ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

March 7, 2024

Fifty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:39 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Guy Crockroft, Love, INC. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for this new day and for this governing body, the Alaska Senate.

I'm reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul in I Timothy, where he encouraged us that "petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

I ask for your blessings upon each Senator. May you give them wisdom, compassion, and humility as they serve together to help all Alaskans.

Help them to do justly, and to love mercy; and for those who believe in you and follow you, to walk humbly with you, Lord Jesus, as they perform their duties in this place and across this great State.

In the words of the Prophet Amos "Let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen.

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the fifty-first legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Hoffman be excused from a call of the Senate. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 7 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

Due to inadvertant presentment the following appointee is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Michelle McMullin

Messages from the House

Messages dated March 6 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

HJR 19

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 am BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,

Supporting the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; encouraging a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a communityminded approach to future rail expansion; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 81

HOUSE BILL NO. 81 BY REPRESENTATIVES RAUSCHER, Sumner, Ortiz, McKay, Tomaszewski, Wright, Galvin, Hannan, Stapp, Cronk, Allard, Mina, Stutes, Story, Tilton, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the owner; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 273

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the power of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to make or purchase mortgage loans; and providing for an effective date."

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

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Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 6 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.

Public Defender

Terrence Haas

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Robert Sheldon

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

SB 166

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 166 "An Act establishing the Alaska mental health and psychedelic medicine task force; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 166(JUD) "An Act establishing a legislative task force on mental health and psychedelic medicine; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Giessel, Tobin, Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kaufman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

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HJR 20

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 Urging withdrawal of proposed Bureau of Land Management regulations affecting the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and urging meaningful engagement with tribes, local governments, and affected communities.

Signing do pass: Senators Bishop, Giessel, Cochairs; Senator Dunbar. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following previously published fiscal information applies: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 68

SENATE BILL NO. 68 "An Act relating to public notice for a sale, appropriation, or removal of water, or for filing a declaration of a right of water; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Giessel, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw her name as prime sponsor and add the Senate Resources Committee as prime sponsor on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 995. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) "An Act relating to public notice for certain state actions and public hearings; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

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Updated fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Environmental Conservation Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Natural Resources

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) will advance to third reading on the March 11 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 17

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Urging the United States Congress to extend the deadline for the state to obligate American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief -Homeless Children and Youth funds, was read the third time.

Senators Hughes, Wielechowski, Kawasaki, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Urging the United States Congress to extend the deadline for the state to obligate American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth funds, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 17

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Hoffman

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Keegan Messing Representative(s) D. Johnson Senator(s) Giessel

Honoring - Richard Douglas Seifert Representative(s) Carrick Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam - George Reifenstein, Jr. Senator(s) Kiehl Representative(s) Story, Hannan

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 - 2024 Arctic Winter Games Representative(s) D. Johnson, Rauscher Senator(s) Wilson

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

HJR 20

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 Urging withdrawal of proposed Bureau of Land Management regulations affecting the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and urging meaningful engagement with tribes, local governments, and affected communities. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 8 through morning plane time, March 10. Without objection, Senator Kaufman was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 11, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SJR 17

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Urging the United States Congress to extend the deadline for the state to obligate American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief -Homeless Children and Youth funds, 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 11:00 a.m., March 11, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:56 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 07 +	Thursday MEETING CANCELE Bills Previously Heard/Sc		1:30 PM
Mar 12	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 256	ESTABLISH ALS AWAI	RENESS MONTH	
+= SB 242	PROPERTY ASSESSME	NT	
+= SB 184	ELIMINATE DAYLIGH	Γ SAVING TIME	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Sc	heduled	

Mar 14	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Hea	ard/Scheduled	

EDUCATION

Mar 08	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Mar 11 +	Monday Bills Previously Heard/Sch **Streamed live on AKL.tr		3:30 PM

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EDUCATION (continued)

