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Ninth Day

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

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Gray-Jackson was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Shower was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Shane Halverson, Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, we are thankful for another day. We dedicate this day of work to you, to the State of Alaska and to the good of its citizens. We pray for a spirit of unity in our Senate. We pray that their goals would be attainable, bringing into existence new ideas or laws that will help keep our people safe, defend the weak, heal the broken, and enable our citizens to achieve their full potential.

Lord, raise up strong leaders in the Senate, keep their focus on the most important issues and may they work hard to promote peace, fairness, and justice for all. Open their eyes to your form of policymaking. I pray that your angel of protection would surround them and their families. Grant them good, healthy, and rich relationships. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Senator Dunbar led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the seventh and eighth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Health and
Department of Corrections
Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2022
in accordance with AS 47.38.100

Department of Corrections
Offender Case Plan Summary
January 23, 2023
in accordance with AS 33.30.011

A memorandum dated January 24 from the Senate Rules Committee stating pursuant to Uniform Rule 18, the rules and responsibilities of preparing the daily calendar, including scheduling of bills for the floor, are delegated to the Chair for the entirety of the Thirty-third Legislature. Signing the memorandum: Senator, Wielechowski, Chair; Senator Stedman, Vice Chair; Senators Stevens, Giessel, Hoffman.

Letter dated January 19 from Daniel E. Winfree, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court stating in accordance with AS 24.60.131(b), the following public member has been nominated for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Gerald (Jerry) A. McBeath

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics – Ratification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Gerald (Jerry) A. McBeath be ratified as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Gerald (Jerry) A. McBeath be ratified as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Gerald (Jerry) McBeath be ratified as a Public Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Gray-Jackson, Shower

and so, Gerald (Jerry) McBeath was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 44**

SENATE BILL NO. 44 BY SENATOR GIESSEL BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; establishing the Naturopathy Advisory Board; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to disciplinary sanctions for naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 45

SENATE BILL NO. 45 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; and relating to unfair trade practices."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Labor and Commerce Committees.

SB 46

SENATE BILL NO. 46 BY SENATOR TOBIN, entitled:

"An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam - Joseph Edward Homme
Representative(s) Rauscher

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam - Lisa Levang
Representative(s) Allard, Groh
Senator(s) Wielechowski

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

SB 45

Senators Hughes, Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 45 "An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; and relating to unfair trade practices." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 44

Senators Kawasaki, Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 44 "An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; establishing the Naturopathy Advisory Board; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to disciplinary sanctions for naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 21 through evening plane time, February 27. Without objection, Senator Myers was excused.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 27. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from January 25 to plane time January 29. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment and Enrollment**SR 1**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:10 p.m., January 24, 2023.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest error in SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1, which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 2, line 2, following "First":
Insert "Regular"

Senate Resolve No. 1

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., January 27, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 26	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Jan 25	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Presentation: Public Education in Alaska Fiscal Challenges and Solutions by Alaska Council of School Administrators Executive Director Dr. Lisa Parady Coalition for Education Equity Executive Director Sarah Sledge Association of Alaska School Boards Executive Director Lon Garrison NEA Alaska President Tom Klaameyer **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

EDUCATION (continued)

Jan 27	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Presentation: Public Education - A Rural Perspective by Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Superintendent Clayton Holland Northwest Arctic Borough School District Superintendent Terri Walker Presentation: How much does Alaska spend on K-12 Education? by Dayna Jean DeFeo, Director of the Center for Alaska Education Policy Research (CAEPR), Institute of Social and Economic Research Matthew Berman, Professor of Economics, Institute of Social and Economic Research **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

FINANCE

Jan 25	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Alaska Mental Health Authority - Steve Williams, CEO - Anita Halterman, Board Chair		
Jan 26	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+ SB 41	APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL - Office of Management & Budget		
Jan 27	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Deferred Maintenance - Office of Management & Budget - Department of Transportation - University of Alaska		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 26 +	Thursday Department of Family and Community Services - Overview	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
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JUDICIARY

Jan 25 +	Wednesday -- Teleconferenced -- Presentation: Report on Alaska Court System Operations by Nancy Meade, General Counsel, Alaska Court System Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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Jan 27 + SB 37	Friday CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 25 +	Wednesday -- Teleconferenced -- Workforce Overview from the Medical Industry Perspective Presentation: Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association by Jared Kosin, President & CEO Presentation: South Central Foundation by Karen McIntire, VP of Workforce Additional Presenters TBA **Streamed live on AKL.tv** -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Jan 27 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Teleconferenced --
 + Workforce Overview from the Vocational/Technical
 Education Perspective
 Presentation: AVTEC-Alaska Vocational Technical
 Center by Cathy LeCompte, Director
 Presentation: NACTEC by Doug Walrath, Director
 Additional Presenters TBA
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

RESOURCES

Jan 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Teleconferenced --
 + Presentation: Introducing the Frontiers
 Collaboration by Idaho National Laboratory by
 Dr. Steven Aumeier, Senior Advisor, Strategic
 Programs;
 Paul Kjellander, Senior Advisor, Regulatory
 Policy; and
 Marcio Paes Barreto, Director of Industrial
 Development, Wyoming Energy Authority
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Jan 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Teleconferenced --
 Presentation: Yukon and Kuskokwim Fisheries
 Collapse Update by
 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner
 Doug Vincent-Lang
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 10 HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING: DISABLED VETS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 John Sturgeon, President of Safari Club
 International Alaska
 Troy Eck, Commander Alaska VFW
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 26	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	-- Teleconferenced -- Presentation: 2022 Elections Recap by Michaela Thompson (Acting Director, Division of Elections) Julie Husmann (Regional Supervisor, Division of Elections) Carol Thompson (Division Operations Manager, Division of Elections) Presentation: 2022 Elections Recap/Rural Voting Challenges by Michelle (Macuar) Sparck (Director of Strategic Initiatives, Cook Inlet Tribal Council: Get Out the Native Vote) -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 26	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Presentation: Overview: DOT&PF Structure, Organization, & Direction by Ryan Anderson, Commissioner John Binder, Deputy Commissioner Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner Joe Kemp, Acting Northern Region Director Wolfgang Junge, Central Region Director Lance Mearig, Southcoast Region Director -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 01	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree		
Feb 07	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan's Annual Address		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 26	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Services offered by the UA Alumni Association by: - Marybeth Loewen, President UAF Alumni Assn. Board of Directors -Katie Bender, President UAA Alumni Assn. Board of Directors Sponsored by Senator Bishop, Senator Kawasaki and Representative Carrick		
Feb 03	Friday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- Rescheduled to 02/06/2023 -- Lunch & Learn Presentation: University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship Program Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		
Feb 06	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 02/03/2023 -- Lunch & Learn Presentation: University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship Program Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		