATES & MANAGE ART
 += SB 20 OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY
 += SB 55 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO PERS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 20 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 10 FREE/REDUCED TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER
 + SB 101 ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL MGT AREAS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 25 STATE GOV'T FINANCES: WEBSITE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 21 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 88 STATE INSUR. CATASTROPHE RESERVE ACCT.
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Apr 22 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 23 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 20 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 67 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT
 += SB 78 HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY TELEHEALTH
 += SB 80 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 22 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 16 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + SJR 4 CONST. AM: ABORTION/FUNDING
 + -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 19 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 15 OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 23 INITIATIVE SEVERABILITY
 += SB 122 VICTIM DEFINITION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 21 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 53 PERM FUND; ADVISORY VOTE
 += SB 82 ELECTIONS; ELECTION INVESTIGATIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 23 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SJR 4 CONST. AM: ABORTION/FUNDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 16 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 6 RIP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/TEACHERS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 123 ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM & FUND: AIDEA
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 19 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 93 HEALTH INS. ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 21 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 26 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 23 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 17 ENERGY EFFICIENCY & POLICY: PUB. BLDGS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

- Apr 16 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 Board of Fisheries:
 John Jensen, Abe Williams, McKenzie Mitchell,
 John Wood, Marit Carlson-Van Dort
 Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission:
 Melvin Smith
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 19 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 97 STATE LAND SALES AND LEASES; RIVERS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Fish
 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 21 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM**
 + -- Please Note Location Change --
 Joint Meeting With Special Cmte on World Trade
 Presentation: Barriers to Global Seafood Trade by
 At-Sea Processors Association
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 44 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + HB 10 FUNTER BAY MARINE PARK: UNANGAN CEMETERY
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Presentation: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric
 Project by Curtis Thayer-AEA
 + HB 115 AQUATIC FARMING & HATCHERY SITE LEASES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
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STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 20 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 20 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + HB 27 NAMING IRENE WEBBER BRIDGE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 22 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Apr 20 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 12:30 PM
 + Close-out

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Apr 20 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + FY22 Department of Education and Early
 Development Budget Closeout
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Apr 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + FY22 Department of Education and Early
 Development Budget Closeout
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FISH & GAME

Apr 20 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:15 PM
 + Close-out

LAW

Apr 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM
 + FY 2022 Budget - Close out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

PUBLIC SAFETY

Apr 21 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 4:00 PM
 + FY 2022 Budget - Sub-committee Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE

Apr 21 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 + Joint Meeting with Senate Resources Committee
 Presentation: Barriers to Global Seafood Trade by
 At-Sea Processors Association
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Apr 28 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:00 PM**
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Executive Session
 - Preliminary Audit: Statewide Single Audit
 - Oil and Gas Consultants Contract Amendments
 Legislative Audit IT Audit Procurement

REDISTRICTING BOARD

Apr 16 **Friday** **By Teleconference** **2:30 PM**
 +
 -- Public Testimony --
 - Adoption of Minutes from Past Meetings
 - Request for Information for Voting Rights Act
 Consultant

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Apr 20 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
 +
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Lunch & Learn:
 A Different Approach to Mental Health
 Crisis Response by Ann Ringstad, NAMI Alaska
 Sponsored by Senator Revak