Ma	r 13	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	SB 158	SCHOOL GRANTS AND	BOND DEBT REIMBU	RSEMENT
+	SB 221	CPR CURRICULUM		
		Invited & Public Testim	ony	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Sch	neduled	
		**Streamed live on AKL.t		
Ma	r 15	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+		Bills Previously Heard/Sch	neduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.t	V	

FINANCE

Mar 07 + SB 189	Thursday EXTEND ALASKA CC Invited & Public Testi	Senate Finance 532 MMISSION ON AGING	9:00 AM
+ HB 120		FOR NONRESIDENT STU	DENT
+ SCR 10 +		D INDUSTRY TASK FOR	CE
Mar 07 +	Thursday MEETING CANCEL Please Note Time Cha Bills Previously Heard/S	nge	1:30 PM
Mar 08 +	Friday MEETING CANCEL Bills Previously Heard/S		9:00 AM
Mar 11	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 12 + SB 21 +	TuesdaySenate Finance 5321:30 PM Please Note Time ChangeSTRATEGIC PLANS FOR STATE AGENCIES Invited & Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set="">Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</time>
Mar 13 + SB 243	WednesdaySenate Finance 5329:00 AMALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE Invited & Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>
+ SB 116 +	ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS Invited & Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</time>
Mar 13	Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
+ SB 118	Please Note Time Change CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORTS Invited & Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> SENATE BILL: ALASKA PERMANENT FUND BOARD COMPOSITION <pending &="" introduction="" referral=""> Invited Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</time></pending></time>
Mar 14 +	ThursdaySenate Finance 5329:00 AMOverview: Spring Revenue Forecast by Department of Revenue Overview: Governor's Budget Amendments by Office of Management and Budget Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled9:00 AM
Mar 14 + HB 148 +	ThursdaySenate Finance 5321:30 PM Please Note Time ChangeAK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY Testimony <invitation only="">Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled</invitation>

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 15	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously He	eard/Scheduled	

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 07 +	Thursday Please Note Location Change Meeting Jointly with House Heal Services Committee Presentation: Alaska Citizen Revi Annual Report and DFCS Office Services Response	th and Social new Panel	3:30 PM
Mar 12 + SCR 9 + SB 27 += SB 240	MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTAN Invited & Public Testimony CONTRACEPTIVES COVERAG Invited & Public Testimony Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	GE:INSURE;MED I:	
Mar 14 + HB 57 +	Thursday B Consideration of Governor's App State Medical Board - David Paul EMERGENCY MED. SVCS: RE Invited & Public Testimony Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	lson VIEW ORGANIZ/ I	3:30 PM Ations

JUDICIARY

Mar 08	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Mar 11 += SB 17 +	Monday CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIO Bills Previously Heard/Schedu		1:30 PM

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 13 +	Wednesday Presentation: Report on "Rela Intimate Partner Violence and Health" by Dr. Ingrid Johnso Alaska Anchorage Justice Ce	d Alaskan Women's n, University of	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Sched	luled	
Mar 15 +	Friday Consideration of Governor's Dusty Dumont, Alaska Police Rebecca Carrillo & William State Commission for Humar Invited & Public Testimon Bills Previously Heard/Sched	e Standards Council Craig, 1 Rights y	1:30 PM

LABOR & COMMERCE

FridayBeltz 105 (tsbldg)1:30EMPLOYER DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> Invited & Public TestimonyEXTEND MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> Invited & Public Testimony**Streamed live on AKL.tv**</time></time>) PM
 MondayBeltz 105 (tsbldg)1:30PHARMACIES/PHARMACISTS/BENEFITS MANAGER Invited & Public Testimony Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set="">BUSINESS LICENSE FEES Invited & Public Testimony Public Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set="">**Streamed live on AKL.tv**</time></time>) PM S

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 13	WednesdayBeltz 105 (tsbldg)1:30 PM
+= SB 234	EXTEND MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD
	Invited & Public Testimony
+ SB 146	GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS
	Invited & Public Testimony
	Public Testimony < Time Limit May Be Set >
+ SB 219	PRIOR AUTH EXEMPT FOR HEALTH PROVIDERS
	Invited & Public Testimony
	Streamed live on AKL.tv
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Mar 15	
	NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE
	NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE Invited & Public Testimony
	NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE
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RESOURCES

