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Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Huggins at 10:46 a.m.

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

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, Reverend Bobby Lewis of the New Light Baptist Church of Greater New York. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"God Bless America"

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
(Irving Berlin)

Senator Meyer led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Recess

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:56 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Huggins, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:02 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

The presence of Senator Ellis was noted.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Huggins appointed Representative Millett and Senator Fairclough to escort Senator Murkowski to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced Senator Murkowski's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Huggins.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 10.

Following her address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Fairclough and Representative Millett.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Huggins adjourned the Joint Session at 12:03 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 179

SENATE BILL NO. 179 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act relating to official traffic-control devices at schools and in school zones."

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

SB 180

SENATE BILL NO. 180 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the composition, powers, and duties of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and requiring agencies that are regulated by the Alaska Police Standards Council to provide certain information about the council to persons who file a complaint about the conduct of a police officer, probation officer, parole officer, municipal correctional officer, or correctional officer."

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

SB 181

SENATE BILL NO. 181 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to the award of attorney fees and costs in civil actions or appeals in cases involving public interest litigants; relating to the posting of bonds or other security by public interest litigants; and relating to award of attorney fees and costs in cases involving enforcement of constitutional rights."

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

SB 182

SENATE BILL NO. 182 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to salary differences in collective bargaining agreements subject to the Public Employment Relations Act that are based on a difference in the cost of living outside the state and the cost of living in the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 183

SENATE BILL NO. 183 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the emerging energy technology fund and grant program."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 58**

SENATE BILL NO. 58 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 58 "An Act allowing an insurer to cancel an insurance policy if property becomes entirely abandoned and the abandonment increases the hazard insured against" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 58

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Fairclough, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Olson, Stevens, Wielechowski

Nays: Gardner

Absent: Ellis, Micciche, Stedman

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 58 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - John Lopetrone

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

Honoring - Annaleah Ernst 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholar

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

Honoring - Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. 40 Years of Service

Representative(s) Seaton

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

In Memoriam - Vanta Shafer

Senator(s) Giessel, Huggins, Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, French, Gardner, 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 159

Senators Olson, McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 159 "An Act relating to air ambulance service providers, air ambulance membership agreements, and regulation of air ambulance service providers and air ambulance membership agreements by the division of insurance; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 181

Senators Gardner, French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 181 "An Act relating to the award of attorney fees and costs in civil actions or appeals in cases involving public interest litigants; relating to the posting of bonds or other security by public interest litigants; and relating to award of attorney fees and costs in cases involving enforcement of constitutional rights." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 58

SENATE BILL NO. 58 "An Act allowing an insurer to cancel an insurance policy if property becomes entirely abandoned and the abandonment increases the hazard insured against" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 21, 2014. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:36 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

Feb 20	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ =	SB 157	FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS	
+	HB 223	MUNI TAX EXEMPTION: MIL. FACILITY ZONE	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

EDUCATION

Feb 19	Wednesday	Capitol 106	8:00 AM
	-- Note Location Change --		
	Joint with House Education		
+	Presentation - Power in Partnerships: Educational Policy Research in Alaska by Dr. Terri Akey of REL Northwest and Dr. Diane Hirshberg of UAA Annual Report to the Legislature by the State Board of Education and Early Development		

Feb 21	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 119	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
	Dept. of Administration		
	Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development		
	Dept. of Natural Resources		
	Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Dev.		
Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
+	OVERVIEW		
	Federal Perspective and State Participation		
	Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator, Alaska		
	Natural Gas Transportation Projects		
	Review of Royalty Study and State Equity Position		
	Deepa Poduval, Principal Consultant, Natural Gas		
	and Power Fuels Group, Black and Veatch		
	Management Consulting		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 120	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
	FY 2015 Governor's Budget Amendments - Karen		
	Rehfeld		
+= SB 119	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
	Dept. of Education and Early Development		
	Dept. of Fish and Game		
	Dept. of Revenue/AHFC		
Feb 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
+	OVERVIEW		
	State of Alaska Background and History as Related		
	to Current Gas Trends		
	Dept of Natural Resources Commissioner Joe Balash		
	Dept of Revenue Deputy Commissioner Michael		
	Pawlowski		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 21	Friday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+= SB 119	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
	Dept. of Environmental Conservation		
	Dept. of Public Safety		
+	FISCAL ANALYSIS		
	The Heads of Agreement and the Memorandum of		
	Understanding, Black and Veatch Management Consulting		

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 21 Friday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
 + OVERVIEW
 Legislative Consultants Presentation on Costs of
 Momentum and Delay
 Janak Mayer and Nikos Tsafos of Enalytica
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 161 AUTOPSIES AND DEATH CERTIFICATES
 + SB 151 HIGH-RISK CHEMICALS FOR CHILD EXPOSURE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 169 STATEWIDE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
 + SB 162 HYDROCODONE PRESCRIPTION BY OPTOMETRISTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 19 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 110 RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY
 += SB 128 ELECTRONIC BULLYING
 += SCR 2 ACQUIRE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST LAND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 66 IMITATION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 + SB 136 UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 20 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 129 EXTEND BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
 += SB 80 OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIAN LICENSE
 += SB 159 AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES

