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Fourteenth Day

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

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg of the Alaska Shabbat House. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

I thank you God for the opportunity for those assembled here who work for a higher purpose, who serve our communities, and our great state. Thank you for the opportunity to take the initiative to improve the lives of the residents of this great and far flung state. Thank you to those who came before us to create institutions and procedures based on equity and fairness to be able to conduct the business of our state in an orderly manner.

I share this anonymous prayer to inspire us today about the way we conduct our business. May we keep it in mind as we navigate the controversies and points of disagreement among those assembled here.

Words

A careless word may kindle strife,
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill,
A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way,
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress,
A loving word may heal and bless.

May we be mindful of our words today in conducting our business. May our words lead to good decisions and effective deliberations.

Senator Ellis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth 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:

Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Preliminary Report to the Alaska State Legislature, submitted January 30, 2014
from Senator Lesil McGuire and Representative Bob Herron, Cochairs
in accordance with LR 52, 2012

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority 2013 Annual Report
from Mike Barton, Chair and Jeff Jessee, CEO
in accordance with AS 47.30.046

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Annual Loan Fund Report 2013, Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds
from Michelle Hale, Director
in accordance with AS 37.05.035

Alaska Energy Authority Renewable Energy Fund Round VII
Recommendations
from Sara Fisher-Goad, Executive Director
in accordance with AS 42.45.045

Alaska Tourism Marketing FY2014: Mid-Year Report, Department of
Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
from Susan K. Bell, Commissioner

SERRC 2013 Annual Report
from Sheryl Weinberg, Executive Director

Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission Annual Report to the
Governor and State Legislature for 2013
from Robert L. Scher, Chair and Richard D. Koehler, Vice Chair

Fiscal Year 2014 Report, Department of Administration, Division of
Risk Management

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 17

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE,

Urging the United States Department of State to consider the priorities of the state while it holds the position of chair of the Arctic Council; requesting that the United States Department of State work in partnership with state officials to appoint a chair of the Arctic Council; and supporting the strategic recommendations of the January 30, 2014, preliminary report of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

SCR 12

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 BY SENATOR GARDNER,

Proclaiming February to be Public Education Month

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 152

SENATE BILL NO. 152 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter registration and questioned ballots, and permitting a voter to register up to or on the day of an election."

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

SB 153

SENATE BILL NO. 153 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act providing for a reduction of the principal of postsecondary education loans for residents."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Finance Committees.

SB 154

SENATE BILL NO. 154 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act creating the Alaska Arctic Port and Development Authority as a public corporation of the state with the power to receive and administer funds in order to plan, develop, construct, own, improve, and operate ports, including deepwater ports, and related infrastructure in the state's Arctic coastal region; defining the purposes and powers of the

authority; establishing the Alaska Arctic Port and Development Authority revolving fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - William Joseph Scannell IV

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

Honoring - Susitna Valley Girls Volleyball Team, 2013 2A State Champions

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

Honoring - Carol Waters

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

Honoring - Judge Terry L. Thurbon

Senator(s) Egan, Huggins, Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Ellis, Fairclough, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, 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**SB 147**

Senators Ellis, French, Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 147 "An Act increasing and providing an inflation adjustment to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 150

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act relating to eligibility for medical assistance coverage; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Fairclough moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 7 through morning plane time, March 10. Without objection, Senator Fairclough was excused.

Announcements

Senator Giessel, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived for a presentation on the Alaska LNG project by Steve Butt, Senior Project Manager, for the Resources Committee meeting on February 3. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 148

Senator Giessel, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 148 "An Act excluding certain land from the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area" for the Resources Committee meeting on February 5. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 5, 2014. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 04 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 123 PROHIBIT USE OF CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING

Feb 06 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 03 Monday Capitol 106 8:00 AM
 -- Location Change --
 Joint w/House Education
 + SB 139 EDUCATION: FUNDING/TAX CREDITS/PROGRAMS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 05 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 07 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 03 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Amendments to Contract between Hay Group, Inc. & the Senate Finance Committee
 += SJR 9 CONST. AM: EDUCATION FUNDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Feb 03	Monday	Senate Finance 532	6:00 PM
+ = SJR 9	CONST. AM: EDUCATION FUNDING		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Feb 04	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ = SJR 9	CONST. AM: EDUCATION FUNDING		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 05	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 82	BROADBAND DISCOUNTS FOR SCHOOLS		
+ SB 111	REPEAL SECONDARY SCHOOL EXIT EXAM		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 06	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Senate Bill:		
	Supplemental Budget Overview		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
	Karen Rehfeld		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 07	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 03	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 135	EXTEND ALASKA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION		
Feb 05	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Overview: Program Integrity and Fraud Control in the Medicaid and Public Assistance Programs		
	Presenters:		
	- Commissioner William Streur, Dept. of H&SS		
	- Assistant Attorney General Andrew Peterson		
	Dir., Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Dept. of Law		
Feb 07	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 03 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 64 OMNIBUS CRIME/CORRECTIONS BILL
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 05 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 64 OMNIBUS CRIME/CORRECTIONS BILL
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 07 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 64 OMNIBUS CRIME/CORRECTIONS BILL
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 04 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 61 COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK
 += SB 58 CANCEL INS. ON CERTAIN ABANDONED PROPERTY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 06 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 58 CANCEL INS. ON CERTAIN ABANDONED PROPERTY
 += SB 61 COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 03 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Gasline Key Themes
 Consultants: Janak Mayer and Nikos Tsafos
 + The Alaska LNG Project
 Steve Butt, Senior Project Manager
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 05 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 + Joint w/ House Resources
 Mining Industry Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 05 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Gasline Issues: Heads of Agreement Panel
 Discussion
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 SB 148 KACHEMAK BAY CRITICAL HABITAT AREA
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 07 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 138 GAS PIPELINE; AGDC; OIL & GAS PROD. TAX
 Sectional Analysis
 Department of Revenue
 Department of Natural Resources
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 08 Saturday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 146 APPROVE TESORO ROYALTY OIL SALE
 Department of Natural Resources
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 109 ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL MGT AREAS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SJR 15 OPPOSE INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATING OF LAND
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SJR 16 OPPOSE FEDERAL AID TO CERTAIN NONPROFITS
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 04 Tuesday Capitol 106 9:00 AM
 + Joint w/ House State Affairs
 Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Preliminary
 Report
 Presented by Sen. McGuire, Rep. Herron and AAPC
 Executive Director Nikoosh Carlo
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 04 Tuesday Butrovich 205 10:15 AM
 + SJR 14 BASE F-35 AIRCRAFT AT EIELSON AFB

Feb 06 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Overview: Dept. of Law Medicaid Fraud Control
 Unit, Andrew Peterson, Director MFCU
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 104 APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DIVIDEND FUND

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 04 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 06 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 11 Tuesday Barnes 124 1:00 PM
 + Joint w/ House Transportation
 Federal Funding; FAA and Federal Highway (MAP-21)
 Policy Impacts

Feb 13 Thursday Barnes 124 1:00 PM
 + Joint w/ House Transportation
 Port of Anchorage Update

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 26	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
+	Department Overview		
Mar 05	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
+	Department Overview		
Mar 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
+	Department Close-out		

FISH & GAME

Feb 24	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
+	Department Overview		
Mar 03	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
+	Department Overview		
Mar 10	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
+	Department Overview		
Mar 17	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
+	Department Close-out		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 06	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	MMIS Status, Problems, Solutions		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 12	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	Medicaid Projections, GAP		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 13	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	Medicaid continued		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 19 +	Wednesday Behavioral Health - Effect of Reductions, Alcohol Tax Funds, CBC -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
Feb 20 +	Thursday Mental Health Trust -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Feb 27 +	Thursday OCS Status - Effect of Reductions to Expenditure Levels in the Department, Tobacco Prevention and Control Funds Cuts, Effect of Elimination of Rabies PEP -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Mar 17 +	Monday Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 28	Friday Department Overview	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	5:00 PM
Mar 03	Monday Increments and Decrements Legislative Concerns and Issues	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	5:00 PM
Mar 04	Tuesday Wrap-up Draft Close-out	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	5:00 PM
Mar 10	Monday Close-out	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	5:00 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 04 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **3:30 PM**
+ Status of VPSO Program
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 11 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **3:30 PM**
+ Status of VPSO Program continued
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 18 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **3:30 PM**
+ Shelter Programs & Funding; Effects of Governor's
DVSA Initiative
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 25 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **3:30 PM**
+ Reductions Included in the Budget
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 13 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **3:30 PM**
+ Budget Close-out
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

WORLD TRADE

Feb 04 **Tuesday** **Barnes 124** **11:15 AM**
+ Joint w/ House Econ. Dev., Trade & Tourism
Presentation: "Alaska Arctic Policy Commission"
Sen. McGuire
Rep. Herron

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB71

Feb 03 **Monday** **Barnes 124** **9:45 AM**
--Delayed to Call of the Chair--
= **HB 71** **AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 12	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Dana Fabe		
Feb 19	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
Mar 03	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

Feb 10	Monday	Capitol 106	1:00 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		