

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE -- FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 16, 2001**

#### **Ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:06 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Larry Fankhauser of the Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Good Morning, Lord. For the opportunity to be of service in this state and in this nation, established by our forefathers as one nation under God, we thank You. We pray this day for each person gathered in this room and for those they represent. We seek that You would be in our minds and in our understanding, in our eyes and in our looking, in our mouths and in our speaking, in our hearts, and in our thinking. Grant it Lord, this day we pray, Amen.

Senator Donley led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Certification**

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fifth through eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Communications**

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

Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund  
Biennial Report, Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000  
from Larry Dietrick, Director, Division of Spill Prevention and  
Response, Department of Environmental Conservation  
in accordance with AS 46.08.060

Alaska's Public School Funding Formula: A Report to the Alaska State  
Legislature  
from Commissioner Shirley Holloway, Department of Education and  
Early Development  
in accordance with Chapter 83, SLA 1998  
(Distributed to all Senators)

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SCR 1**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR  
GREEN,

Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 38**

SENATE BILL NO. 38 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to a new optional group of persons  
eligible for medical assistance who require treatment  
for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an  
effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 12:

Dear President Halford:

This past year, Congress passed legislation to improve health care for women by extending Medicaid coverage for treatment of breast and cervical cancer. In the interest of improving Alaskans' health care, I am pleased to present this bill that allows the state to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

By opting into this new Medicaid program, uninsured women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer under a federally financed screening program will be eligible for treatment. In Alaska that could mean some 70 women or so per year who could not otherwise afford cancer treatment may be able to receive care.

The federal program began in 1990 when Congress passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Prevention Act establishing the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) national breast and cervical cancer early detection program. The CDC program provides grants for screening exams to millions of people who meet eligibility guidelines throughout the country each year, including Alaska. The grantees provide clinical breast exams, pelvic exams, and mammograms.

Unfortunately, federal money did not provide for follow-up treatment to any of the uninsured persons diagnosed with cancer - until now. With last year's Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act signed into law, states may select a new Medicaid option to cover cancer treatments of uninsured women diagnosed under the CDC early detection program.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 182,800 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 12,800 new cases of invasive cervical cancer are expected to occur among women in the United

States during 2000, resulting in an estimated 45,400 deaths. As a result of the recent congressional action, diagnosed, uninsured, low-income persons can receive the treatment needed to save their lives. In order to extend this program to Alaska women, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this legislation.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Tony Knowles  
Governor

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Honoring – The Nikiski Middle/High School Football Team, Coaches, and Managers

Senator(s) Ward, Leman, Wilken, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Pearce

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

#### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Wilken moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from afternoon plane time, March 1 through evening plane time, March 6. Without objection, Senator Wilken was excused.

Senator Green moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 8 and 9 and through plane time, February 12. Without objection, Senator Green was excused.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 17, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Heidi Vogel  
Acting Secretary of the Senate

January 2001

**Announcements**

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**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS****FAHRENKAMP 203**

Jan 17	Wednesday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	
Jan 19	Friday	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled	

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**FINANCE****HOUSE FINANCE 519**

Jan 17	Wednesday	3:00 PM
	Joint w/(H) Finance	
	Presentation by Denali Commission	

**SENATE FINANCE 532**

Jan 18	Thursday	9:00 AM
	Update on Federal and State Medical	
	Issues- American Medical Association	
Jan 23	Tuesday	9:00 AM
	Presentation by Alaska Travel Industry	
	Association	

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

BUTROVICH 205

Jan 17	Wednesday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

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**JUDICIARY**

BELTZ 211

Jan 17	Wednesday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 19	Friday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 22	Monday	1:30 PM
SB 37 PHYSICIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH INSURE		
SB 21 FINES BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD		

Jan 24	Wednesday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 26	Friday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

BELTZ 211

Jan 16	Tuesday	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 18	Thursday	1:30 PM
-- Agenda to be Announced --		

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**RESOURCES****BUTROVICH 205**

Jan 17                                      Wednesday                                      3:30 PM  
+ SB 16 OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR

Jan 19                                      Friday                                      3:30 PM  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS****BELTZ 211**

Jan 16                                      Tuesday                                      3:30 PM  
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 18                                      Thursday                                      3:30 PM  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION****BUTROVICH 205**

Jan 16                                      Tuesday                                      1:30 PM  
Joint w/(H) Transportation  
Transportation Department Workshop  
General Overview

Jan 18                                      Thursday                                      1:30 PM  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT****HOUSE FINANCE 519**

Jan 24                                      Wednesday                                      12:00 PM

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**SELECT CMTE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

SENATE FINANCE 532

Jan 17

Wednesday

1:00 PM

Public Comment, Report of Old Business,  
Election of Officers, Committee  
Procedures, State Benefit and Loan  
Programs, Legislation, Administrator  
Position, Electronic Filing.