

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska                      Wednesday                      January 23, 2013**

**Ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Huggins at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Egan was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Gardner was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, David Dierdorff of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Larger Fellowship. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of many names, unknowable yet knowing all,  
we feel you moving among us here. Bless us with  
your presence.

*For we are in need...*

...in need of strength and courage. Our road is filled  
with rocks, with boulders strewn, boulders so high  
we sometimes wonder whether we can climb them.

*We are in need...*

...in need of comfort and encouragement. We long  
for a cooling hand upon the forehead, your still voice  
whispering in our hearts, "It's all right now..."

*We are in need...*

...in need of cheerleading. When we see what is to be done for others, for our lovely earth, for those we love, we would hear your voice shouting at us to get moving.

As we sit here in this historic chamber, let us realize that this Spirit of encouragement, comfort and love, is within each of us, within this assembly of men and women.

*We are the instruments of the good that abounds.*

May we feel the Spirit and carry it with us all our days. Let us now in the holy quiet listen for the voice of love within our hearts.

So be it.

Amen.

Senator Dyson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Certification**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the eighth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Gardner was noted.

#### **Communications**

Letter dated January 16 was received from Dana Fabe, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating, in accordance with Alaska Statute 24.60.130(b)(3), she has nominated the following public members for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Gary J. Turner  
H. Connor Thomas  
Antoinette "Toni" Mallott

And in accordance with AS 24.60.131(b), she has nominated the following alternate public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Janie Leask

President Huggins referred the nominations to the Judiciary Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SJR 3**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATOR MICCICHE,

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production; relating to oil and gas exploration, development, production, and royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative energy technologies

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

#### **SJR 4**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 BY SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, Ellis,

Urging the United States Congress to approve legislation allowing members of the military to receive promised retirement benefits

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 34**

SENATE BILL NO. 34 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act relating to office accounts for each member of the legislature for legislative office expenses."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring - Stephen J. Van Goor

Representative(s) Kerttula, Gruenberg, Munoz

Senator(s) Egan, Huggins, Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Ellis, French, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Timothy John Collins

Representative(s) Wilson, P

Senator(s) Stedman, Huggins, Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Stevens, Wielechowski

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

**Unfinished Business**

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from January 25 through February 3. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 25 through evening plane time, January 27. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 25 through plane time, January 26. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

**SB 15**

Senators Ellis, Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 15 "An Act relating to prekindergarten programs within a school district; relating to pre-elementary students and pre-elementary schools; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 17**

Senators Ellis, Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 17 "An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., January 25, 2013. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:19 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**

**Jan 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
 Due to Special Comm On Taps Throughput Meeting  
 at this Time

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**EDUCATION**

**Jan 23 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM**  
 + Presentation: Science, Technology, Engineering,  
 and Math (STEM) Education in Alaska FIRST  
 Robotics - STEM-AK, Juneau Economic Development  
 Council  
 + SB 17 EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

**Jan 25 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Jan 23 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + David Teal - Legislative Finance Division -  
 FY14 Budget Overview  
 Federal Budget Overview: Federal Funds  
 Information for States  
 - Trinity Tomsic, Deputy Executive Director at  
 Federal Funds Information for States  
 <Agenda Item Rescheduled from 1/22/13>

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Jan 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Department of Revenue - State's Savings  
 Accounts Update  
 Overview of Fall 2012 Revenue Forecast

**Jan 25 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Jan 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 25 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Jan 23 Wednesday Capitol 120 1:30 PM**  
 -- Note Location Change --  
 + Joint w/ House Judiciary  
 Overview: Alaska Court System  
 Overview: Office of the Public Defender  
 Overview: Office of Public Advocacy  
 <Teleconference Invitation Only>

**Jan 25 Friday Capitol 120 1:30 PM**  
 -- Note Location Change --  
 + Joint w/ House Judiciary  
 Overview: Department of Public Safety

**Jan 28 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Organizational Meeting  
 + SJR 2 LIMIT FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN STATE  
 Overview by the Department of Corrections  
 <Teleconference Listen Only>

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Jan 30**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +                      Overview by Department of Law  
 +    SB 22    **CRIMES; VICTIMS; CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**  
                          <Teleconference Listen Only>

**Feb 01**      **Friday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +=    SJR 2    **LIMIT FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN STATE**  
                          -- Testimony <Time Limit May be Set> --

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Jan 24**      **Thursday**                                  **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 8      **PHARMACY AUDITS**  
                          <Bill Hearing Postponed>  
 +    SB 14    **ELECTRIC/TELEPHONE COOPS: BOARD TERMS**  
 +    SB 16    **BD OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, SURVEYORS**  
                          <Bill Hearing Postponed>

**Jan 29**      **Tuesday**                                  **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +                      Confirmation Hearing:  
                          Commissioner Dianne Blumer

**Jan 31**      **Thursday**                                  **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 23    **AIDEA: LNG PROJECT; DIVIDENDS; FINANCING**  
                          Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
                          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**RESOURCES**

**Jan 23**      **Wednesday**                              **Butrovich 205**                              **3:30 PM**  
 +                      "Who's Keeping the Lights & Heat On?"  
                          Problems & Solutions  
                          Railbelt Utilities  
                          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 +    SB 29    **CRUISE SHIP WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS**  
                          Commissioner Larry Hartig, Dept. of Environmental  
                          Conservation  
                          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --



**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Jan 25      Friday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +              "Who's Keeping the Lights & Heat On?"  
                  Problems & Solutions  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 29      CRUISE SHIP WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS  
                  Testimony: Time Limit May Be Set  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Jan 24      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              9:00 AM**  
 +              Joint w/ House State Affairs  
                  Federal Overreach: Activities of Departments of  
                  Law and Natural Resources  
                  Overview and Presentations by Department Staff  
                  on State Activities Related to RS 2477 Easements  
                  Over Federal Lands and Disputes Over Submerged  
                  Lands and Navigable Waters  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 24      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              1:00 PM**  
 +              -- Time and Location Change --  
                  Joint w/ House Transportation  
                  DOT/PF Overview of Aviation - Deputy Commissioner  
                  Steve Hatter  
                  Public Testimony of New Direction on Vessel  
                  Acquisition  
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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**CORRECTIONS**

**Jan 24      Thursday                      Capitol 106              5:15 PM**  
 +              -- MEETING CANCELED --  
                  Joint w/ House Corrections  
                  Budget Overview

**CORRECTIONS (continued)**

**Feb 05      Tuesday                      Capitol 106              5:15 PM**  
 Joint w/ House Corrections  
 + Budget Overview

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**FISH & GAME**

**Feb 11      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 13      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 18      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 20      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 25      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 27      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 04      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 06      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**SENATE SPECIAL COMM ON IN-STATE ENERGY**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Overview Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)		
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Alaska Industrial Development Export Authority (AIDEA) Overview of Fairbanks Gas Trucking Project		

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**SENATE SPECIAL COMM ON TAPS THROUGHPUT**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+= SB 21	-- Location Change -- OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX Barry Pulliam - Econ One Research, Inc. -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Dana Fabe		
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		