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THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Friday

March 24, 2023

Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:37 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Kirk V. Thorsteinson, Alaska Army National Guard. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing! Lord, I request and value Your presence with us on National Each Person is a Person of Worth Day.

Creator God, thank you for making us in Your own image. As Elvis Presley, who was inducted into the Army on this day in 1958 said, Everybody comes from the same source. If you hate another human being, you're hating part of yourself.

God who helps, remind us our self-worth comes from relationship with You. And aid us in loving our neighbors and our enemies and praying for those who persecute us.

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness! Then all the people said, "Amen." Until we meet again, may God bless you as he has blessed me.

Senator Kaufman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 23 was read stating in accordance with Article III, sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution, and AS 39.05.080, I submit the following appointees for confirmation:

Alaska Judicial Council

Dennis DeWitt – Juneau

Appointed: 3/22/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

William Granger - Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2011 Term Expired: 3/1/2014 Reappointed: 3/1/2014 Term Expired: 3/1/2017 Reappointed: 3/1/2020 Term Expired: 3/1/2023 Reappointed: 3/22/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The appointments were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Breanna Hardy – North Pole

Appointed: 3/22/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Glenda Ledford – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/22/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

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Board of Nursing

Danette Schloeder – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019 Term Expired: 3/1/2023 Reappointed: 3/22/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee

State Medical Board

David Barnes – Palmer

Appointed: 3/22/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 22 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 79

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

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

Alaska Aerospace Corporation 2022 Annual Report March 17, 2023 in accordance with AS 26.27.100

Standing Committee Reports

SB 28

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 28 "An Act relating to workplace violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Merrick, Bjorkman. Signing do pass: Senator Wielechowski. Signing amend: Senator Claman.

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 46

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 46 "An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month."

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Merrick, Bjorkman.

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 11

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR KIEHL,

Recognizing the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 and the importance of certain provisions intended to enhance oil spill response capabilities in Western Alaska and the United States Arctic to promote improved safety in shipping commerce, protection of communities in the state, and the health of critical marine resources; urging the United States Coast Guard to consider the unique challenges of the state when developing oil spill response requirements for Western Alaska and the United States Arctic; and urging the deployment of individualized oil spill response resources for the state that use modern technologies to track the operation of large vessels in the region and local service providers with knowledge of the region and local wildlife

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 114

SENATE BILL NO. 114 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing an income tax on certain entities producing or transporting oil or gas in the state; relating to the oil and gas production tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Resolutions

HJR 4

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Honoring the Alaska-Korea relationship; and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and the 120th anniversary of the first Korean immigration to the United States, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 will advance to third reading on the March 27 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - Cash Robert Arrington Representative(s) Foster

In Memoriam - Joshua "Josh" Brooks Senator(s) Stevens Representative(s) Vance

In Memoriam - Elaine Hawks Representative(s) Prax, Stapp Senator(s) Myers

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

Honoring - Edward and Janice Hotch Senator(s) Kiehl, Hughes Representative(s) Story

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 112

Senators Giessel, Bjorkman, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 112 "An Act relating to the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of products that use digital electronics to operate; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 24

Senators Giessel, Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act relating to mental health education; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 27. Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson was excused.

Senator Merrick moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Without objection, Senator Merrick was excused.

HJR 10

Senators Kaufman, Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods; and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the rule. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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., March 27, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:53 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

Mar 28	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 103	PEER SUPPORT	COUNSELING PROGRAM	
	Invited & Public	Testimony	
+= SB 77	MUNI PROP TAX	EXEMPTION/TAX BLIGHTE	D PROP
	Streamed live or	AKL.tv	
+	Bills Previously He	eard/Scheduled	
Mar 30	Thursday	Poltz 105 (tshldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously He	Beltz 105 (tsbldg) eard/Scheduled	1:30 FW

EDUCATION

Mar 24	Friday Beltz 105	(tsbldg) 3:30 PM
	Consideration of Governor's Appointed	ees for the
	University of Alaska Board of Regent	s:
	Dennis Michel, Bethany Marcum, Joe	y Crum,
	Paula Harrison	
	Consideration of Governor's Appointed	ees for the
	Professional Teaching Practices Com	mission: Mary Carlson
+ SB 9	97 TEACHER RECRUITMENT; LUMP	SUM PAYMENT
	Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>	
	Susan McKenzie, Director of Innovati	ion and
	Education Excellence	
	SENATE BILL: LEGISLATION TO	EXTEND THE ALASKA
	EDUCATION TAX CREDIT PROGI	RAM
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+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
	Streamed live on AKL.tv	

