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SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Monday

February 5, 2024

Twenty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Adam Bauer, Secretary of Juneau Bahá'í Assembly. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O Thou Lord of the Kingdom! Though our bodies be gathered here together, yet our spellbound hearts are carried away by Thy love, and yet are we transported by the rays of Thy resplendent face. Weak though we be, we await the revelations of Thy might and power.

Poor though we be, with neither goods nor means, still take we riches from the treasures of Thy Kingdom. Drops though we be, still do we draw from out Thy ocean deeps. Motes though we be, still do we gleam in the glory of Thy splendid Sun.

O Thou our Provider! Send down Thine aid, that each one gathered here may become a lighted candle, each one a center of attraction, each one a summoner to Thy heavenly realms, till at last we make this nether world the mirror image of Thy Paradise. *'Abdu'l-Bahá*

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 2 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 129

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 129(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter registration; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

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

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs)
Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.33.896

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
Interior Energy Project
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature
Fourth Quarter 2023
in accordance with ch. 39, SLA 2015

Department of Natural Resources
Carbon Offset Program
2023 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 38.95.450

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 129

SENATE BILL NO. 129 "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 129 "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 129

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Kaufman

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 129 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

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 - James Richard "Dick" Hand
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

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

SJR 13

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Encouraging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass and sign legislation amending the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to release certain land held in trust back to affected Alaska Native village corporations. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 129

SENATE BILL NO. 129 "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 7, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:15 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

Feb 06 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SJR 13 AMEND ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 08 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 207 MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILY HELP DESK
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 05 Monday Davis 106 8:00 AM
 -- Please Note Time & Location Change --
 + Presentation: Alaska Council of School Administrators: State of Education from the Field by Dr. Lisa S. Parady, Executive Director, Alaska Council of School Administrators
 Dr. Roy Getchell, President, Alaska Superintendents Association
 Rick Dormer, President, Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals

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EDUCATION (continued)

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Josh Gill, President, Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals
 Heather Heineken, Alaska Association of School Business Officials

Doug Gray, Profession Development Director, Alaska Staff Development Director

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 07 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

+ Presentation: The Different Education Models Used by Alaska's Public Schools by
 Norm Wooten, Association of Alaska School Boards
 Michael Hanley, Superintendent, Aleutian Region Schools
 Todd Hindman, Retired Principal at the Fireweed Academy in Homer

Scott MacManus, Director of State and Federal Programs, Yukon-Koyukuk School District
 Dean O'Dell, Director, IDEA Homeschool Program
 Additional Invited Testifiers

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 09 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 05 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 06 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ State Debt Update
 Administration Response to Prior Meetings:
 Department of Revenue
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Feb 07 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 141 NAMING RAYMOND & ESTHER CONQUEST BRIDGE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
<Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 24 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
<Time Limit May Be Set> --

Administration Response to Prior Meetings:
Office of Management and Budget
Legislative Finance Division
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 08 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Update & Overview
Administration Response to Prior Meetings:
Department of Natural Resources
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 08 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --
+= SB 125 AK HOUSING FINANCE CORP: SUSTAIN ENERGY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
<Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 09 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+= SB 115 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Feb 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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JUDICIARY

- Feb 05 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + EO 133 ELIMINATING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
 INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + EO 135 ELIMINATING THE ALASKA SAFETY
 ADVISORY COUNCIL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SB 163 ANIMAL ADOPTION RECORDS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



LABOR & COMMERCE

- Feb 05 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 134 INS. DATA SECURITY; INFO. SECURITY PRGRMS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 166 MENTAL HEALTH/PSYCHEDELIC MED. TASK FORCE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Feb 07 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 191 AHFC MAKE/PURCHASE MORTGAGE LOANS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 209 ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF FISHING VESSELS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Feb 09 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

- Feb 05 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Presentation: Pikka Project Update and Net Zero Approach by Joe Balash, Senior Vice President External Affairs, Santos
 Kyle Kohman, Senior Manager Energy Solutions, Santos
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 EO 124 PROHIBITING BY REGULATION LIVE CAPTURE, POSSESSION, TRANSPORT, OR RELEASE OF NATIVE/EXOTIC GAME OR EGGS
 EO 126 ELIMINATING THE WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
 EO 134 ELIMINATING THE RECREATION RIVERS ADVISORY BOARD
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 07 Wednesday Adams 519 3:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Location Change --
 Meeting Jointly with the House Resources Committee
 + Presentation: Cook Inlet Gas Update by
 Luke Saugier, Senior Vice President, Hilcorp Alaska
 Mark Slaughter, Chief Commercial Officer, HEX/Furie
 Benjamin Johnson, President and CEO,
 BlueCrest Energy Inc.
 John Sims, President, ENSTAR Gas Company
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

- Feb 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**
 Lunch & Learn Presentation:
 Understanding the Crisis of MMIWG2S/MMIP in Alaska by:
 Dr. Charlene Aqqik Apok, Executive Director,
 Data for Indigenous Justice
 Kendra Kloster, Co-Director Law & Policy, Alaska
 Native Women's Resource Center
 Kelsey Potdevin, Education and Outreach Manager,
 Alaska Native Justice Center
 Sponsored by Senator Olson
- Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**
 Lunch & Learn Presentation:
 Understanding Recent Changes to Alaska's Unique
 Legal Landscape: How Alaska Tribes are Pursuing
 Justice and Public Safety In Our Communities
 by Alex Cleghorn, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska
 Native Justice Center
 Rick Garcia, Co-Director Law & Policy, Alaska
 Native Women's Resource Center
 Maude Blair, Tribal Justice Manager for Alaska
 Native Justice Center
 Tami Truett Jerue, Executive Director, Alaska
 Native Women's Resource Center
 Sponsored by Senator Wielechowski
- Feb 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**
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 Lunch & Learn Presentation:
 Academies of Anchorage ASD by Senior Director of
 Teaching and Learning by Kersten Johnson
 Sponsored by Senator Merrick
- Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**
 Lunch & Learn Presentation:
 Overview of the Experiences and Structural
 Damages caused by the 1964 Earthquake Compared to
 the 2018 Earthquake
 Presented by: Dennis L. Berry and Colin Maynard,
 Alaska Professional Design Council
 Sponsored by Senator Kaufman