RESOURCES

Feb 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 138 GAS PIPELINE; AGDC; OIL & GAS PROD. TAX
 Consultants - Nikos Tsafos and Janak Mayer
 Enalytica
 Dept. of Natural Resources
 Dept. of Revenue
 + 5:30 pm - Public Testimony on SB 138
 -- Testimony Time Limit 2 Minutes --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 += SB 138 GAS PIPELINE; AGDC; OIL & GAS PROD. TAX
 Consultants - Nikos Tsafos and Janak Mayer
 Enalytica
 Dept. of Natural Resources
 Dept. of Revenue
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 += SB 138 GAS PIPELINE; AGDC; OIL & GAS PROD. TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 21 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 138 GAS PIPELINE; AGDC; OIL & GAS PROD. TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 145 VETS' RETIREMENT/LOANS/HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 127 VEHICLE TRANSACTION AGENTS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + HJR 23 GOOD FRIDAY EARTHQUAKE REMEMBRANCE DAY
 + HJR 19 BASE F-35 AIRCRAFT AT EIELSON AFB

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 20	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 26	Wednesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	7:30 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Department Overview		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

Mar 05	Wednesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	7:30 AM
+	Department Overview		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

Mar 12	Wednesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	7:30 AM
+	Close-out		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 27	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
+	Department Overview		

Mar 04	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
+	Department Overview		

Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
+	Close-out		

CORRECTIONS

Feb 26	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	6:30 PM
	Department Overview		

CORRECTIONS (continued)

Mar 11	Tuesday Increments and Decrements Legislative Concerns and Issues	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 18	Tuesday Wrap-up Draft Close-out	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 20	Thursday Close-out	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 20 +	Thursday Postsecondary Education Commissioner Alaska Student Loan Corporation, Diane Barrans Executive Director Alaska Digital Teaching Initiative, Commissioner Mike Hanley, DEED Alaska's Learning Network, Commissioner Mike Hanley, DEED Online with Libraries (OWL)/Live Homework Help Linda Thibodeau, Libraries and Museums, Director	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

FISH & GAME

Feb 24	Monday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	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 19	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	Behavioral Health - Effect of Reductions, Alcohol Tax Funds, CBC		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 20	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	Mental Health Trust		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 27	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	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> --		
Mar 17	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 24	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
	Department Overview		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Feb 27	Thursday -- Time Change -- Increments and Decrements Legislative Concerns and Issues	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:30 PM
Mar 05	Wednesday Wrap-up Draft Close-out	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 17	Monday Close-out	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 28	Friday -- Location Change -- Department Overview Alaska Aerospace Corporation Overview	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 03	Monday -- Location Change -- Increments and Decrements Legislative Concerns and Issues	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 04	Tuesday -- Location Change -- Wrap-up Draft Close-out	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 10	Monday -- Location Change -- Close-out	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 20	Thursday -- Time Change -- Increments and Decrements Legislative Concerns and Issues	Butrovich 205	5:00 PM
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NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 25	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Wrap-up		
	Draft Close-out		

Feb 27	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Close-out		

PUBLIC SAFETY

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> --		

REVENUE

Feb 24	Monday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	7:30 AM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Department Overview		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

Mar 03	Monday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	7:30 AM
+	Department Overview		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

Mar 10	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM
+	Close-out		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 27	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	11:15 AM
	Presentation and Overview by		
	Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities		
	Commissioner Patrick Kemp		
	Governor Request and House Recommendations		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES (continued)

Mar 04	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	11:15 AM
	Administration and Support, Design, Engineering and Construction, State Equipment Fleet		
Mar 11	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	11:15 AM
	Highways/Facilities and Aviation, Marine Highway System		
Mar 13	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	11:15 AM
	Discussion and Preliminary Recommendations in Preparation for Close-out		
Mar 14	Friday	Senate Finance 532	11:15 AM
	Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 25	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:30 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Department Overview		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		
Mar 04	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:30 AM
+	Department Overview		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		
Mar 11	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:30 AM
+	Close-out		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Feb 20	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:30 AM
	-- Subcommittee Meeting --		
	Occupational Licensing & Boards		
+	Open Hearing for Public Testimony		
	Streamed live on AKL.TV		

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT (continued)

Feb 25 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:30 PM
 + Audits
 Financial Statements & Audit Report for the
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013
 Executive Session - Audits
 Single Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended
 June 30, 2013 - Preliminary Release
 Other Committee Business
 Audit Request - Rep. Austerman
 Audit Request - Rep. Olson
 Contracts
 Streamed live on AKL.TV

Feb 26 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
 -- Subcommittee Meeting --
 Performance Review - Dept. of Corrections
 Other Committee Business
 Public Testimony - Regarding Operations &
 Interactions of DOC Facilities, Community
 Programs & Resources
 Streamed live on AKL.TV

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 27 Thursday House Finance 519 4:00 PM
 + Ratification of Charitable Events
 Contract Approvals
 Other Committee Business
 <Teleconference Listen Only>

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB71

Feb 19 Wednesday Capitol 106 12:30 PM
 = HB 71 AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

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		