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 27 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

Presentation: Alaska Early Environmental Scan by Tamar Ben-Yosef, Executive Director of the All

Alaska Pediatric Partnership

Presentation: Challenges Facing Alaska's

Childcare Sector by Stephanie Bergland, CEO of

Thread Alaska

Presentation: Kids Count Data Book by

Trevor Storrs, President and CEO of the Alaska

Children's Trust

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 29 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

+ SB 99 FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE IN SCHOOLS

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Presentation: Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program by Herb Schroeder,

Vice Provost and Founder of ANSEP

Presentation: Alaska EXCEL by Carol Wilson,

Executive Director; Billijo Mills, Deputy

Director; Christa Wilson, Director of Finance;

Ole Chief, Instructor

Presentation: Northwestern Alaska Career and

Technical Center by Doug Walrath, NACTEC Director

Presentation: Alaska Technical Center by

Terri Walker, Superintendent of the Northwest

Arctic Borough School District

Karl Kowalski. Director of the Alaska Technical

Center

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 31 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

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FINANCE

Mar 24 +	Friday Presentation: Fiscal Sum Scenarios by Division of Bills Previously Heard/S	Legislative Finance	9:00 AM
Mar 27 + HB 79 +	Monday APPROP: SUPPLEMEN Invited & Public Testi Overview: Governor's A Operating & FY23 Supp Bills Previously Heard/S	mony mendments to FY24 lemental	9:00 AM
Mar 28 + SB 12 + SB 57 + HB 62 +	Tuesday ADDRESS CONFIDEN Invited & Public Testi ADULT HOME CARE; Invited & Public Testi RENEWABLE ENERG Invited & Public Testi Bills Previously Heard/S	mony MED ASSISTANCE mony Y GRANT FUND mony	9:00 AM
Mar 29 +		al Health Trust Authority Alaska - FY24 Operating tee of the Whole	9:00 AM
Mar 30 +	Thursday Presentation: Retirement Pensions vs. 401(k) by D the Senate Finance Comm Bills Previously Heard/S	avid Teal, Consultant to nittee	9:00 AM
Mar 31 += SB 98 + SB 114 +		Senate Finance 532 IZATION ENDOWMENT FION TAX; INCOME TAX cheduled	9:00 AM UND

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 28 +	Tuesday Butrovich 205 Consideration of Governor's Appointees: David Paulson - State Medical Board; Anita Halterman, John Morris - Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees Invited & Public Testimony Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	3:30 PM
Mar 30 + SJR 10 +	Thursday Butrovich 205 MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT Invited & Public Testimony Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	3:30 PM
	JUDICIARY	
Mar 24	Friday Butrovich 205 Presentation: Alaska Victimization Survey by Dr. Ingrid Johnson, Assistant Professor, Justice Center, University of Alaska Anchorage Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>	1:30 PM
+ SB 104	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
+= SB 53 +	FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS <bill canceled="" hearing=""> <above agenda="" from="" item="" removed=""> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</above></bill>	S

Mar 27	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 104	CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FU	JND	
	Testimony < Invitation Only	>	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Schedu	ıled	

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 29 += SB 37	Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Commission on Judicial Conduct Todd Fletcher - Anchorage Invited & Public Testimony Consideration of Governor's Appointees: State Board of Parole Sarah Possenti - Fairbanks Invited & Public Testimony CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG
	Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>
+= SB 53	FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Mar 31 += SB 64 +	Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM CONTROLLED SUB.;HOMICIDE;GOOD TIME DEDUC Testimony <invitation only=""> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</invitation>

LABOR & COMMERCE

Ma	ır 24	Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+	SB 89	AGE FOR TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG
		Invited & Public Testimony
		<time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>
+	SB 51	CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT VETERINARIAN
		Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>
+	SB 93	FISHERMEN'S FUND: VESSEL OWNER CLAIMS
		Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
		Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 27	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 74	PHYSICAL THERAPY L	ICENSURE COMPACT	
	Public Testimony <tim< th=""><th>e Limit May Be Set></th><th></th></tim<>	e Limit May Be Set>	
+= SB 75	AUD. & SPEECH-LANG	INTERSTATE COMPACT	
	Public Testimony < Tim	e Limit May Be Set>	
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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

