

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**February 13, 2023**

**Twenty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Hoffman was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Karen Perkins, Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God of unity and healing, I come to you as a weak mortal who believes we can accomplish nothing without you. Encourage this community. Turn all hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that their choices may be lifegiving for all.

When reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do and give us grace and power to do them. In your most holy name, Amen.

Senator Merrick led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-fifth through twenty-seventh legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the House**

Message dated February 10 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-third Alaska Legislature at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17 for the purpose of hearing an address by U.S. Representative Mary Sattler Peltola in the House Chambers.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated February 10 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.

**Commissioner, Department of Corrections**

Jen Winkelman

Signing the report: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Tobin, Giessel, Kaufman.

**SB 10**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 10 "An Act providing for trapping licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves without charge; making sport fishing, hunting, and trapping permanent identification cards available to certain disabled veterans without charge; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Bishop, Giessel, Cochairs; Senators Dunbar, Kaufman, Wielechowski, Claman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Honoring - Joseph W. Ralston Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame  
Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Richard Wien Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame  
Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Sigurd "Sig" Wien Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame  
Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Orin Seybert Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame  
Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Soldotna High School Stars State Hockey Champions  
Senator(s) Bjorkman  
Representative(s) Ruffridge

Honoring - Point Hope Harpoonerettes 2022 2A State Basketball  
Champions  
Representative(s) Patkotak

In Memoriam - Samuel Lindsay Clyde  
Senator(s) Bjorkman  
Representative(s) Ruffridge

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were 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 - Christine Jenkins  
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Stedman  
Representative(s) Ortiz

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

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 15, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Gina Spartz  
Deputy Senate Secretary

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 16</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> Overview: Alaska Office of Broadband by Thomas Lochner, Director **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Feb 13</b> +  +  +	<b>Monday</b> Presentation: School Bond Debt, Regional Educational Attendance Areas, and Major Maintenance by Representatives from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Presentation: Alaska Reads Act Regulations by Heidi Teshner, Acting DEED Commissioner Susan McKenzie, Director of Innovation and Educational Excellence Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**EDUCATION (continued)**

<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Update on Alaska's Educational Assessments by Representatives from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation		
	- Deven Mitchell, CEO		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Alaska Retirement Management Board		
	- Pam Leary, Treasury Director		
	- Bob Williams, ARM Board Chair		
+	PRS / TRS Update		
	- Ajay Desai, Director of Division of Retirement & Benefits		
	- Kevin Worley, Chief Financial Officer		
	- Betsy Wood, Chief Health Administrator		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Federal Infrastructure Funding in Alaska		
	- Mike Anderson, Acting Infrastructure Investment Coordinator		
	- Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner DOT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Callan - Capital Markets & Permanent Fund Sustainability		
	- Greg Allen, CEO & Chief Research Officer		
	- Steven Center, Senior Vice President		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Update on Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment (BEAD) in Alaska		
	- Thomas Lochner, Director of the Alaska Broadband Office		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Joint Meeting with House Health and Social Services		
	-- Please Note Location Change --		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Presentation: Alaska's Citizen Review Panel		
+	Presentation: Office of Children's Services Response		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 58	MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY: POSTPARTUM MOTHERS		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	SB 8	REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM	
+	Presentation: Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Feb 15                      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

+ Presentation: Department of Law Criminal  
Division Overview by  
John Skidmore, Deputy Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Department of Law  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 17                      Friday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

+ Presentation: Public Defender Agency Overview  
by Samantha Cherot, Public Defender, Public  
Defender Agency  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 13                      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**

+ -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Workforce Challenges in Alaska  
from the Perspective of Public Education  
Presenters:  
- Dr. Lisa Parady, Executive Director, Alaska  
Council of School Administrators  
- Tom Klaameyer, President, NEA-Alaska  
- Lon Garrison, Executive Director, Association  
of Alaska School Boards  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Feb 15                      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Workforce Challenges in Alaska  
From the Perspective of Labor Unions  
Presenters:  
- Joelle Hall, Executive President, AFL-CIO  
- Shannon Adamson, Vice-President, Masters, Mates  
and Pilots, Retired  
- Jordan Adams, Business Manager, Public  
Employees Local 71  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*



**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Workforce Challenges in Alaska		
	from the Perspective of Alaska Municipal League		
	Presentation from Nils Andreassen, Executive Director		
+ SB 55	EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**RESOURCES**

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 33	RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Presentation: Department of Environmental Conservation: Dept. Overview and 404 Primacy Feasibility Study by Commissioner Jason Brune, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Randy Bates, Director of Water, DEC Shannon Miller, 404 Program Manager, DEC Julie Pack, Department of Law		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 33	RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
	Overview: Statehood Defense by Commissioner-Designee John Boyle, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Jason Brune, Department of Environmental Conservation Deputy Commissioner Ben Mulligan, Department of Fish and Game Deputy Attorney General Cori Mills, Department of Law		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Feb 17      Friday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
 +      Presentation: Outstanding Federal Lawsuits by  
      Deputy Attorney General Cory Mills, Department  
      of Law  
      Assistant Attorney Generals Julie Pack, Cody  
      Doig, Ron Opshal, and Thad Atkins, Department  
      of Law  
 +      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
      \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 14      Tuesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
 += SB 26      LICENSE PLATES: FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS  
      -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 +      SB 22      PROCLAIM JUNETEENTH DAY A HOLIDAY  
      -- Invited & Public Testimony --

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

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 14      Tuesday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**  
      -- Teleconference --  
      Presentation: Planning Data in Transportation  
      by the Department of Transportation and Public  
      Facilities  
      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
      \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Feb 16      Thursday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**  
      -- Teleconference --  
 +      SB 62      ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES  
      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
      \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Administration Budget		
<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Administration Budget		
<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Administration Budget		
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Administration Budget		

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**CORRECTIONS**

<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget		
<b>Mar 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget		
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget		
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Overview: Department of Environmental Conservation Budget by Commissioner Jason Brune & ASD Meg Kohler		

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JUDICIARY

<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Judiciary Budget		

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Judiciary Budget		

<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Judiciary Budget		

<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	-- Teleconference -- Judiciary Budget		

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LAW

<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
	Department of Law Budget		

<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
	Department of Law Budget		

**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 14</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Overview: Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs Budget by Deputy Commissioner Craig Christenson and ASD Bob Ernisse	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>  <b>12:30 PM</b>
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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 17</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Address by Mary Sattler Peltola, U.S. Representative	<b>House Chamber</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b>
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<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	<b>House Chamber</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b>
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