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February 20, 2015

Thirty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:04 a.m.

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

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, Reverend Bobby Lewis, 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)

Amen.

Senator Micciche led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirtieth and thirty-first legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated February 19 was read stating in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution, and Alaska Statute 31.25.020, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment as set out below:

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors

Richard Halford – Eagle River

Appointed: 2/19/2015 Term Expires: 9/13/2016

Joseph Paskvan – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/19/2015 Term Expires: 9/13/2015

Hugh Short – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/19/2015 Term Expires: 9/13/2016

The appointments were referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Film Office Annual Report
from Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner
Department of Revenue
in accordance with AS 44.25.105(a)

Standing Committee Reports**SB 5**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 5 "An Act relating to loss of income and valuing property for orders of restitution." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Stevens, Giessel, Meyer, Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Law

President Meyer added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary, then Finance Committees.

SJR 7

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Supporting the construction by American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., of an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in the nation's capital. Signing do pass: Senator Stoltze, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Coghill, Huggins, McGuire.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 57

SENATE BILL NO. 57 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the development of state emission standards in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy and the Resources Committee.

SB 58

SENATE BILL NO. 58 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to workers' compensation and transportation network companies; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - Kodiak High School Boys Cross Country Team 2014 State Champions

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

Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Patricia Williams

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

In Memoriam - Renn Tolman

Representative(s) Seaton

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

In Memoriam - Juanita Agnes (Perez) Stanley

Representative(s) Ortiz

Senator(s) Stedman, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, 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**Select Committee on Legislative Ethics - Confirmation**

Senator Coghill moved that Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr. be confirmed as public members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics (page 103).

The question being: "Shall Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr. be confirmed as Public Members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:
#AKS00024 02-20-2015 10:15:54

Shall Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr.
be Confirmed as Public Members to the
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

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

Yea: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Excused: Stevens

#AKS00024 END

and so, Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr. were confirmed by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 23 through evening plane time, February 25. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 23. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Announcements

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 23, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:27 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

Feb 24	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 26	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 24	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SJR 2	CONST. AM: G.O. BONDS FOR STUDENT LOANS		
+	Presentation: Alaska Performance Scholarship Program		
	Alaska Education Grant Program		
	Diane Barrans, Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Commission		
Feb 26	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SCR 1	CIVICS EDUCATION TASK FORCE		
+	Presentation: Secondary School Boarding Stipend Program		
	Elizabeth Nudelman, Director, School Finance, DEED		
	District Operated Residential Schools (Variable Length and 180-day Term Programs)		
	Various School Districts		
	Mt. Edgecumbe High School		
	Bill Hutton, Superintendent		

FINANCE

Feb 20	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Presentation: FY16 Budget Amendments	
		Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and	
		Budget	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 23	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ = SB 27		APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
		Departments: Fish and Game, Natural Resources	
		and Environmental Conservation	
		Department of Fish and Game	
		<Above Agenda Item Rescheduled to 02/25/14>	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 24	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 6		ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	
+ SB 46		MUNI BOND BANK LOANS TO REG HEALTH ORGS	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
+ = SB 30		MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES	
		<Pending Referral>	
Feb 25	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ = SB 27		APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	
		Departments: Corrections, Public Safety, and Law	
		Department of Fish and Game	
		<Above Agenda Item Rescheduled from 02/23/14>	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 26	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Presentation: Juneau Access and KABATA	
		Administrative Order 271	
		Commissioner-Designee Marc Luiken, Department of	
		Transportation and Public Facilities	
+		Presentation: Ambler Road	
		Mark Davis, Alaska Industrial Development and	
		Export Authority - via teleconference	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 27	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 20	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 23	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Meeting Postponed to 2/25/15 --		
	Medicaid Expansion Presentation given by DHSS		
	Commissioner Valerie Davidson		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 25	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 02/23/15 --		
	-- Pending Waiver of Uniform Rule 23 --		
	Medicaid Expansion Presentation given by DHSS		
	Commissioner Valerie Davidson		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 27	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 20	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ = SB 30	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES		
	-- Testimony < Invited and Public > --		
Feb 23	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:		
	Dr. George Brown - Violent Crimes Compensation		
	Board		
	Kathryn Dodge - State Commission for Human Rights		
	Lester Lunceford - State Commission for Human		
	Rights		
+	SB 21 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO PROSTITUTION		
	-- Invited and Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 25	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM
+	CRIME SUMMIT		
	-- Invited and Public Testimony --		

JUDICIARY (continued)

Feb 27 Friday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 51 UNIFORM INTER.CHILD SUPPORT;PARENTAGE
 + SB 49 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
 -- Invited and Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 24 Tuesday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + Board and Commission Appointees:
 Alaska Workers' Compensation Board
 Board of Certified Real Estate Board
 Board of Massage Therapists
 State Medical Board
 Board of Examiners in Optometry
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 26 Thursday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 15 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUM TAX
 + SB 47 LIFE INSURANCE/ANNUITY EXEMPTIONS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 20 Friday **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SJR 13 OCS OIL & GAS EXPLORATION/DEVELOPMENT
 Exploration and Drilling
 + Confirmation on Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Fish: Dr. Roland Maw
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 23 Monday **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Game - Kip Fanning, Teresa Sager Albaugh
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 25	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
+	Joint Hearing with House Resources Committee		
	Overview on the Mining Industry in Alaska		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 25	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Overview of Extraction Industry in Alaska:		
	Anchorage Economic Development Corporation		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 27	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 24	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearings:		
	Rebecca Hamon, Alaska Police Standards Council		
	Gustaf Sandahl, Alaska Police Standards Council		
+	HJR 13 RETAIN ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Bills/Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 26	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearing:		
	Sheldon Fisher, Department of Administration		
	Commissioner		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	"Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of		
	Ballot Measure No. 2 (J3PSUM)"		
	Kevin Anselm, Director, Division of Banking &		
	Securities, DCCED		
	Lori Wing-Heier, Director, Division of Insurance		
	DCCED		
+	SB 9 ELECTION PAMPHLETS		
+	Bills/Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 24	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			
Feb 26	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
+ Dalton Highway - Informational Hearing with the Department of Transportation and Industry Representatives Discussing the Conditions and Needs on the Dalton Highway Additional Departments May be Added to the Agenda			

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

Mar 11	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Commerce, Community & Economic Development			
Mar 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Commerce, Community & Economic Development		
Mar 24	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Closeout		

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 12	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Military & Veterans Affairs			
Mar 25	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Closeout			

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Department of Public Safety			

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Mar 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
		Department of Public Safety	
Mar 26	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Closeout		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC

Feb 26	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:15 AM
+	Presentation: "Managing the Arctic Maritime Domain through Available Technology" Ed Page, Executive Director of the Marine Exchange of Alaska		
+	-- Invited and Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 26	Thursday	Barnes 124	3:30 PM
	Audits Alaska State Legislature Financial Statements and Audit Report Executive Session Statewide Single Audit FY14 Preliminary Other Committee Business -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 30	Monday	Barnes 124	7:30 AM
	Audits - Executive Session: Statewide Single Audit FY14 Final Other Committee Business -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Mar 23	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
+	Annual Address by the Honorable		
	Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		