(Continued += SB 84 + SB 45 +	MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> DIRECT HEALTH AGREEMENT: NOT INSURANCE Invited & Public Testimony **Streamed live on AKL.tv** Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</time>
Mar 29 += SB 83	Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS
	Public Testimony < Time Limit May Be Set>
+ += SB 93	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled: FISHERMEN'S FUND: VESSEL OWNER CLAIMS
+= SB 88	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
	Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>
	Streamed live on AKL.tv
Mar 31	Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+= SB 83	PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS
+= SB 84	Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY</time>
1- SD 04	Public Testimony < Time Limit May Be Set>
+= SB 89	AGE FOR TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG
	Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</time>
	RESOURCES
Mar 24	Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+= SB 68	PUBLIC NOTICE FOR WATER RIGHTS
	<bill canceled="" hearing=""></bill>
+ SB 90	Public Testimony EXTEND ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION
~_ / V	Public Testimony
+= SB 34	CITIZEN ADVISORY COMM ON FEDERAL AREAS
+= SB 87	Public Testimony LUMBER GRADING PROGRAM

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-- Public Testimony -

RESOURCES (continued)

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+= SB 72 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION

<Bill Hearing Canceled>
-- Public Testimony --

+= HJR 10 NAT'L PARK SERVICE; HUNTING IN PRESERVES

-- Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 27 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ HJR 11 ADDRESS AIR POLLUTION IN FAIRBANKS

<Pending Referral>

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

Nick Czarnecki, Fairbanks North Star Borough Air

Quality Manager

Presentation: Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force

Overview by Stephanie Madsen, Alaska Bycatch Review Task (ABRT) Member. Co-chair of Western

Alaska Salmon Committee; and Linda Kozak, ABRT

Member, Chair of Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska

Crab Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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Mar 29 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+= HJR 11 ADDRESS AIR POLLUTION IN FAIRBANKS

<Pending Referral>

Nick Czarnecki, Fairbanks North Star Borough Air

Quality Manager

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ SB 92 STATE OWNERSHIP OF SUBMERGED LAND

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Brent Goodrum, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Jim Walker, Chief Public

Access Assertion and Defense (PAAD) Section,

Division of Mining, Land And Water (DMLW), DNR;

Daniel Hovancsek, Natural Resource Specialist,

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PAAD, DMLW, DNR; Mike Sewright, Retired Assistant Attorney General: and John Sturgeon. President.

Safari Club International Alaska Club

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 31 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
Presentation: Cook Inlet Update and Willow

Analysis by Colleen Glover, Tax Division

Director, Department of Revenue; and Dan Stickel,

Chief Economist, Department of Revenue

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 28 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 30 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Presentation: Alaska Defense Force Overview by Dr. Craig Christensen, Deputy Commissioner Military and Veterans Affairs; Brigadier General Simon Brown AK Defense Force; Angela Laflamme Legislative Liaison, Department of Military and

Veterans Affairs

+ SB 71 PAY FOR AK DEFENSE FORCE

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

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+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

1:30 PM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

-- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Mar 30 Thursday Butrovich 205

+ SJR 11 WESTERN AK/ARCTIC OIL SPILL RESPONSE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --

Streamed live on AKL tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mar 28	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
	Rescheduled to		
+	Department of Far	nily & Community Services	
	Budget Overview		
	Testimony <inv< th=""><th>itation Only></th><th></th></inv<>	itation Only>	
Apr 13	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
-	Rescheduled fro	om 03/28/23	
+	Department of Far	nily & Community Services	
	Budget Overview	•	
	Testimony <inv< td=""><td>itation Only></td><td></td></inv<>	itation Only>	

HEALTH

Mar 27 +	Monday MEETING CANCEL Department of Health Bo Testimony <invitation< th=""><th>udget Overview</th><th>5:30 PM</th></invitation<>	udget Overview	5:30 PM
Mar 29	Wednesday Rescheduled to 04/13/ Department of Health Bo Testimony < Invitation	udget Overview	5:30 PM
Apr 13	Thursday Rescheduled from 03/ Department of Health Book Testimony < Invitation	udget Overview	4:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 28 +	Tuesday FY24 Marine Highways	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Apr 04	Tuesday Closeout	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 28 Tuesday Davis 106 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska's Changing

Arctic: Energy Issues and Trends

by Amy Lovecraft, Director, Center for Arctic

Policy Studies

Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki

Mar 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:01 PM

Lunch & Learn Presentation: Healthcare Startups and Innovation in Alaska by Jacqueline Summers,

Executive Director of Health TIE Sponsored by Senator Kiehl

Mar 29 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Presentation: An Introduction to the Uniform Law Commission by Andrew Hemenway, Uniform Law Commission Alaska Delegate and Rebecca Polizzotto, Alaska Delegation Chair Sponsored by Senator Donald Olson