Mar 08	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Mar 11	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 199	STATE LAND: DISPOSAL/S Testimony <invitation only<="" td=""><th></th><td>CT</td></invitation>		CT
+= SB 210	SALMON HATCHERY PER Testimony < Invitation Only	MITS	
+ SB 164	STATE PARK PERMITS FO Testimony <invitation only<="" td=""><th>R DISABLED VETERA</th><td>NS</td></invitation>	R DISABLED VETERA	NS
+	Bills Previously Heard/Schedu **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

RESOURCES (continued)

	r 13 SB 217	WednesdayButryINTEGRATED TRANSMISSION S Public TestimonyPresentation: Alaska Energy AuthoriUpdate by Curtis Thayer, Executive IBills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**	ty (AEA)	3:30 PM
Ma	r 15	Friday Butr	ovich 205	3:30 PM
+	SB 164	STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISA Public Testimony	ABLED VETERA	NS
+	SB 175	ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLII Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>	NG	
+	HB 143	ADVANCED RECYCLING AND F Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>	ACILITIES	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

STATE AFFAIRS

M٤	r 07	Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg)		3:30 PM
+		Presentation: Department		
		Jen Winkleman, Commiss	ioner DOC	
+	SB 176	BOARD OF PAROLE: M	EMBERSHIP	
		Invited & Public Testimony		
		Streamed live on AKL.	tv	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mg	r 12	Tuesday	Reltz 105 (tshldg)	3+30 PM

IVIA	r 12	Tuesuay Deltz 105 (18	ibiug)	3:30 PM
+=	SB 131	ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLAND	ER PROGR	AM
		Public Testimony		
+	SB 193	SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION	KITS/TRAC	KING
		Invited & Public Testimony		
		Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Mar 14	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Hea	rd/Scheduled	
	Streamed live on A	AKL.tv	

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TRANSPORTATION

Mar 07	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Presentation: Hours of	of Service & Electronic Log	
		Ivers & Invited Presenters	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on A		
Mar 12	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heat	d/Scheduled	
	Streamed live on A	AKL.tv	

Ma	ır 14	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 255	OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC	PLACES; TRESPASS	ING
		Testimony < Invitation Only	>	
+	SB 218	VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS		
		Invited & Public Testimony		
+		Bills Previously Heard/Schedu	ıled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
+	Department of Admi	nistration Budget	

CORRECTIONS

Mar 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
+	Department of Correct	ctions Budget	

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 14	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+	FY25 Department of	Education and Early	
	Development Budget		
	Streamed live on A	KL.tv	

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 14	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:00 AM
+	Presentation: Spill F	Prevention and Response	

JUDICIARY

Mar 11	Monday	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM	
+	Court System Budget			

LAW

Mar 07 +	Thursday Department Overview	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM	
Mar 14 +	Thursday Department Overview	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 13 +	Wednesday Department Overview	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM	

REVENUE

Mar 12	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:30 AM
+	Overview: Department of Revenue, Alaska Mental		
	Health Trust and Alaska Housing Finance		
	Corporation by Steve W	illiams, CEO AMHT, and	
	Bryan Butcher, CEO AI	IFC	
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TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 07	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY25 Request - continue	ed	

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JOINT COMMITTEES

AK FOOD STRATEGY TASK FORCE EXEC. BOARD

Mar 08	Friday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
+	1. Public Testimony 1-844-5	86-9085	
+	2. Report on the Alaska Food	d Strategy Task Force	
	Presentation to the Legislatu	re	
+	3. Focus Area Updates		
+	4. 2024 Report Process		
+	5. Presentation: Retail Food	Supply Chain	
	Frictions and Implications for	or Rural Food	
	Security by Mike Jones		
+	6. Next Meeting		
+	7. Other Items and Announc	ements	

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Mar 12	Tuesday	House Chamber	10:30 AM
+	Consideration of Senate Spe		
	Resolutions Regarding the C	Governor's Executive	
	Orders		