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Monday

March 25, 2024

Seventieth 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 Gray-Jackson was excused from a call of the Senate.

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

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth, preserving the rich and complex diversity of living things. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, oceanographers, and river keepers. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children, establishing peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge treaties or those we may consider “others.” Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion.

Trusting in your goodness, I pray in your Holy Name.
Amen.

Senator Bishop led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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 17

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17(HSS) am(efd fld) BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services."

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

Standing Committee Reports

SB 185

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 185 "An Act establishing the Alaska Military Affairs Commission; and relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Military Affairs Commission" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(STA)

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

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 193

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 193 "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Hoffman, Olson, Cochairs; Senators Kiehl, Merrick, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wilson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early
Development

The bill is on today's calendar.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 193

HOUSE BILL NO. 193 "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Shower offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, following line 9:
Insert a new bill section to read:

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"* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.127 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) If the total cost to a school district for Internet services from an Internet services provider that provides more than 100 megabits of download a second is equal to or less than the amount that would have been awarded to the school under (a) or (b) of this section, the school district is eligible to receive an amount equal to the actual cost for Internet services, up to the amount that the school district would have been awarded under (a) or (b) of this section."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Senator Shower moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Objections were heard.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 193

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1?

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 16 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Hughes, Myers, Shower

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

Excused: Gray-Jackson

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HOUSE BILL NO. 193 was read the third time.

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The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 193 "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 193

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Shower

Excused: Gray-Jackson

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 193 passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 256

SENATE BILL NO. 256 "An Act establishing May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 256 "An Act establishing May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 256

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Excused: Gray-Jackson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 256 passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Matanuska-Susitna Borough 60th Anniversary
Senator(s) Wilson
Representative(s) Sumner

Honoring - Rolland Benn-Ingles Curtis
Representative(s) Ortiz
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring - Kodiak High School Shakesbears Drama, Debate, and Forensics Team Division I State Champions
Representative(s) Stutes
Senator(s) Stevens

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

Unfinished Business

HB 17

Senators Tobin, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Dunbar, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17(HSS) am(efd fld) "An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 256

SENATE BILL NO. 256 "An Act establishing May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date" 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 10:30 a.m., March 27, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:01 p.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 26	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ HCR 8	HONORING VIETNAM WAR VETERANS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 28	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 25	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 178	SCHOOL TERMS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 27	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 29	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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FINANCE

Mar 25 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ HB 193 INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS
+ SB 259 COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES
+ SB 113 REAA FUND: MT. EDGE CUMBE, TEACHER HOUSING
+ SB 73 REGISTER INTERIOR DESIGNERS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 26 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Presentation: Federal Infrastructure Funding
Update by
Shareen Crosby, Infrastructure Investment
Coordinator
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 231 MINORS & RESIDENT PSYCH TREATMENT CENTERS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+ SCR 9 MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ASSISTANCE PARITY

Mar 28 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 25 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ HJR 3 CONCEALED HANDGUN RECIPROCITY B/W STATES
+ SB 258 CRIM. CONV. OVERTURNED: RECEIVE PAST PFD
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ SB 60 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ HB 28 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 29	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 25	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 203	BUSINESS LICENSE FEES -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 200	TRS CONTR RATE; PERS SOC SECURITY OR SBS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 153	OVERTIME PAY EXEMPTION -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Mar 27	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 239	AIDEA WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+= SB 257	ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SB 154	BIDDER PREF MILITARY CAREER SKILLS PROG -- Invited & Public Testimony -- -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Mar 29	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Mar 25	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 217	INTEGRATED TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Mar 27	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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Mar 29	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 26	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Mar 28	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 26	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	HB 341	MARVIN THURMOND GALENA MAINT. STATION	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:	
+=	HB 81	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE	
+=	SB 255	OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PLACES; TRESPASSING	

Mar 28	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Apr 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 27	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:15 PM
+	Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development Budget		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

CORRECTIONS

Apr 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:45 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

FISH & GAME

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	12:15 PM
+	Department of Fish & Game Budget		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

JUDICIARY

Apr 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY25 Budget		

JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:15 PM
+	Presentation: Update on Military Activity in Alaska by Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, Commander, Alaskan Command, United States Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska		

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JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (continued)

Brigadier General Thomas E. Burke, 11th
Airborne Division Deputy Commander for Support,
US Army Alaska
Captain John D. Cole, Chief of Staff, District 17
United States Coast Guard
Rear Admiral Mark B. Sucato, Commander, Navy
Region Northwest
George Tolar and Team, Alaska Command (ALCOM)
Craig Fleener, Deputy Director Ted Stevens Center
for Alaska Security Studies
Lieutenant General (AK) Torrence W. Saxe,
Adjutant General of the Alaska Department of
Military and Veterans Affairs

Apr 04 +	Thursday I. Approval of Minutes a. March 6, 2024 II. Executive Session (Audit) a. Preliminary Release of the FY23 State Single Audit Juneau (907) 586-9085, Anchorage (907) 563-9085 All other 844-586-9085	Adams 519	5:00 PM
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Mar 25	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	6:00 PM
+	Alaska Children's Caucus Organizational Meeting Presentation: How States Have Used Early Childhood Caucuses by Dan Wuori, Senior Early Childhood Advisor, The Hunt Institute **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

OTHER MEETINGS (continued)

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Mar 26	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Global Military Outlook: What's Going On Around the World and its Impact to Alaska Presented by the Joint Staff of the National Guard Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki and Representative Shaw		