

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**March 15, 2022**

**Fifty-seventh Day**

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Caroline Malseed, St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: I beseech *you* so to guide and bless our Senators in that State of Alaska, here assembled, that they may enact such laws as shall please *you*, to the glory of your name and the welfare of this people; I ask this by all the names to which you are known to us. *Amen.*

Senator Begich led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Standing Committee Reports**

Reports dated March 14 were 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.

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Mae Marsh-Prax

Lonzo Henderson

**Alaska Police Standards Council**

David Ross

Signing the reports: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Myers, Hughes, Kiehl.

**SB 80**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 80 "An Act relating to mental health education" and recommended the adoption of the Health and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 773.

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Education and Early  
Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 146**

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 146 "An Act relating to costs of and charges for textbooks and other course materials required for University of Alaska courses; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 146(EDC)

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Hughes, Begich.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, University of Alaska

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 168**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 187**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 187 "An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to the crime of harassment; relating to the duty to register as a sex offender; amending the definition of 'sex offense'; relating to lifetime revocation of a teaching certificate for certain offenses; relating to the definition of 'domestic violence'; relating to multidisciplinary child protection teams; relating to arrest authority for pretrial services officers and probation officers; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 187(JUD) "An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to sexual assault; relating to consent; relating to the crime of coercion; relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to the crime of harassment; relating to the duty to register as a sex offender; relating to the definition of 'sex offense'; relating to lifetime revocation of a teaching certificate for certain offenses; relating to the definition of 'domestic violence'; relating to arrest authority for probation officers and pretrial services officers; relating to multidisciplinary child protection teams; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Myers, Hughes, Shower, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 190**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 190 "An Act extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Micciche, Revak.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 231**

SENATE BILL NO. 231 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act providing that the Alaska Railroad Corporation is subject to the Executive Budget Act; providing that expenditures of the Alaska Railroad Corporation are subject to appropriation; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 11:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill making the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) subject to the Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07) and providing that the expenditures of the ARRC are subject to legislative appropriation.

This bill requires the ARRC to comply with the Executive Budget Act similar to other public corporations and state agencies. This bill also requires that the ARRC be responsible for the operating, capital, and debt service expenditures of the corporation in accordance with appropriations made by the Legislature.

This bill increases the accounting and fee collection oversight by the legislature and the executive branch in relation to the operations of the ARRC, requiring it to engage in the same budgeting and accounting processes as other state agencies.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

**SB 232**

SENATE BILL NO. 232 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to employee intellectual property."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**SB 233**

SENATE BILL NO. 233 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to allowable absences for permanent fund dividend qualification; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 136**

SENATE BILL NO. 136 "An Act relating to firearms and other weapons restrictions" was read the second time.

Senator Hughes, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 1145. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 136(CRA) was adopted.

President Micciche stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 136(CRA) will advance to third reading on the March 16 calendar.

**SB 156**

SENATE BILL NO. 156 "An Act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; and relating to objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine" was read the second time.

Senator Wilson, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Health and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 1970. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(HSS) "An Act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; relating to objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine; relating to COVID-19 vaccination status and eligibility for health care insurance; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Micciche stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(HSS) will advance to third reading on the March 16 calendar.

**Citations**

Honoring - Vicky Persinger  
Representative(s) Wool, Hopkins  
Senator(s) Kawasaki

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In Memoriam - Martin B. Moore Sr.  
Representative(s) Foster  
Senator(s) Olson

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

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **SB 196**

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to transparency and compelled speech in public education." Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **SB 185**

Senators Hughes, Revak, Costello, Stevens, Holland, Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 185 "An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage." Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **SB 159**

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 159 "An Act relating to unemployment benefits." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 28 through evening plane time, March 30. Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson was excused.

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 16 through evening plane time, April 24. Without objection, Senator Myers was excused.



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### **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., March 16, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:34 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

<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Update from Broadband Taskforce		
	-- Rescheduled to 03/24/22 --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## EDUCATION

<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 225	TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+= SB 34	STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 225	TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## FINANCE

<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 111	EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Medicaid Update by Department of Health and Social Services		
	-- Continued from 03/14/22 --		
+	Presentation: Clean Water Act Section 404 Primacy /Resource Conservation and Recovery Act by the Department of Environmental Conservation		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska Marine Highway System by Department of Transportation & Public Facilities		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+ SB 130	ELECTRONIC PULL-TAB GAMES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 26	REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 132	CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT VETERINARIAN		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 202	RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 81	VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 62	GAS LEASES; RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND		
+	Presentation: Cook Inlet Update by Department of Natural Resources and Department of Revenue		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

**Mar 15      Tuesday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**

- += SB 124** MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS
  - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 211** MISSING/MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN; REPORT<Bill Hearing Canceled>
  - Invited & Public Testimony --
- +** Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 17      Thursday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**

- += SB 124** MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS
  - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- += SB 175** HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY TELEHEALTH
  - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- +** Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  - \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## JUDICIARY

**Mar 16      Wednesday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**

- += SB 189** CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- += SB 115** ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM
- += SB 161** POLITICAL PARTY DEFINITION
- +** Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 18      Friday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

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## LABOR & COMMERCE

**Mar 16      Wednesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      1:30 PM**

- +** -- Delayed to 2 PM --
  - Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
    - Commissioner of DCCED
      - Julie Sande
  - Public Testimony --
- += SB 159** UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
  - Invited & Public Testimony --
- +** Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  - \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

**Mar 18 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
+ SB 208 CONTRACTORS' INSURANCE  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## RESOURCES

**Mar 16 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+= SB 204 HUNTING PERMIT/TAG AUCTIONS/RAFFLES  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 18 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+= HB 79 SALTWATER SPORTFISHING OPERATORS/GUIDES  
+= SB 180 PASSENGER VESSEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE  
+ SJR 23 SUPPORTING NAMING MTN AFTER GAIL PHILLIPS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## STATE AFFAIRS

**Mar 15 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 17 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ HB 187 STATE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS  
-- Public & Invited Testimony --  
+ SB 207 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS  
-- Public & Invited Testimony --  
+ SB 214 LIABILITY: SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP  
-- Public & Invited Testimony --  
+= HB 123 STATE RECOGNITION OF TRIBES  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+ SB 129 ELECTION PAMPHLET INFORMATION RE: JUDGES  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## TRANSPORTATION

**Mar 15 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
+ SB 226 FUNDS: AK MARINE HWY SYSTEM  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 17 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
+= SB 170 MARINE HIGHWAY CORPORATION  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

### COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

**Mar 16 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM**  
+ Department of Commerce Community & Economic  
Development  
Budget Overview

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## CORRECTIONS

**Mar 17 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM**  
+ Department of Corrections  
Budget Overview

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## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

**Mar 15 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM**  
+ Division of Public Assistance Update  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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## REVENUE

**Mar 15 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM**  
+ Department of Revenue  
Budget Overview

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## JOINT COMMITTEES

### LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Adams 519</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	Procurement, Legislative Audit		
	a. Medicaid Eligibility I.T. Controls Review (ARIES)		
	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
	Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Investigation		
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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Ethics Committee Meeting	
	Meeting will be teleconferenced	
	Anchorage Only: 907-563-9085	
	Juneau Only: 907-586-9085	
	Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085	
	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
	EXECUTIVE SESSION	
	PUBLIC SESSION	
	OTHER BUSINESS	
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## OTHER MEETINGS

### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation		
	The Economic Potential of Alaska's Mining Industry by Bob Loeffler, and Brett Watson of UAA		
	Sponsored by Senator Micciche		